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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: November 26, 2008

Please accept my report as Chair in respect of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008.

1) Report of Standing Committee – Undergraduate Program Review

M. McPherson provided a report to the committee in which she summarized the standing committee's recent progress, including the status of recent reviews, amendment to the schedule, undertaking of revisions to the Undergraduate Program Review Policy and Procedures, following the 2007 Audit, as well as treatment of Inter-disciplinary programs for the purpose of reviews.

Dr. McPherson provided a report on the conclusion of the review of undergraduate programs within the Department of Visual Arts. A summary of that report is attached for information.

2) Senate Academic Committee – Annual Action Plan

D. Tranter circulated a draft action plan for consideration by the committee. As part of its plan, the committee will review terms of reference #1 in order to clarify the respective roles and procedures of SAC, the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee, the Senate Budget Committee and the Faculty of Graduate Studies in reviewing new academic programs and changes.

The committee will hear a further report from the Chair and from the standing sub-committee on undergraduate program review at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Tranter, Chair

**Completion Of The Undergraduate Program Review
Department Of Visual Arts
November 2008**

In accordance with the Lakehead University Undergraduate Program Review Policy and Procedures, a report summarizing the strengths and weaknesses that were identified during the Visual Arts undergraduate program review, and the actions taken based on the recommendations arising from the review was prepared by the Associate Vice-President (Academic) and presented to the Senate Academic Committee. The report addressed the review process, details of the procedures followed during the preparation of the review materials, selection of the reviewers, and the site visit activities. An overview of the strengths and weaknesses identified by the reviewers and the response to these by the Department were included. The report has been approved and filed with the Chair of the Department of Visual Arts, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, and the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.