

MEMORANDUM

**TO: Ms Karen Roche
Secretary of Senate**

**FROM: Dr. Wayne Melville
Chair, Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee**

SUBJECT: Report of Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee

DATE: 21 October 2010

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A. OUTSTANDING 2010-2011 CALENDAR CHANGES REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING #2009-9 OF DECEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

As indicated in the Senate Budget Committee report to the October 1, 2010 Senate meeting, the Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies has confirmed to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee that the proposal for two new special topics courses was being withdrawn, since the need to offer them diminished after the new Environmental Sustainability program was approved.

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES – LANGUAGES NEW COURSES

The Chair of the Department of Languages indicated to the Committee that they still needed to have their new courses proposal (as previously reported in the Committee's report to the January 29, 2010 Senate meeting) considered for approval by Senate.

B. OUTSTANDING 2011-2012 CALENDAR CHANGES REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING #2010-3 OF MARCH 26, 2010

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES – COMPUTER SCIENCE 0433

The Committee was informed that the Chair of the Department of Computer Science has withdrawn their proposal until a University policy governing such courses can be developed.

C. FOLLOW-UP TO 2010-2011 CALENDAR CHANGES APPROVED AT MAY 14, 2010 SENATE MEETING (REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING #5-2009 OF MAY 15, 2009 AND RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY SUSC AT APRIL 23, 2010 SENATE)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES – BA AND BSC PROGRAMS - 4-YEAR NON-HONOURS PROGRAMS

After discussion with the Dean of Science and Environmental Studies, the Committee has been informed that the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies will be resubmitting a revised proposal for consideration.

D. CALENDAR CHANGES REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING #2010-5 OF MAY 14, 2010, ITEM 4.1

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES – HISTORY – CROSS-LISTING HISTORY 3171 & 3172 WITH NORTHERN STUDIES

This item remains outstanding, pending discussion with the Program Co-ordinator regarding the implication of the History prerequisites in the cross-calendared Northern Studies courses.

The Committee suggests that the Senate Academic Committee should review the reasons for course prerequisites and their effect on smaller departments and programs, for possible policy development.

E. CALENDAR CHANGES REFERRED FROM SENATE MEETING 36-2010 OF OCTOBER 1, 2010, ITEM 4.1

FACULTY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION – BUSINESS 3293, 4233, AND CROSS-CALENDAR WITH ENGINEERING

The Committee recommends that the proposed program revisions and cross-calendared courses be approved with revisions and clarifications. In addition to the revisions made in the Faculty of Business Administration section of the Calendar, associated changes should also be made in the Faculty of Engineering and the Department of Computer Science sections. In the HBSc (Computer Science Major) Business Option, Co-op, Fourth Year Fall and Winter (c), Business 4233 will be removed (this also applies to the HBSc (Computer Science Major) Non-Co-op and to the BSc (Computer Science Major) Four-Year Non-Direct Entry Program). The full course description of the courses cross-calendared with Business will now appear in the Faculty of Engineering section of the Calendar, with the cross-listed notation, the hours of instruction including a laboratory portion, the Engineering titles used for both Engineering and Business courses, the addition of the Business prerequisite "Business 2033 for students taking Business 3253 (3293)", as well as a restrictive statement "Engineering students may only take Engineering 2254 (2453)".

The Committee also recommends that the Senate Academic Committee should consider creating a policy governing when and how academic units should cross-list courses, such as for interdisciplinary programs.