

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, University Secretary

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair, Senate Budget Committee

RE: Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the March 16th, 2012 Senate Meeting

DATE: March 6th, 2012

The Senate Budget Committee met twice (Feb 10th and March 2nd) since its last report to Senate. 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 November 11th, 2011 Senate Meeting

1. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Addition of new course Biology 3XXX Animal Physiology

Item was tabled by SBC, awaiting some further clarification by SUSC which was received last week. This item will be discussed by SBC at its meeting on March 16th, and we will report on our recommendation at the April Senate meeting.

Items pertaining to the December 7th, 2011 Senate Meeting

2. Faculty of Business Administration

(a) Change in Admission Requirements for H.B. Comm & BAdmin. Program

The Committee has previously tabled this item so as to include consultation with the Math Department about a new course in this proposed Calendar change. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

3. Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

(a) New program seeking approval: Master of Health Sciences (MHSc)

This program had been first approved by Senate in March 2008 prior to being submitted for OCGS review. At this time, SBC was asked to consider the final proposed Calendar entry. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change as there were no additional faculty or other resources identified by the Unit required to offer the program.

4. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies Regulations Change

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

5. Faculty of Education

(a) Reducing the requirement for teachables at the senior level from 1.0 FCE to 0.5 FCE

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Change the condition of a 65% minimum major average for proceeding into the Professional Year of a Concurrent Bachelor Education Program to a 60%

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

Items pertaining to the January 20th, 2012 Senate Meeting

6. Faculty of Business Administration

(a) Change in Admission requirement to MBA Program of Faculty of Business Administration by removing statistics course requirement

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

7. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Updates to accommodate mathematics changes and revise upper level mathematics electives in Computer Science programs

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Update to Co-op regulations for Computer Science programs

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) Update math requirements for the BA/BEd/P/J, J/I, and I/S programs

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

8. Faculty of Natural Resources Management

(a) Corrections to Existing Calendar FORE 2051 and FORE 3131

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Corrections to Existing Calendar List of Electives for HBEM Conservation Planning Management stream

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) New Summer Transition Course for HBScF and HBEM

The Committee has done a preliminary review of the proposed change and will be considering it at our next meeting. This item remains tabled until our April report to Senate.

9. Faculty of Engineering

(a) Remove ENGI 3337 from 3rd year Fall term of Chemical Engineering and replace with ENGI 3XXX Process Safety

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Change Math course grouping for minimum average requirements

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) ENGI 2151 with an equivalent science/engineering course ENGI 3335 and add a lab component

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(d) Addition of elective ENGI 0XXX

Clarification was sought from the Chair of Mechanical Engineering on the teaching load implications due to a small error on the submission form. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change as there are no additional resources identified by the Unit needed to offer this course.

10. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Add New 3rd Year Half Course, Gender in Contemporary Social Life

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change as there are no additional resources identified by the Unit needed to offer this course.

(b) Change in calendar wording of Collaborative Masters Program to correspond with home unit change

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(c) Add New 5th Year Half Course, Soc 5XXX Social Issues in the Canadian North

The Committee has done a preliminary review of the proposed change and will be considering it at our next meeting. This item remains tabled until our April report to Senate.

(d) Change course titles of History 2335 and History 2336

The Committee has done a preliminary review of the proposed change and will be considering it at our next meeting. This item remains tabled until our April report to Senate..

(e) Reduce HBA Music Degree requirements

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(f) Critical Studies in Feminist Art History

The Committee has done a preliminary review of the proposed change and will be considering it at our next meeting. This item remains tabled until our April report to Senate..

11. Department of Interdisciplinary Studies (Orillia)

(a) A new Area C requirement that all Honours English students & HBASc English majors complete at least 1 FCE courses in this Area

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

Items pertaining to the February 17th, 2012 Senate Meeting

12. Faculty of Education

(a) Religious Education, Specialist be created and calendared as EDUC 4769

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change as there are no additional resources identified by the Unit needed to offer this course.

Items for Information

13. Request from SBC concerning duplication of course subject matter ...

The majority of budgetary implications of proposed Calendar changes involve details like the projected or anticipated class enrollments (in a new course) and whether or not a given academic unit has the resources (faculty, technician, lab materials, etc) in place to offer a new course or program or for the proposed change to an existing course or program. Though SBC is not involved in reviewing the academic content of proposed Calendar changes, there are instances where the questions come up at our meetings – in which we are asked to weigh on a proposed new course – such as: “would it be possible that another academic unit is already offering such a course” or “would it be possible that another academic unit would be willing to assist in developing a new course”? We recognize that academic units are under continued fiscal pressure and we encourage faculty members to avoid course duplication across campus.

14. Update on Strategic Initiatives Fund

The Committee asked for and received an update from Rod Hanley (Provost and VP Academic) on the Strategic Initiatives Fund. A similar report to the Senate will occur in either his report or from Mr Gerry Munt.

15. 2012-13 Operating Budget Guidelines

The Committee will be discussing the 2012-13 Operating Budget Guidelines at its next meeting on March 16th.



Dr Todd Randall, SBC Chair