

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair Senate Budget Committee

RE: Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the April 17th, 2009 Senate Meeting

DATE: April 8, 2009

The Senate Budget Committee met twice since the last Senate meeting on March 13th and April 3rd. This report presents a summary of the status of items either tabled or recommended for approval by the SBC. **Motions or requests of particular interest are found at: item 1(a) Proposal for an Academic Unit of Health and Aging; item 4(b) Biology 5010 division; and item 11(d) Anthropology.** At several recent meetings, questions of recouping faculty travel expenses incurred by Departments/Units having courses with fieldtrips and/or field school components have been discussed but there seems to be an inconsistent policy and practice being applied at the University; an ad hoc group (of SBC) is being charged with investigating expenses beyond tuition that are attached to both elective and compulsory courses. Questions concerning items in this report 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 for the creation of a new academic unit has fairly substantive financial implications. The motion below was passed recommending that Senate refer this item back to the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences for its reconsideration.

Motion by SBC to refer the proposal back to the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences to seek endorsement from the incoming Dean and to ensure the proposal fits with the Faculty's new strategic plan that is to be developed. Carried.

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.

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 report is being drafted.

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

A revised report, reflecting this program now being offered solely by the Department of Mathematical Sciences, has been submitted to Graduate Studies (as of last week) and should be forwarded to SBC shortly for consideration at our meeting of April 24th. The SBC Chair hopes to have resolution of this item at the May Senate meeting. Item remains tabled.

Items pertaining to the December 5, 2008 Senate Meeting

4. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Bioinformatics and Biological Chemistry

Clarification of outstanding financial implications of this proposed change was received from the Chair of Chemistry and the Faculty’s Dean at our March 13 meeting. The Committee is now in a position to recommend that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Biology 5010 division

The Committee discussed this item at a number of meetings and had tabled it primarily because the initial proposal meant an increase of 0.5 FCE to the Biology Department teaching load. After meeting with the course instructor and the Faculty Dean, a revised Calendar change proposal was drafted that is encapsulated in the table below. The FGS had approved the initial proposal in its report to Senate at Feb 27, 2009 and were therefore consulted on this recommended change from the SBC. SBC was told by the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies that FGS was in agreement with the revised version at their meeting of April 2nd, 2009. The Senate Budget Committee recommends that Senate approve the **revised** Calendar change for BIOL 5010 as indicated in the table immediately below.

Revised Calendar Change: for “BIOL 5010 Division” (to replace the one originally referred to Senate Budget Committee at the Dec 5, 2008 Senate Meeting). Changes from the existing Calendar are highlighted.

Existing Calendar Entry	Proposed Calendar Entry
Biology 5010 Graduate Seminar 1.5-0; 1.5-0 A required graduate seminar course providing opportunity to discuss current work and new developments in Biology. Students are required to complete Biology 5010 during the first year of their program.	Biology 5010 Graduate Seminar 3-0; or 3-0 An overview of scientific writing, critical appraisal of research seminars, scientific reviews and group discussion as well as effective methods to prepare and present research proposals, short oral presentations and formal seminars. This required course must be taken in the first year of a student's program.

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

Clarification was received from the Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies that this item would not require additional staffing as it would be offered in rotation with other Sociology courses. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) Sociology - Change 2911 – tabled.

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

Items pertaining to the February 27, 2009 Senate Meeting

6. Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

(a) Forestry 1110 & 1330

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) PhD Comprehensive Examinations

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

7. Faculty of Engineering

(a) Civil Engineering

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

8. Faculty of Education

(a) Master of Education - language proficiency requirements

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

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

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

9. Graduate Program in Health Services and Policy Research

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

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

Items pertaining to the March 20th, 2009 Senate Meeting

10. Vice President Academic and Provost

(a) Native Access Program

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

11. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Mathematics 0140

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(b) Mathematics 1110

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(c) Basic General Science 0261

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(d) Anthropology

The proposal from Anthropology contained numerous changes that relate more to the mandate of SUSC. However, SBC members expressed concern that because SUSC has not yet to consider the proposed changes, it is conceivable that SUSC would recommend some changes with budgetary implications. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change **with the proviso** that any recommended changes by SUSC of this same item with respect to the quantity or sequencing of courses other than presented will be referred back to Senate Budget Committee for reconsideration.

(e) Geoaarcheology

This item is tabled at SBC pending its review by SUSC.

(f) Geography 4211 Prerequisites

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

(g) Biostatistics (Graduate)

The course is to be staffed by the CRC in Biology and therefore has no staffing implications. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

12. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Indigenous Learning 1100

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

13. Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

(a) Nursing General

Item is tabled to the next SBC meeting, at which we hope to invite a guest from the School of Nursing to speak to the proposed changes.

(b) Kinesiology - Calculation of Average

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this calendar change.

Dr Todd Randall, SBC Chair

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TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

CC: A. Mallik (Dept of Biology); A.P. Dean (Dean FSES); J. Crossman (Acting Dean FGS); L. Hayes (VP Academic); C. Gottardo (Chair, FGS Regulations Committee)

FROM: T. Randall, Chair, Senate Budget Committee

RE: BIOL 5010 (Revised Calendar Entry)

DATE: April 8th, 2009

This memo pertains to an item referred to Committees at the December 5th, 2008 Senate Meeting. In particular, it is the item entitled “BIOL 5010 division” and was referred to both Senate Budget Committee and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

FGS had previously recommended approval of the item in their report to Senate of Feb 27, 2009. SBC, however, had some concerns and asked Biology to make some revisions to the proposed Calendar change. The changes are encapsulated in the table below that was the result of conversations between myself (as SBC Chair) and the Dr Azim Mallik (the course’s current instructor). This revised version was circulated to the Faculty of Graduate Studies for its consideration and was approved by them at their meeting of April 2, 2009. The Senate Budget Committee also recommended the Calendar change be approved at its meeting of April 3, 2009 and will contained within the SBC Report to Senate for the April 17th Senate Meeting.

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