

Report to Senate – Dec 3, 2010

Acting Vice- President (Academic) & Provost

Academic Planning

The committee is currently working on collecting and analyzing the materials to be used for an Environmental Scan and SWOT Analysis. A full day planning session is scheduled for December 9, 2010.

Transition to the Provincial Quality Assurance Framework

I have received formal feedback from the Quality Council on our Draft IQAP (submitted July 1, 2010). I am really pleased with the response and feel that the revisions that are required are relatively minor. The members of the Quality Council were generally impressed with the submission and indicated that the IQAP was well organized and grounded in the Framework, and represents a very responsible attempt to meet both the spirit and the letter of the Framework. At the Nov 30th meeting of the SAC QA Subcommittee, we started to review the IQAP revisions along with the first draft of an IQAP User Manual. A Quality Assurance workshop, targeted to Graduate Coordinators, is scheduled for December 8, 1 - 2:30pm. Other group and one-on-one sessions will be available throughout the winter and spring term.

Merit

The Merit Committee has been elected and will meet on December 6 to review procedures. The Merit Departmental Process has also begun. The President will notify the candidates of the decisions by Jan 31, 2011.

Wi-Fi Discussions & Teaching and Learning Week

An open discussion on issues related to Wi-Fi in the classroom is being organized and will be held during the first Teaching and Learning Week, January 24-28. More information will be communicated early in the winter term.

Program Day

On Tuesday, December 7 the Office of Recruitment/Admissions hosts Fall Preview Day on the Thunder Bay Campus. It runs officially from 9:45 am to 2:15 pm. The event involves all of the academic, student support, and student life units on campus, including faculty, Deans, Directors, etc. There will be over 600 prospective students and their families visiting campus that day. Thank-you to everyone who is participating in these important promotion and recruitment activities.

Sabbatical Requests

All of the sabbatical requests have been reviewed and the recommendations have been passed on to the President. Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome by December 15, 2010.