

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: David Tranter, Chair
Senate Academic Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee (SAC)
DATE: April 8, 2009

Please accept my report as Chair in respect of the regular meeting held on Wednesday, April 1, 2009

1. Report of the WAC Sub-Committee

Further to my report to Senate on February 27, 2009 from the February 13, 2009 meeting of SAC, the Committee received the revised Action Plan and Financial Plan at its April 1st meeting and heard submissions from the Writing Center Researcher and Planner.

The Senate Academic Committee accepted the amended Report of the Writing Center Researcher and Planner and recommended referral to Deans' Council for advice on implementation.

2. Annual Action Plan

The sub-committee reported on the status of activity associated with the 2006 Academic Plan. A full report will be forwarded to Senate in June, which will include further recommendations for implementation of the existing plan, as well as with regard to the 2010 academic planning exercise.

3. Undergraduate and Graduate Degree Level Expectations

The sub-committee reported on the establishment of the website that details the accepted threshold undergraduate and graduate degree level expectations endorsed within the OCAV Guidelines. The sub-committee will continue to expand the expectations to align with Lakehead University Mission and Vision statements to include language respecting expectations around leadership, critical thinking and social and environmental responsibility.

4. Senate Referrals – Calendar Amendment Deadlines

The Committee recommended that referrals to Senate in April 2009 and returned to Senate in May 2009 can be calendared in 2009/10. The deadline for amendments to the 2010/11 calendar and subsequent years will be referred to Senate in each year no later than its January meeting.

5. Faculty of Engineering – Regulation 1 (c)

The Committee recommended approval of the proposed calendar amendment.

6. Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment – PhD Comprehensive Examinations

The Committee recommended approval of the proposed calendar amendment.

7. Faculty of Education – Language Proficiency Requirements

The Committee recommended approval of the proposed calendar amendment. The Committee further referred the issue of minimum TOEFL scores for Graduate Students to the Regulation Sub-Committee for advice on current practices within the university and the province.

8. School of Nursing – Academic Regulation

The Committee recommended approval in principle of the proposed calendar amendment and further that the School review the amended language and make necessary corrections.

9. Adjustment of General University Regulation I (e)

The Committee recommended approval of the proposed calendar amendment.

Respectfully submitted,
D. Tranter, Chair