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**TO:** Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

**FROM:** Dr. Andrew P. Dean  
Chair, Senate Academic Committee

**DATE:** January 13, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **Senate Academic Committee Report Part 2 – January, 2014**

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The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) met on December 12, 2013. The Committee referred items from the December 2, 2013 Senate meeting to its appropriate SAC subcommittees.

1. SAC reviewed the following motions that were presented at the December 2, 2013 Senate Meeting:

*That two new departments be created out of the current Department of Interdisciplinary Studies. One of these departments will retain the name of Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will have responsibility for the HBASc majors in Interdisciplinary Studies, Media Studies, and Criminology, and will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The other department will be named the Department of Environmental Sustainability [or some other name to be chosen by members of this department, approved by Faculty Council of SES and Senate at a later date], will have responsibility for the HBASc major in Environmental Sustainability, and will report to the Dean of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies.*

*That the HBASc majors in Anthropology, English, and Geography, currently the responsibility of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, will become the responsibility of the Departments of Anthropology, English, and Geography, respectively.*

SAC passed a motion that supports these two motions prepared by the Orillia Task Force, presented at the December 2, 2013 Senate meeting, and recommended to Senate that this be forwarded to the appropriate Committees.

2. **Social Sciences and Humanities Groups I and II**

SAC accepted the proposed revisions to the Group I and II course classification system. Notice is hereby given by Senate Academic Council that approval will be sought at the February 10, 2014 meeting of Senate (document attached).

3. **SAC OAG-C Sub-Committee**

The Committee provided SAC with a report of the results of the survey conducted last year on courses with Aboriginal content. A formal motion with proposed recommendations will be presented to SAC at the next meeting.

**4. Academic Schedule 2015/16 and 2016/17**

A working committee has been struck to review the academic schedules for 2015/16 and 2016/17. A report will be presented to SAC.

Respectively submitted,

Dr. Andrew P. Dean