

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Ms Karen Roche
Secretary of Senate**

**FROM: Dr. Rhonda Koster
Chair, Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee**

SUBJECT: Report of Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee

DATE: 12 February 2009

PART 1 – ACADEMIC PLAN – COMMITMENT STATEMENTS

The Academic Plan, page 15, item III.B, requires the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee to collect reports from all undergraduate programs regarding the manner in which they will address the University's commitment to "educating students who are recognized for leadership and independent critical thinking and who are aware of social and environmental responsibilities", as stated in the University's Mission Statement. The Committee has completed the collection of the work from academic units and has conducted an analysis of the material. A final report is being forwarded to the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost.

PART 2 - ITEMS REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING #2008-9 OF DECEMBER 5, 2008

The Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee met on January 27, 2009 to review the previously deferred calendar changes referred from Senate Meeting #2008-9 of December 5, 2008, item 4 and makes the following recommendations:

1. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Economics – Minor Program Changes

The Committee recommends that the following wording for the Economics Minor program be approved:

A minor in Economics will consist of a minimum overall average of 60% in three (3) full course equivalents different from and in addition to the courses in the student's major; however, only courses outside the major can be counted towards a minor. For a Minor in Economics, one of the three full courses must be Economics 1100 and at least one of the full course equivalents must be at the 3rd-year level, or above.

(b) History - Minor Program Changes

The Committee recommends that Senate approve the revisions to the History Minor program with one revision. The second and third year courses should be specified as History courses.

(c) History - Program changes

The Committee recommends approval of the calendar changes from the Department of History with clarifications and minor revisions. The prerequisite change from 3 to 2 FCEs in History should be made on all third-year courses in History, including cross-calendared courses. The Department of History is withdrawing the proposed new course, International Development in

Historical Perspective, which was previously submitted, approved by Senate and calendared as History 3710. The new and revised courses will be numbered as:

History 3330/Indigenous Learning 3330/Northern Studies 3330 – The North American Fur Trade

History 3332 – Popular Culture in Modern Canada

History 4101/Women's Studies 4101 – Renaissance and Reformation Europe

History 3333/Indigenous Learning 3333 – Colonial Encounters in Canada

The course description for History 3333/Indigenous Learning 3333 – Colonial Encounters in Canada will be revised slightly to read:

Moving beyond traditional definitions of colonialism, the course explores the breadth and nature of Canada's internal colonial project through a thematic, rather than a chronological, approach. The course content focuses on relations of race, gender, class, and sexuality forged in colonial space and examines the contested and complicated terrain and legacies of colonial encounters in Canada. Students are encouraged to re-examine the history of Canada through the lens of colonialism and consider its impact on nation building, citizenship, and nationalism.

(d) Women's Studies – Minor Program Changes

The Committee recommends that the revisions to the Minor program in Women's Studies be approved.

(e) Women's Studies – History 3105

The Committee recommends approval of the renumbered cross-calendared course, Women's Studies 4101/History 4101 – Renaissance and Reformation Europe, as proposed by the Department of History, above.

(f) Music – Calendar Changes

The Committee recommends that the calendar changes proposed by the Department of Music, be approved with revisions and clarifications. The proposed new and revised courses in section 1, items 1-4, of the proposal will have line breaks in standard calendar format. The second sentence of Music 2337 should begin with "this course" instead of "this program". Music 3371, 3372, and 4915 should have hours of instruction 3-0; or 3-0. The Music Literature courses should be listed in the Honours BMus and HBA (Music), Third Year (f) in brackets "(Music 3351, 3352, 3353, 3354, 3355, or 3356)".

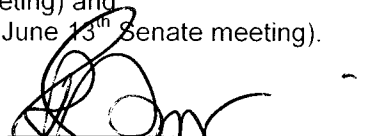
PART 3 - ITEMS REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING #2009-1 OF JANUARY 23, 2009

In order to be able to respond to the request for Senate committee feedback regarding the Draft of the Strategic Plan, the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee has deferred consideration of the calendar changes referred from Senate Meeting #2009-1 of January 23, 2009, item 4: Kinesiology – changes in titles and Gerontology Minor (Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences) and Education 1572 (Faculty of Education).

A number of items from previous meetings remain outstanding:

HBSc Applied Bio-Molecular Science (item 3 –four-year BSc), Aboriginal Education, Sociology – SOCI 2612/2613, Sociology – Add Critical Inquiry (referred at the December 5th Senate meeting), Honours Bachelor of Commerce (Administrative Studies Major) (Orillia) (referred at November 7th Senate meeting),

Modular Curriculum (referred at the May 20th Senate meeting) and Business Minor – Minimum course mark (referred at the June 13th Senate meeting).


Dr. Rhonda Koster, Chair