

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Karen Roche, University Secretary

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

**RE:** Report (Part 1) of the Senate Budget Committee for the May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Senate Meeting

**DATE:** May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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The Senate Budget Committee met once (on May 8<sup>th</sup>) since its last report to Senate; two planned meetings were cancelled while we waited for Senate referral items to be approved by other Senate committees (e.g., SAC). This report presents a summary of the status of items recommended for approval by the SBC as well as those outstanding items that are on our agenda for the spring and summer period. Formal recommendations to Senate of these 'outstanding' items will not occur – at the earliest – until the first Senate meeting in the Fall. 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 March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Senate Meeting

#### 1. Faculty of Graduate Studies

##### **(a) Revised Faculty of Graduate Studies Leave of Absence Policy**

This proposed change was reviewed by SBC at its meeting on June 13, 2011 but a recommendation was (in error) never reported to Senate in Fall 2011. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

### Items pertaining to the November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Senate Meeting

#### 2. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

##### **(a) Create a Faculty Overload Policy**

SBC reviewed the revised version of the proposed Faculty Overload Policy that was approved at SAC's meeting of May 3, 2012. The revised policy is as follows:

“A student who wishes to carry more than the normal number of courses prescribed for a year or for a single term may do so only with the permission of the Chair or Director of the student's program of study and permission of the Dean of the Faculty, and only if at least a B overall average in the previous academic year has been attained.”

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

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

**3. Faculty of Natural Resources Management**

**(a) Corrections to Existing Calendar minor changes to wording of regulations HBScF and HBEM**

SBC reviewed the revised version of the proposed Faculty Overload Policy that was approved at SAC's meeting of May 3, 2012. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

Items pertaining to the April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Senate Meeting

**4. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities**

**(a) Addition of New Course Philosophy 3XXX Philosophy & Psychoanalytical Theory**

The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer the new course PHIL 3xxx Philosophy & Psychoanalytical Theory.

**(b) Deletion of the following history courses 1. HIST 2751; 2. HIST 4750**

These two courses were deleted as the previous instructor no longer wishes to offer courses in these subject areas. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

**(c) Addition of New Course Philosophy**

SUSC approved this item at its May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, revising the course number for this proposed new course as PHIL 3514. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change, as there were no additional resources requested by the academic unit to offer the new course PHIL 3514 Cyberethics.

Items for Information

**5. 2012-13 University Operating Budget**

The review by SBC of the University Operating Budget will occur at a special SBC meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>, later than originally anticipated in my previous report to the last Senate meeting. There will be a second report from SBC on the Senate floor on May 18<sup>th</sup> with the Committee's evaluation of the Operating Budget.

**6. Media Studies 2012-13 (Orillia)** *(approved by Senate Executive Special Meeting on August 25th, 2011)*

The Media Studies program for the Orillia campus was approved in August 2011 at a Special Meeting of Senate Executive Committee. SBC's recommendation for Senate to approve had two conditions pertaining to the structure of prerequisites and the number of required courses at third and fourth years. SUSC is currently working with the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies on the final wording for the Calendar entry. The timing is such that Senate Budget Committee will not have the opportunity to review the final wording so as to give Senate

adequate notice of the final text. Thus, SBC will review the change in May-June 2012 but will make a formal recommendation to Senate in Fall 2012.

Senate Referrals Outstanding

**7. MSc Mechanical Engineering** (referred at Jan 20th, 2012 Senate)

The SAC Quality Assurance Sub-Committee completed its initial review of this new program as of May 1 and forwarded it to SBC for our review. A preliminary meeting was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> (yesterday) and we have a series of meetings from now until the end of June to evaluate the proposed program. As noted earlier, a recommendation to Senate will occur in the Fall. However, within the IQAP framework, a tentative *positive* recommendation from both SAC QA Sub-Committee and SBC will permit an external site visit to be conducted during the summer period in advance of the appropriate Senate meeting.

**8. New Program for the PhD in Electrical and Computer Engineering** (referred at Jan 20th, 2012 Senate)

SBC is awaiting the recommendation from the SAC Quality Assurance Sub-Committee before it begins to consider this new program.

**9. Honours Bachelor of Commerce Pre-Law/General Management/Legal Studies Major** (referred at Feb 17th, 2012 Senate)

SBC is awaiting the recommendations from both the SAC Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and SUSE before it begins to consider this new program.

**10. GRE Test score - Admission to MBA & MSC (Mgmt) Programs** (referred at April 13th, 2012 Senate)

SBC is awaiting the recommendation from Faculty of Graduate Studies Council before it begins to consider this request.



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Dr Todd Randall, SBC Chair