

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: Gillian Siddall, Chair
Senate Academic Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee
DATE: March 7, 2012

The following is my report from the special SAC meeting of February 15, 2012 and the regular SAC meeting of March 6, 2012.

1. Certificate in Business Information Technology Management

A proposal to create a Certificate in Business Information Technology Management was submitted as a calendar change submission at the December 2011 Senate meeting for referral to committees. The Certificate was first referred to CEDL. CEDL required some revisions; these were made, and the submission was subsequently approved in Jan 2012. The revised certificate was then referred to the Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee.

At the request of the SAC QA committee, additional information was provided by the Faculty of Business Administration to support the submission of the proposed certificate. The proposed certificate was approved by the SAC QA on March 5, 2012.

On March 6, the Senate Academic Committee approved the recommendation of the Quality Assurance Committee to forward the proposals to SBC for completion of the review process.

2. Academic Planning

Following the final consultation period, which began on February 2nd, SAC reviewed the edited version of the 2012 – 2017 Academic Plan at a special meeting held on February 15, 2012. SAC approved the Plan to go forward with a Notice of Motion to Senate on February 17, 2012.

The Committee received further suggested edits, which were incorporated into the Plan. The Committee did not receive requests for any substantive changes. The feedback received consisted almost entirely of requests for minor editorial changes. At the March 6, 2012 meeting, SAC passed a motion to accept the 2012-2017 Academic Plan and recommend that Senate approve it at its March 16, 2012 meeting.

The final version of the 2012 – 2017 Academic Plan is posted at the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) website: <http://academicplan.lakeheadu.ca/>.

Respectfully submitted,
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