

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: Gillian Siddall, Chair
Senate Academic Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee (SAC)
DATE: January 21, 2010

Please accept my report as Chair in respect of the regular meeting held on January 21, 2010.

Quality Assurance

The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee on the status of reviews for the three new undergraduate program proposals: Honours Bachelor of Environmental Management; Honours Bachelor of Science in Resource and Environmental Economics; and Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environmental Sustainability.

Completion of the Undergraduate Program Review - Faculty of Engineering: Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Software Engineering

The Associate Vice-President (Academic) presented a summary of the report prepared following completion of the Undergraduate Program Review of the Faculty of Engineering: Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Software Engineering. The summary (distributed with the meeting package) addressed the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB) review process, details of the documentation materials, the site visit activities, and the assessment of the Accreditation Board (CEAB) review in satisfying the Lakehead University Undergraduate Program Review Requirements. An overview of the strengths and weaknesses identified by the reviewers and the response to these by each of the Departments were included. A follow-up meeting with the Dean was conducted in order to review the actions taken based on the recommendations arising from the review. Since the response to the reviewers' report, the Faculty of Engineering has addressed a number of curricular and programmatic changes. Finally, the ongoing concerns and areas for future focus were highlighted. The detailed report has been approved and filed with the Department Chairs, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, and the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Siddall

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: Gillian Siddall, Chair
Senate Academic Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee (SAC)
DATE: January 14, 2010

Please accept my report as Chair in respect of the regular meeting held on December 16, 2009.

3.3 Revised General Regulation I (n)

B. McLaren, on behalf of the sub-committee, circulated revised language for the regulation. The regulation has been further amended to indicate that

“all courses, including cross-calendared courses, can only be counted toward a major, or a minor, not both.”

The committee moved to accept the recommendation (attached).

5.1 Senate Referrals

(ii) Creation of permanent Chair of Education Programs at Orillia Campus

J. O'Meara provided the committee with a brief history of the involvement of the concurrent and bachelor of education programs at Orillia. Dr. O'Meara reported that there is a significant concentration of students in the program, 150 in each year of the three year program and approximately 250 in the professional year.

The committee moved to accept the recommendation to create a Chair of Education Programs at Orillia.

The item is also referred to the Senate Budget and Senate Organization Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Siddall

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Academic Committee
FROM: B. McLaren, Chair
Academic Regulations Sub-Committee
RE: Revision to General Regulation I (n)
DATE: December 14, 2009

The Academic Regulations Sub-Committee met on September 30, 2009 in order to consider the recommendations coming from the Chair of the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (memorandums September 1, 2009 and March 24, 2009), item 6.1 (iv) on the September 15, 2009 SAC Agenda.

Further to concerns expressed respecting the counting of additional courses in the discipline, the Sub-Committee met on December 14, 2009.

The Sub-Committee has proposed the following entry which will address the issue of counting cross-calendared courses.

"A minor will consist of at least three (3) full course equivalents.

In all programs students are required to take a minimum number of full course equivalents in one discipline. Only courses not being counted toward a major's discipline requirement can be counted toward a minor.

All courses, including cross-calendared courses, can only be counted toward a major, or a minor, not both."

Respectfully submitted,

B. McLaren, Chair