

Academic Quality Assurance Committee: 2016 Report to GFC

For the Period July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

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:

- Ian MacLachlan (Chair through Dec 15/15)
- Alan Siaroff (Chair)
- Lesley Brown (Vice Provost, ex-officio)
- Mirela Ambeskovic
- Hailey Babb
- Jo-Anne Fiske
- Charlie Helmer-Smith
- Harold Jansen
- Tom Johnston
- Edward Jurkowski
- Lynn Kennedy
- Victor Rodych
- Belinda Spiteri (Secretary)
- Paul Sparrow-Clarke (Resource)

Meeting Dates

AQAC met on the following dates:

- September 17, 2015
- October 22, 2015
- November 19, 2015
- January 29, 2016
- February 26, 2016
- March 18, 2016
- June 16, 2016

Workshops

Members of AQAC developed and ran two workshops on quality assurance process for other Alberta post-secondary institutions. Entitled *Building Academic Quality Assurance*, these workshops were held on September 22, 2015 at the U of L Calgary campus and on January 8, 2016 at the Lethbridge campus.

Completed Reviews

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

- Master of Science (2015)
- Department of Philosophy (2015)
- Department of Art (2015)

Summaries of the findings of these reviews are available at: <http://www.uleth.ca/quality/outcomes>.

Current Reviews

The following reviews are under way (with review start dates):

- Department of Neuroscience (Jan 2014)
- Department of Psychology (Jan 2014)
- Department of Biological Sciences (Sept 2014)
- Mathematics (Jan 2015)
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (Sept 2015)
- Computer Science (Sept 2015)
- Department of Geography (Sept 2015)
- M.Sc. Management (Sept 2015)
- Theory into Practice programs (Sept 2015)

Four additional reviews will begin in September 2016: Department of Sociology; Department of Anthropology; Master of Education; and Master of Fine Arts/Master of Music.

Future Reviews

AQAC has established a cycle of regular reviews, which is available at <http://www.uleth.ca/quality/qa-2020>.

