

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: January 19, 2011

Please accept my report on the regular meetings of Senate Academic Committee held on December 10, 2010 and January 17, 2011.

The following items were reviewed at the December 10th meeting.

Referred to SAC from Nov 5/10 Senate Meeting:

1. Development of a policy for cross-listing courses

A sub-committee comprised of A.P. Dean, W. Melville, B. Winter, M. Richardson and A. den Otter was struck to consider such a policy.

2. Regulation VII Special Examinations.

The Academic Regulations Sub-Committee recommended revised language for the regulation which was subsequently approved by the committee. The revision includes the new language "*Taking a special examination shall not count as an attempt for purposes of Regulation V(h) Repeating Courses.*"

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the amendment to Regulation VII Special Examinations. Revised Regulation attached.

3. University Regulation defining full-time and part-time students

SAC reviewed and accepted the proposed revision to the definition of a full-time student, to include all students registered in more than 3.5 FCE.

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the amendment to the University Regulation defining full-time and part-time students.

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-11-05/FT%20vs%20PT%20Reg.pdf>

Referred to SAC from Dec 3/10 Senate Meeting:

4. Proposed Four-Year Non-Direct Entry Degree Programs

SAC reviewed and accepted the proposed calendar change from the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies. The amendment being requested will provide students with an option to fall back to a non-honours four-year degree should they not be able to

maintain the required average for honours. The Registrar will have the authority to move students, following a probation period.

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the calendar amendment respecting Proposed Four-Year Non-Direct Entry Degree Programs.

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-12-03/SEC%204-year%20programs.pdf>

5. Academic: Calendar Changes – Required Information Policy

SAC reviewed and accepted the proposed amendments to the Required Information Policy.

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the revisions to the Academic: Calendar Changes – Required Information Policy.

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-12-03/Policy%20Academic%20Calendar%20Changes%20Required%20Info.pdf>

The following items were reviewed at the January 17th meeting

6. Academic: [Policy on Review and Approval of Academic Programs](#)

SAC reviewed and accepted the proposed Policy recommended by the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee. The Policy governs review of all new academic undergraduate and graduate programs, major modifications to existing undergraduate and graduate programs, and the cyclical review of existing undergraduate and graduate programs. The revised model has been provincially mandated by the Quality Assurance Framework (April 2010).

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the Policy on Review and Approval of Academic Programs and that it go forward to Senate as a Notice of Motion at its next meeting. Proposed Policy attached.

Referred to SAC from Nov 5/10 Senate Meeting

The proposed Minor Programs in Mathematics, Criminology and Media Studies were reviewed by the Quality Assurance Sub-Committee and approval was recommended to SAC.

7. Minor program in Mathematics

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the proposed Minor in Mathematics, subject to amended wording re: overall

course average. *“An overall average of 60% or higher is required for the mathematics courses that make up the minor.”*

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-11-05/Minor%20Program%20in%20Mathematics.pdf>

Referred to SAC from Dec 3/10 Senate Meeting

8. Minor program in Criminology

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the proposed Minor in Criminology.

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-12-03/Criminology%20Minor.pdf>

9. Minor in Media Studies

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the proposed Minor in Media Studies.

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-12-03/Media%20Studies%20minor.pdf>

10. Course titles changed to reflect Ministry & OCT Documents

The Academic Regulations Sub-Committee reviewed the three regulations contained in the calendar change request and suggested amended wording to regulation #6 – *“Credits previously taken will qualify for entry into the Professional Year on the understanding that they will not count toward the required courses in the Professional Year.”*

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve the regulations, #3 respecting students on probation, #4 respecting courses that count for entry into the Professional Year, and #6 respecting repeating courses, as amended.

<http://senate.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/meetings/2010-12-03/EDUC%20course%20titles.pdf>

11. Professional Year requirements, PBC, J/I and I/S specialization

These regulations have been referred back to the Academic Regulations Sub-Committee for further review.

12. Develop Course Prerequisites Policy

A sub-committee comprised of B. Winter, W. Melville, T. Hardie and U. Runesson was struck to consider such a policy.

13. Expedited Senate Approval for AQ Calendar Changes

SAC reviewed this request from Education that course changes respecting AQ courses be effective immediately, if they do not comply with the January deadline for calendar entries for the next fall. The faculty would like to offer the courses as amended soon after they are approved due to the competitive nature of the market.

SAC passed the following Motion: To recommend that Senate approve that Additional Qualifications course changes in the Department of Professional Development in Education be effective immediately, and not be bound by the January Senate deadline for calendar changes.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Siddall