



## MEMORANDUM

To: Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of Senate  
From: Dr. Richard Maundrell - Chair, Senate Academic Committee  
Senate Meeting Date: May 11, 2020  
Subject: Calendar Change Referral (2020-SOC-7312)

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The following email was circulated to all Senators on April 27, 2020:  
Sent on behalf of the Senate Academic (SAC), Senate Undergraduate Studies (SUSC)  
and Senate Budget (SBC) Committee Chairs

Dear Senators,

This email is to provide notice of a calendar change that has not yet been referred, and is currently being processed under our calendar change deadlines "extenuating circumstances" provision. The Senate standing committees hope to have this calendar change processed on time for discussion and potential approval at the May 11, 2020 Senate meeting. Since this change has not appeared on a previous Senate agenda as a referral, we are providing Senators the opportunity to reach out to Richard Maundrell (SAC), Joan Chambers (SUSC) or Sarah Jacoba (SBC) should there be any concerns with the Committees considering this request (similar to the opportunity on the Senate floor when approving calendar change referrals).

The request is to change the name of the Native Access Program (NAP) to the Indigenous Transition Year Program. In summary, it is a simple name change with no other content related changes. It is anticipated that this name change will have positive impacts on recruitment, and with the additional budgetary implications the University is facing due to the current pandemic, the Senate standing committees thought it prudent to review this change prior to the final regularly scheduled Senate meeting on May 11.

You may use the following calendar change request code to look up the details of this calendar change in Curriculum Navigator: 2020-SOC-7312 - Program-Major Modification-Name Change-UG-Native Access Program (NAP)

For context, as part of their review of the Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR), the Joint Senate Academic Committee/Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Sub-committee had many discussions during the fall term regarding terminology and the switch to the term Indigenous. This was triggered by understandings that the term Aboriginal was considered inappropriate or no longer respectful. This portion of the review came to a

conclusion during the winter semester with an agreement that where the term is meant to be broad and inclusive, SAC-OACG would like to see the term Indigenous Peoples used (for the ICR/Type E courses), and where the focus is on specific communities, the names of those communities should be used. The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives was awaiting the results of this review prior to making internal name changes.

As of May 4 no concerns have been shared with the SAC, SUSC, or SBC chair. SAC, and SUSC have reviewed and approved this calendar change, and the SBC will be reviewing it at their May 8 meeting.