

Lakehead

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: David Tranter, Chair
Senate Academic Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee (SAC)
DATE: October 30, 2008

Please accept my report as Chair in respect of the regular meeting held on Friday, October 17, 2008.

1) Report of the Writing Centre Planner

Dr. Scott Pound was appointed Writing Centre Planner for the period June 7, 2008 through December 31, 2008. His duties were to research, plan and outline, for the Senate Academic Committee, an action plan for the establishment of a Writing Centre at Lakehead University in 2009.

Pursuant to his terms of reference, Dr. Pound provided a status report to the Committee which included a summary of research conducted to date and a comparison of Canadian Writing Centre models. Dr. Pound discussed in detail a skills-based, teaching and learning model, which would be available for both students and faculty. Dr. Pound also provided an outline of staffing and resource methods.

Dr. Pound will give his final report to the committee at a special meeting to be convened during the month of December 2008. That report will include an action plan and budget for the Centre.

2) Senate Academic Committee – Annual Action Plan

The committee had a discussion regarding academic planning in the context of implementation and renewal of the current Academic Plan.

The committee will review a draft action plan for the academic year at its next meeting, as part of the annual discussion to occur pursuant to its terms of reference. In addition, the committee will receive reports containing action plans from its current sub-committees, including Undergraduate Program Review, Regulations, Joint SAC/AMC and Undergraduate Degree Level Expectations.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Tranter, Chair