

# Academic Quality Assurance Committee: 2017 Report to GFC

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*For the Period July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017*

## 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 AQAC for the period was:

- Alan Siaroff (Chair)
- Lesley Brown (Vice Provost, ex-officio)
- Mirela Ambeskovic
- Hailey Babb (until April 30, 2017)
- Yale Belanger
- Harold Jansen
- Tom Johnston
- Edward Jurkowski
- Lynn Kennedy
- Sandeep Parmar (from May 1, 2017)
- Peter Visentin
- Belinda Spiteri (Secretary)
- Paul Sparrow-Clarke (Resource)

## Meeting Dates

AQAC met on the following dates:

- September 22, 2016
- October 25, 2016
- November 24, 2016
- January 20, 2017
- March 24, 2017
- April 28, 2017
- May 25, 2017
- June 21, 2017

## Orientation Session

Members of AQAC developed and ran an orientation on the quality assurance process for those beginning a review. This orientation session took place on September 15, 2016.

## Completed Reviews

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

- Mathematics (2016)
- Computer Science (2016)
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (2016)
- M.Sc. Management (2016)
- Theory Into Practice Programs (2016)
- Department of Geography (2017)
- Department of Neuroscience (2017)
- M.F.A./M.Mus. (2017)

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 Psychology (Jan 2014)
- Department of Biological Sciences (Sept 2014)
- Department of Anthropology (Sept 2016)
- Master of Education (Sept 2016)
- Archaeology (Jan 2017)

Four additional reviews will begin in September 2017: Academic Writing Program; Department of Sociology; Department of Women and Gender Studies; and B.F.A. Multidisciplinary.

One additional review will begin in January 2018, of the Prentice Institute. This will be the first quality assurance review of a research institute.

## Future Reviews

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

