

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate**  
**FROM: Gillian Siddall, Chair**  
**Senate Academic Committee**  
**RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee**  
**DATE: February 2, 2012**

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The following is my report from the regular SAC meeting of February 2, 2012

### **1. Academic Planning Update**

The Deputy Provost reported that following significant consultation and revision by the Academic Planning Committee, the revised Academic Plan and Action Plans have been posted on the Provost website today. The Committee has asked the community to conduct a further two weeks of review and provide feedback.

There will be a Notice of Motion brought to the February 17<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting for approval of the Academic Plan at the March 16<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting.

SAC will call a special meeting prior to February 15<sup>th</sup> to thoroughly review the Plans and any suggested revisions.

### **2. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies – Regulation Change**

This was referred to SAC from the December 7, 2011 Senate meeting.

The Regulation relates to the failure to maintain the average for the honours program. The Regulation Sub-Committee supported the amendment, but recommended changing “a non-honours program” to “an alternate program.”

SAC passed a motion accept the amended regulation and recommended Senate approval.

### **3. Faculty of Education – reducing the requirement for teachables at the senior level from 1.0 FCE to 0.5 FCE**

This was referred to SAC from the December 7, 2011 Senate meeting.

The Regulation Sub-Committee supported the amendments, but also suggests that the information be reformatted, perhaps as a table or set of tables, in the calendar for

purposes of accessibility: to make it easier to read, interpret, and use. The Registrar's Office would, of course, help with that reformatting.

SAC passed a motion accept the amended regulation and recommended Senate approval.

**4. Faculty of Education - change the condition of a 65% minimum major average for proceeding into the Professional Year of a Concurrent Bachelor Education Program to a 60%**

This was referred to SAC from the December 7, 2011 Senate meeting.

The Regulation Sub-Committee supported the amendments, but suggested change the heading from "2. Conditions for proceeding into the Professional Year of a concurrent *bachelor* program" to "2. Conditions for proceeding into the Professional Year of a concurrent *degree* program." The Sub-Committee suggests this change because item #2 has sections a, b, and c; section a deals with the concurrent bachelor program, while section b deals with the concurrent honours bachelor program. The current phrasing of the heading replicates section a's concerns, but does not prepare for section b. The subcommittee also recommends making the phrasing of sections a and b consistent: the phrasing for section b specifies that the students must "have fulfilled all of the requirements of the first, second, third, and fourth years..." The current phrasing for a is consistent with that, but the suggested new phrasing eliminates the references to the first, second, and third years of the program.

SAC passed a motion accept the amended regulation and recommended Senate approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gillian Siddall