

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, University Secretary

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair, Senate Budget Committee

RE: Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the January 18th, 2013 Senate Meeting

DATE: January 11th, 2013

The Senate Budget Committee met four times (Nov 30th, Dec 7th, Dec 14th and January 11th) since its last report to Senate. Workload in these meetings related to proposed Calendar changes from a number of Senate meetings, available for our review once they received a positive recommendation from other Senate Committees (SAC, SUSC) and/or the Faculty of Graduate Studies. We anticipate a busy Winter/Spring period to work through existing and other proposals being referred at the January Senate meeting. 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. Questions concerning items in this report can be directed to the SBC Chair via email (randall@lakeheadu.ca) or telephone (ext. 8381).

Items pertaining to the May 18th, 2012 Senate Meeting

1. Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

(a) Psychology - Clarification in the wording of calendar entries (2013-2014)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources needed for implementing this change.

Items pertaining to the October 19th, 2012 Senate Meeting

2. Faculty of Education

(a) Change in application deadline date for PhD program in Education - General Admission Requirements (2013-2014)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources needed for implementing this change.

(b) Change in application deadline date for PhD program in Education - Admission Requirements (2013-2014)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources needed for implementing this change.

3. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Regional Flowering Plants (2012-SCI-055)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Biology to offer this course.

4. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) The Politics of Food (2012-SOC-063)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Political Science to offer this course.

(b) Political Science 4615 (2012-SOC-064)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Political Science to offer this course.

(c) Political Science 3314 (2012-SOC-065)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Political Science to offer this course.

(d) History 3820 (2012-SCI-066)

The Senate Budget Committee hosted the Chair of the History Department at two of its meetings to discuss the various and interrelated Calendar change proposals from the unit (this item, 4d, and those which follow: 4e and 4f, and 6e to 6j). The unit will shrink a number of faculty positions as of July 2013, affecting the delivery of current programming. The History Chair, together with his colleagues, pieced together a complex set of changes that responded both to these staffing changes and to the recommendations of a recently completed undergraduate program review. SBC felt the set of Calendar change proposals reflect an achievable strategy to offer programming in the current financial position of the University. We recognize that the budget in the History Department is tight at present, and more dependent on contract teaching than previously, but felt the Chair had formulated a good plan to make History's programs operate more efficiently, in light of the above-mentioned staff changes.

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change (to History 3820), as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of History to offer this course.

(e) Historiography 4XXX (2012-SOC-067)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of History to offer this course.

(f) Changes to HBA programs (2012-SOC-068)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of History to implement the programs as proposed.

5. Faculty of Law

The Senate Budget Committee discussed the two items below (5.1 and 5.2) at two of its fall meetings (Nov 2nd and Dec 7th) and hosted the Faculty Dean (Lee Stuesser) to answer the Committee's budgetary concerns. Our questions were related (but not limited) to the following general topics: 1) the revenue generation of the program is based on a yearly intake of 55 students and a 18 FCE program load (although this will be funded by the Province as the equivalent as a three-year 15 FCE undergraduate program); 2) plans to address student retention in the entry cohorts; 3) class sizes and number of course sections, as related to the classrooms available in the PACI building; and 4) course loads.

The Dean clearly conveyed to the Committee his awareness of the various budgetary issues we raised, and outlined strategies to stay within the projected budget planning model for the Law School that has been previously discussed at Senate and approved by the Board. His presentation on how the Law School is to function and how it will distinguish itself from other law programs in the Province provided much reassurance (to members of the SBC) around the issue of retention and ultimate success of the program.

(a) Description of process and criteria for admission into the Faculty of Law (2013-2014)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve the calendar change.

(b) Required Courses for First Year Law (2013-2014)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

Items pertaining to the November 23rd, 2012 Senate Meeting

6. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Visual Arts 1080 (2012-SOC-071)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the unit to offer this course.

(b) Visual Arts 1XXX (2012-SOC-072)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the unit to offer this course.

(c) Visual Arts 1091 (2012-SOC-081)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the unit to offer this course.

(d) New NORT Course (2012-SOC-073)

The SBC met with the Director of the Northern Studies programs. This course has been successfully delivered a number of times through CEDL, as Northern Studies does not have a budget to offer its own courses. Successful is defined in both enrolment in the course and

the online format offering funded through CEDL. This course will continue to be offered in this manner. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the unit to offer this course.

(e) Fourth Year Prerequisite Change (2012-SOC-074)

Concerning the this item (6e) and those following (i.e., 6g, 6h, 6i and 6j) the Chair of the History Department advised the Senate Budget Committee that the proposed calendar changes would not pose any budgetary concerns at this time and that there were sufficient additional resources identified by the unit to offer these changes.

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as the unit has a strategy in place to operationalize these proposed changes with the resources currently available.

(f) Third Year Prerequisite Change (2012-SOC-075)

In making these proposed changes to the Third Year prerequisites, SBC noted there would be implications for achieving a Minor in History (making it a minimum of 4.0 FCE rather than the University standard of 3.0 FCE) and for students in Concurrent Education programs who are using/would use History as a second teachable (making it necessary to have at least an additional 0.5 FCE in History). The Senate Budget Committee has **tabled** this item and referred it back to SUSC for further consideration as these implications are more in their purview.

(g) Courses to be Discontinued (2012-SOC-076)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as the unit has a strategy in place to operationalize these proposed changes with the resources currently available.

(h) Second Year Prerequisite Change (2012-SOC-077)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as the unit has a strategy in place to operationalize these proposed changes with the resources currently available.

(i) New Courses (2012-SOC-078)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as the unit has a strategy in place to operationalize these proposed changes with the resources currently available.

(j) Change to Existing Course (2012-SOC-080)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as the unit has a strategy in place to operationalize these proposed changes with the resources currently available.

7. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Physics 1010 (2012-SCI-084)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Physics to offer this course as revised in the proposal.

(b) Physics 1030 (2012-SCI-085)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Physics to offer this course as revised in the proposal.

(c) Geography 1120 (2012-SCI-086)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no budgetary implications implied in removing the restrictive note associated to this course.

(d) Geography 2211 (2012-SCI-087)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Geography to offer this course as revised in the proposal.

(e) Geography 2811 (2012-SCI-090)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no budgetary implications implied in removing the restrictive note associated to this course.

(f) Geography 3411 (2012-SCI-091)

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the Department of Geography to offer this course as revised in the proposal.

Other Items

8. Terms of Reference

We submitted a revised Terms of Reference at the last Senate meeting. We are still awaiting formal feedback from Senate Organization Committee concerning the requested changes to it.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr Todd Randall,
Chair, Senate Budget Committee