

Academic Quality Assurance Committee: Report to GFC

For the Period July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

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 units and academic support units. Membership of AQAC for the period was:

- Alan Siaroff (Chair)
- Leanne Elias
- Nathan Hill
- Lynn Kennedy
- Chris Nicol
- Tracy Oosterbroek
- Imogen Pohl
- Emma Scott
- Peter Visentin
- Ying Zheng
- Belinda Spiteri (Secretary)
- Paul Sparrow-Clarke (Resource)

Meeting Dates

AQAC met on the following dates:

- September 28, 2018
- October 26, 2018
- January 25, 2019
- March 8, 2019
- April 5, 2019
- June 25, 2019

Orientation Session

Members of AQAC developed and ran orientations on the quality assurance process for those beginning a review. These orientation sessions took place on September 20, 2018 and January 16, 2019.

Completed Reviews

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

- Department of Sociology (2018)
- BFA Multidisciplinary (2019)
- Department of Psychology (2019)
- Academic Writing Program (2019)

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):

- Prentice Institute (January 2018)
- PhD science programs (September 2018)
- B.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology, B.A. / B.Sc. Agricultural Studies, B.Sc. Environmental Science (September 2018)
- Business – Human Resource Management (January 2019)

Five additional reviews will begin in September 2019:

- Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education
- Business – Accounting
- Business – Finance
- Bachelor of Education
- Department of Music (including Digital Audio Arts)

Planned Review

- AQAC has proposed to undertake a quality assurance review of the Library beginning in 2020.

Progress Reports

AQAC received and reviewed the following progress reports for completed reviews:

- Department of Religious Studies, three-year report.
- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, one-year report.
- M.F.A. and M.Mus., one-year report.
- M.Ed., one-year report.
- Department of Anthropology, one-year report.
- Department of Neuroscience, one-year report.
- Archaeology, one-year report.
- Department of Biological Sciences, one-year report.
- Department of Women and Gender Studies, one-year report.

Special Mention

- In 2012, AQAC committed to a goal of reviewing every program and unit at least once by 2020. As of June 2019, this goal was achieved. This is a significant milestone; the U of L is the only university in Alberta that can claim to have achieved this.