

Lakehead

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate
FROM: Gillian Siddall, Chair
Senate Academic Committee
RE: Report of the Senate Academic Committee (SAC)
DATE: February 19, 2010

Please accept my report as Chair in respect of the regular meeting held on February 12, 2010.

Quality Assurance

Faculty of Forestry – Honours Bachelor of Environmental Management Degree

On January 20, 2010, SAC moved to accept the Summary Report of the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and asked that the proposal along with supplementary material provided during the review be forwarded to SUSC and SBC for completion of the review.

Orillia Campus – Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science in Environmental Sustainability

On January 20, 2010, SAC moved to accept the Summary Report of the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and asked that the proposal along with supplementary material provided during the review be forwarded to SUSC and SBC for completion of the review.

Department of Economics – Honours Bachelor of Science in Resource and Environmental Economics

The Committee received a report from the Chair of the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee on the completion of its review of the new undergraduate program proposal for an Honours Bachelor of Science in Resource and Environmental Economics.

The Committee moved to accept the Summary Report of the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and asked that the proposal along with supplementary material provided during the review be forwarded to SUSC and SBC for completion of the review.

Name Change – Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

The Faculty proposes to change its name to The Faculty of Natural Resources Management. The Interim Dean, U. Runesson reported to the Committee on consultations having occurred within the university, with industry, local provincial and federal government, Confederation College and other forestry schools. There is strong support for the proposed name change which would highlight the strength of the Lakehead program which lies in forest stewardship.

The Committee moved a recommendation to approve the proposed name change.

Articulation Agreement Policy and Procedures

The Committee entered into significant discussion which focused not only on the proposed process amendments to the document, but also on wider interest in articulating pathways for students to achieve post-secondary degrees, occurring at the provincial level.

~~The Committee moved to approve the Articulation Agreement Policy and Procedures, as amended.~~

Kinesiology Regulations.

This item was referred to the Regulations Sub-Committee for review.

Policy Review – Academic: Courses Outside Canada – Guidelines

This item will return to the Agenda for the next meeting of SAC.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Siddall

**Summary Report from the Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee
February 12, 2010**

New Undergraduate Program Proposal Review

**Honours Bachelor of Science Degree in Resource and
Environmental Economics**

The Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies submitted to Senate (November 6, 2009) a proposal for a new Honours Bachelor Of Science Degree in Resource and Environmental Economics program. The program proposal was referred first to the Senate Academic Committee. In accordance with the terms of reference, the Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee has a responsibility to:

- Oversee undergraduate program reviews in accordance with the Provincial Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee Guidelines.
- Evaluate any new undergraduate program against specific criteria outlined in the Lakehead University policy and procedures for review and approval of new programs.
- Provide a written report to the Senate Academic Committee following the review of any new program proposal highlighting results and recommendations.

The Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee met (January 19 & 28, February 9, 2010) to review and evaluate the Honours Bachelor Of Science Degree in Resource and Environmental Economics program proposal using the specific criteria outlined in the Lakehead University policy and procedures for review and approval of new programs, the Academic Plan (2006), and the Ontario Council for Academic Vice- Presidents [OCAV] & Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee [UPRAC] Review and Audit Guidelines (Oct, 2006): Approval Process for New Undergraduate Programs. The Chair of the Economics Department was invited to discuss and clarify the proposal with the Committee, and to take back requests for additional information to the Department. An addendum, which addresses all of the concerns, was prepared and has been attached to the original and revised proposal. The Committee reviewed the addendum and subsequently approved the following motion:

The Quality Assurance Sub-Committee recommends that the Honours Bachelor Of Science Degree in Resource and Environmental Economics program proposal, along with the supplemental information provided during the review process, be forwarded to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee followed by the Senate Budget Committee for

completion of the new program proposal review. The program proposal and supplemental information address the criteria required for new program proposals as dictated by the Lakehead University policy and procedures for review and approval of new programs, the Academic plan (2006), and the Ontario Council for Academic Vice- Presidents [OCAV] & Undergraduate Program Review Audit Committee [UPRAC] Review and Audit Guidelines (Oct, 2006): Approval Process for New Undergraduate Programs.

The Associate Vice-President (Academic) has summarized how each of the criteria related to new undergraduate program proposals has been addressed in a table entitled *Senate Academic Quality Assurance Committee: Review Criteria for New Undergraduate Program Proposals* and a copy of this has been filed with the Office of the Vice-President Academic.