

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Karen Roche, University Secretary

**FROM:** Todd Randall, Chair, Senate Budget Committee

**RE:** Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Senate Meeting

**DATE:** February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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The Senate Budget Committee met once (Feb 1<sup>st</sup>) since its last report to Senate. The Committee considered a modest number of Calendar changes, summarized below, as well as the revised version of the proposed PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering program. These proposals had been approved by SUSC, the FGS or SAC (including its Quality Assurance sub-committee) – as appropriate – in advance of their consideration at SBC. Some key questions (of the respective units) are raised during SBC's evaluations of these kinds of proposed Calendar changes including: 1) the prospective enrollment in the new course / new program; and 2) the need for additional resources (e.g, teaching staff, materials, library, etc) to offer the new course. This report presents a summary of the status of items recommended for approval or tabled by the SBC. In the coming weeks, the SBC will begin a review of the proposed MSc in Civil Engineering (referred to Senate on Nov 23, 2012) as well as continuing with the large number of proposed Calendar changes referred to committee at recent Senate meetings. Questions concerning items in this report can be directed to the SBC Chair via email ([randall@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:randall@lakeheadu.ca)) or telephone (ext. 8381).

### Items pertaining to the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Senate Meeting

#### 1. Faculty of Engineering

##### (a) Proposed PhD Electrical Computer Engineering (2012-2013)

Senate Budget Committee last reported on this item in its report to Senate on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. In that report, we indicated that our recommendation to Senate (for approval) would be dependent on the outcome of the external appraisal of the proposed program. As reported elsewhere by the SAC Quality Assurance sub-committee, this external appraisal was completed in early December 2012 and the Faculty of Engineering revised their Proposal Brief to address these comments. Our recommendation (below) pertains to this revised Brief.

The Senate Budget Committee has reviewed the proposal for the new program PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering and supplemental information. The PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering program addresses the specific criteria for a new program in accordance with the Policy for the Review and Approval of Academic Programs and the Lakehead University Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP). The Senate Budget Committee has assessed the financial implications of the proposal for the new program. This program has a sound rationale for demand and sustainability and has satisfactory plans for resources at this time.

**The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve the proposal for the new PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering program (version dated February 1, 2013) as the Faculty of Engineering has satisfactory plans for resources to offer the program at this time.**

The Calendar submission will be reviewed and require approval from the Senate (following Senate Committee review) following approval of the proposal by Quality Council.

Items pertaining to the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 Senate Meeting

**2. Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities**

**(a) Changes to French Courses (2012-2013)**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as the unit made no additional requests for resources beyond the resources already in place to offer these new courses.

**(b) New NORT Course 2012-SOC-073**

Northern Studies does not have a budget to offer courses; this one has been funded by CEDL over the past few years and will continue to do so. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer this new course.

**(c) New Courses Part II 2012-SOC-083**

This set of course proposals is related to other Calendar changes that were approved earlier this academic year (for example, refer to items 4d, 4e and 4f on SBC's report to the January 18<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting). The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer these new courses.

**(d) Women's Studies 3106 2012-SOC-114**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change (i.e., dropping of a cross-listed course).

**3. Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences**

**(a) Psychology 2012-HBS-100**

This item was **tabled** at our last meeting and is scheduled for discussion and decision at our next meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**4. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies**

**(a) Mathematics 5351 2012-SCI-053**

This and the subsequent item from the Department of Math contained small content changes to these two graduate courses. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change.

**(b) Mathematics 5371 2012-SCI-054**

This and the subsequent item from the Department of Math contained small content changes to these two graduate courses. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change.

**(c) Biology 4101 2012-SCI-069**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change to Biology 4101.

**(d) Chemistry 1210 2012-SCI-093**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change to Chemistry 1210.

**(e) Chemistry 4111 2012-SCI-094**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change to Chemistry 4111.

**(f) Chemistry 4901 2012-SCI-095**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change to Chemistry 4901.

**(g) Chemistry 4131 2012-SCI-097**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit in making this change to Chemistry 4131.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dr Todd Randall,  
Chair, Senate Budget Committee