

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair Senate Budget Committee

RE: Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the November 7th, 2008 Senate Meeting

DATE: October 31, 2008

The Senate Budget Committee met twice since the last Senate meeting, first on October 10th, 2008 and again on October 31st, 2008. The purpose of the meetings was to review calendar changes that had been tabled at previous meetings of the SBC and those referred from the October 3, 2008 Senate Meeting. The SBC makes the following recommendations at this time:

Items pertaining to the Feb 29, 2008 Senate Meeting

1. Faculty of Professional Schools

(a) Proposal for an Academic Unit of Health and Aging

The proposal was tabled.

Items pertaining to the April 25, 2008 Senate Meeting

2. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) PhD in Chemistry and Materials Science

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this proposal subject to the conditions stated in the following motion that passed unanimously at the SBC meeting. "Moved that SBC recommend approval of the proposed PhD in Chemistry and Materials Science to Senate subject to the following conditions: (1) approval of the program by OCGS (Ontario Council of Graduate Studies); (2) approval of the program by MTCU (Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities); (3) clarification of the proposed workloads implied by the proposal in consultation with the VP Academic and the appropriate Deans; (4) that the Provincial Government increase the number of PhD FTEs to accommodate this new growth in PhD student numbers; and (5) internal budgetary approval processes in the appropriate faculties."

3. Faculty of Professional Schools

(a) Kinesiology/Gerontology – new Undergraduate program with a concentration in Gerontology

The proposal was tabled.

(b) Gerontology 4230/Social Work 4253 and 4230

The Committee had previously tabled this item pending the outcome of Advisory Committee and Senate CEDL Committee as funding is through CEDL. The hiring and staffing implications of the change need clarification. The item was tabled.

Items pertaining to the May 20, 2008 Senate Meeting

4. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Modular Degree Initiative

The Committee tabled this item as the proposal needs to be re-drafted to reflect the shifts of academic departments in and out of FSSH (i.e. Psychology, Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism).

5. Faculty of Graduate Studies

(a) Report on the Master of Science Program in Chemistry - March 11, 2008

The Committee recommends that Senate forward this report to OCGS.

(b) Report on the M.A. Program in Economics - November 29, 2007

This item had been tabled by SBC at previous meetings due to the programs need for replacement faculty resources. A motion was passed by SBC on Oct 10, 2008 to request that the Economics Department review in consultation with the Deans of FSSH and Graduate Studies its request for two replacement faculty and report back to SBC. Members of the Economics Department attended the SBC meeting on Oct 31, 2008. Outstanding issues remain, however, that are to be resolved through the cooperation of the Economics Department, Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities and Dean of Graduate Studies *before* this report can go forward to OCGS. Item was tabled to the next SBC meeting.

(c) Report on the M.A. /M. Sc. Program in Mathematical Sciences - April, 2008

The proposal was tabled, pending clarification on the intentions of members of the Department of Computer Science towards the establishment of their own Masters degree.

Items pertaining to the October 3, 2008 Senate Meeting

6. Faculty of Education

(a) Lifelong Learning - Course Name Changes – Education 4580, 4581, 4582, 4700, 4704, 4705, 4706 and 4743

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Lifelong Learning - Education 4544 and 4725

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) Lifelong Learning - Education 4726

This proposed calendar change indicated staffing/hiring implications. The Committee tabled this item pending clarification of these implications from the Faculty of Education.

7. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Sociology 3503

This item has been tabled, requiring clarification on the need to list a course in the University Calendar if there is currently no faculty member on campus able to teach it.

(b) ORPT - I/S Teachable

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) MES Nature Based Recreation and Tourism – Description of the MES-NBRT program

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

8. Faculty of Engineering

(a) Engineering - Course Number Changes

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Engineering - Control Engineering

SBC had evaluated a similarly worded calendar change request for the same two courses (Engineering 5211 & 5611), referred to SBC at the June 13, 2008 Senate meeting. In its report to the Oct 3, 2008 Senate meeting, SBC had recommended that Senate approval this calendar change.

Dr Todd Randall, SBC Chair