

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair Senate Budget Committee

RE: Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the March 20th, 2009
Senate Meeting

DATE: March 12, 2009

The Senate Budget Committee met on February 27th. This report presents a summary of the status of items either tabled or recommended for approval by the SBC. Questions concerning tabled items can be directed to the SBC Chair via email (randall@lakeheadu.ca) or telephone (ext. 8381).

Items pertaining to the Feb 29, 2008 Senate Meeting

1. Faculty of Professional Schools (now Health and Behavioural Sciences)

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

The proposal remains tabled.

Items pertaining to the May 20, 2008 Senate Meeting

2. 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).

3. Faculty of Graduate Studies

(a) Report on the M.A. Program in Economics - November 29, 2007 (a revised version dated Oct. 26, 2008 is now available)

This item remains tabled at SBC, awaiting resolution of outstanding issues pertaining to staffing and program sustainability *before* this report can go forward to OCGS. SBC has been informed by the Economics Department that a revised plan should be available shortly.

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

Because recently approved MSc in Computer Science, there needs to be a revision of the report of this program to OCGS to reflect it being offered solely by the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The Acting Dean of Graduate Studies has requested that a revised report be drafted by Math and submitted to SBC. Item remains tabled awaiting this revised report.

Items pertaining to the December 5, 2008 Senate Meeting

4. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) HBSc Applied Bio-Molecular 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 of Feb 27th, 2009. "Moved to approve the proposed Calendar change on the proviso that the administration determine when the transfer of students to the fall-back option will occur, similar to wording previously approved by SBC for a similarly-designed program in the Department in Chemistry."

(b) Bioinformatics and Biological Chemistry

This item was tabled. It is scheduled for discussion and decision at the next SBC meeting.

(c) Biology 5010 division – tabled, pending the outcome of review by FGS Council. This change results in an increase of 0.5 FCE to Departmental load. FGS Council did approve and this item is scheduled for discussion and decision at the next SBC meeting.

5. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Sociology - Add Critical Inquiry

This item remains tabled at SBC. According to our information, SUSC has also tabled this (and related item 5(c) below) due to some requested clarifications around the proposed language of the Calendar entry. In addition, the Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies at the Orillia campus (A. den Otter) had asked for addition time to consider the impacts of the proposed changes.

(b) Sociology - Add two new half year Courses - Orillia

This item remains tabled at SBC but is scheduled for discussion and decision at the next SBC meeting.

(c) Sociology - Change 2911 – tabled.

This item remains tabled at SBC because of its close relationship to item 5(a) above.

Items pertaining to the January 23, 2009 Senate Meeting

6. Faculty of Education

(a) Education 1572

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Course Route – M.Ed. Route

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

Items pertaining to the February 27, 2009 Senate Meeting

As SBC last met on Feb 27th, there has been no opportunity to process any of the items referred from the Feb 27th Senate meeting.

7. Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

(a) Forestry 1110 & 1330 – tabled.

(b) PhD Comprehensive Examinations – tabled.

8. Faculty of Engineering

(a) Civil Engineering – tabled.

9. Faculty of Education

(a) Master of Education - language proficiency requirements – tabled.

(b) Joint PhD in Education - delete University of Western Ontario – tabled.

10. Graduate Program in Health Services and Policy Research

(a) Graduate Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research - Special Topics Course – tabled.

Dr Todd Randall, SBC Chair