

Academic Quality Assurance Committee: 2014 Report to GFC

For the Period July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

Committee Background

The Academic Quality Assurance Committee (AQAC) is responsible for the “coordination and facilitation of systematic reviews” (General Faculties Council, 1987, p. 1) of the quality of academic and academic support units.

Membership of the AQAC for the period was:

- Robert Boudreau (ex-officio, Chair).
- Roberto Bello.
- Leanne Elias.
- Katie Kalmar.
- Lynn Kennedy.
- Ian MacLachlan.
- Rudy Majumdar.
- Wendy Merkley.
- Victor Rodych.
- Belinda Spiteri (Secretary).
- Paul Sparrow-Clarke (Resource).

Meeting Dates

AQAC met on the following dates:

- September 16, 2013
- October 4, 2013
- November 15, 2013
- December 6, 2013
- December 19, 2013
- January 24, 2014
- February 28, 2014
- March 28, 2014
- May 13, 2014

Completed Reviews

The following reviews were closed for the period, with calendar year closed in brackets:

- Pre-Professional Transfer Program (Engineering) (2013)
- Department of Modern Languages (2013)
- B.Mgt. – Marketing (2013)
- B.Mgt. – International Management (2013)
- B.Mgt. – General Management (2013)
- B.Mgt. – First Nations Governance (2013)
- Bachelor of Health Sciences – Addictions Counselling (2013)
- Department of Physics and Astronomy (2014)
- Department of New Media (2014)
- Department of Native American Studies (2014)
- Department of English (2014)

Summaries of the findings of these reviews and resulting recommendations to be implemented are available at <http://www.uleth.ca/quality/outcomes>.

Also, the Bachelor of Nursing – NESAs program received five year program approval from the Nursing Education Program Approval Board.

Current Reviews

The following reviews are under way:

- Department of Philosophy
- Master of Arts
- Department of Political Science
- Department of Neuroscience
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Religious Studies
- First Nations Transition Program
- Master of Counselling
- Department of History

Three additional reviews have begun in September 2014: Bachelor of Health Sciences – Public Health; Department of Art; and Master of Science.

Also, the B.N. – NESAs program is currently in the process of accreditation by the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing. A self study report is being prepared and the site visit is scheduled for Spring 2016.

Future Reviews

AQAC has established a cycle of regular reviews. This schedule goes until the year 2020 and is available at <http://www.uleth.ca/quality/qa-2020>.

Figure 1: AQA Reviews, 2006 to 2016

