

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate

FROM: Todd Randall, Chair Senate Budget Committee

RE: Part I – Report of the Senate Budget Committee for the May 15th, 2009 Senate Meeting

DATE: May 6, 2009

The Senate Budget Committee met twice since the last Senate meeting on April 24th and May 5th. This report (Part I) presents a summary of the status of items for which action is recommended by the SBC; a second report to Senate (Part II) will be forthcoming after a SBC scheduled for May 8th that relates to a number of other items especially SBC's response to the proposed University Operating Budget; this second report will include any tabled items. 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 May 20, 2008 Senate Meeting

1. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Modular Degree Initiative

Senate Budget Committee does not recommend approval of this proposal in its current form as the proposal needs to be re-drafted to reflect the shifts of academic departments in and out of FSSH. SUSC had reported similarly in its April report to Senate.

2. 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 was received by SBC (via the Faculty of Graduate Studies) in late April 2009 reflecting this program now being offered solely by the Department of Mathematical Sciences. The Committee is now in a position to recommend that the report be sent to OCGS.

Items pertaining to the December 5, 2008 Senate Meeting

3. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Sociology - Add Critical Inquiry

SBC had previously tabled this and related item 3(b), awaiting the outcome of deliberations at SUSC. SUSC reported to Senate in April that this proposed change not be approved.

Senate Budget Committee passed a similar motion on April 24th and therefore does not recommend approval of this proposed Calendar change by Senate.

(b) Sociology - Change 2911

Because of this item's relationship to item 3(a), the Senate Budget Committee does not recommend approval of this proposed Calendar change by Senate.

Items pertaining to the March 20th, 2009 Senate Meeting

4. Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

(a) Nursing General

The Committee met with a representative from the School of Nursing at its April 24th meeting. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change on the proviso that the language in the Calendar reflects the comments of the Registrar's Office conveyed to the School of Nursing by the SBC Chair.

Items pertaining to the April 17th, 2009 Senate Meeting

5. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Anthropology - Concurrent Education

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(b) Anthropology - Update Departmental Information

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

6. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

(a) Political Science - Politics of Food in the North

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(b) ORPT - Heritage Interpretation

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(c) ORPT- Ecological Literacy

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(d) Centre for Northern Studies - 3rd year elective requirements

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

7. Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

(a) Forestry 2050/Biology 2051

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(b) Forestry 5510 and 5995

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(c) Forestry 5575, 5710, 5740, 5770, 5810, 5815

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(d) Forestry - Removal 5410, 5480, 5550, 5650, 5670, 5750, 5755, 5830

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(e) Forestry 5770, 5261, 5131, 5610, 5710, 5850

It was noted that this proposed change includes one new course, Forestry 5xxx "Plant Growth Analysis". Given the deletion of eight Forestry graduate courses (see item 7(d)) the Committee felt there were no budgetary implications of the new course. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(f) Forestry Change to MScF

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

8. Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

(a) Psychology 3001

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(b) Nurse Practitioner

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change. Like the Nursing General Calendar changes mentioned earlier (see item 4(a)), the SBC Chair conveyed similar wording recommendations to the Acting Dean (of Health and Beh.Sci.) and the Acting Director of Nursing that had been suggested by the Acting Registrar.

(c) Psychology - Graduate Student Requirements

The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

Other Items

9. Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

(a) Computer Science - MSc Calendar Entry

A representative from Computer Science attended the SBC meeting of May 5 to clarify that there are no budgetary implications of this requested change. The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

(b) Mathematical Sciences – MA / MSc Calendar Entry

This change reflects the revisions to the MA/MSc programs in Mathematical Sciences (as reported earlier in this report, see item 2 (b)). The Committee recommends that Senate approve this Calendar change.

Dr Todd Randall, SBC Chair