

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING

ANNUAL REPORT - 1991

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the activities of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning for the calendar year 1991. Most recommendations of SCAP go forward to Senate for information or further action. Therefore this report presents in summary form the major actions of the Committee.

PROGRAMS APPROVED FOR FURTHER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

When a new program is being considered, it is expected to be forwarded to SCAP for review at an early stage so that information about the program can assist in the planning process. This can also prevent the development of program plans which are considered beyond the scope and mission of the University. This initial approval process is entitled "approval for further planning and development".

Master of Arts in Gerontology - Faculty of Arts

NEW PROGRAMS APPROVED

B.F.A. in Music, Theatre, Visual Arts
Major in Critical Studies in the Arts
Co-op Program in History
Certificate and PBD in Urban Studies
Joint Major in Women's Studies and Psychology
Joint PBD in English as a Second Language (Department of Linguistics and Faculty of Education)

Minor in Environmental Chemistry

Non-Credit Certificate in Cross-Cultural Management and Communication

APPROVED PROGRAMS NOT YET STARTED

Master of Publishing - awaiting the allocation of resources before being implemented.

Department of Earth Sciences - at the end of 1991, tentative plans were to begin recruiting in 1992/93 with the program planned to start in September 1993.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

SCAP received and forwarded material on a variety of curriculum revisions which had been thoroughly reviewed and approved by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Faculty of Applied Sciences: 4 sets of submissions from SCUS, and 4 from SGSC

Faculty of Arts: 16 sets of submissions from SCUS, and 5 from SGSC

Faculty of Business Administration: 2 sets of submissions from SCUS, and 2 from SGSC

Faculty of Education: 1 submission from SCUS, and 3 from SGSC

Faculty of Science: 4 sets of submissions from SCUS, and 3 from SGSC

SCAP also approved the removal of the degree designations which had previously been attached in parentheses to the title of some Masters degrees.

ENROLMENT MANAGEMENT (SEMP)

Undergraduate Admission Targets 91/92 and revisions

SEMP recommended targets for enrolments for 1991/92 based on the Access program projections, and in the Fall revisions to the enrolment targets for the summer semester 1992 were made, based on enrolment trends in the summer and fall 1991.

PLANNING

Challenge 2001

President Saywell met with SCAP in February 1991 to present The President's Strategic Plan: Challenge 2001. SCAP endorsed the general directions for the University's development contained in the document.

Environmental Studies Task Force

The Task Force examining the possible development of an Environmental Studies program reported in October. After discussion and consultation with the chairs of the departments/schools most closely related to this initiative, SCAP recommended that the School of Resource and Environmental Management be charged with developing an undergraduate program proposal.

Applied Health Sciences Task Force

A Task Force will be established to advise the University on program directions and strategies.

Partnership with the University College of the Fraser Valley

In October, Fraser Valley College invited the University to be its partner in the development of degree completion programs in Arts starting in September 1992, and Science starting in September 1993. Since then, planning work has been undertaken in connection with this partnership and the basic framework of the partnership agreement has been developed and approved by SCAP and Senate. Additional agreements covering other aspects of the partnership are to be forwarded for approval as they are completed.

Organizational Changes of Units

The Natural Resource Management Program was changed to the School of Resource and Environmental Management, and the Women's Studies Program was changed to the Department of Women's Studies, in both cases to reflect the maturity of the disciplines and the units.

EXTERNAL REVIEWS

Reports were received on the following external reviews.

Faculty of Business Administration (June 1991)
Department of French (September 1991)
Department of Geography (September 1991)
Continuing Studies (December 1991)
University Library (December 1991)

March 31, 1992