

Academic Quality Assurance Committee: Report to GFC

For the Period July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

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)
- Johura Begum
- Craig Coburn
- Maureen Hawkins
- Lynn Kennedy
- Craig Loewen
- Tracy Oosterbroek
- Kate Potts
- Aaron Taylor
- Ying Zheng
- Belinda Spiteri/Vicki Grisack (Secretary)
- Paul Sparrow-Clarke/Jacqueline Preyde (Resource)

Meeting Dates

AQAC met on the following dates:

- September 27, 2019
- October 25, 2019
- November 29, 2019
- February 28, 2020
- April 24, 2020
- June 19, 2020

Orientation Sessions

AQAC orientation sessions for those beginning a review took place September 17 and 20, 2019, January 28, 2020, and March 6, 2020.

Completed Reviews

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

- Ph.D. Science programs (2019)
- Prentice Institute (2019)
- Business – Human Resource Management and Labour Relations (2020)
- Bachelor of Education (2020)

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):

- B.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology, B.A. / B.Sc. Agricultural Studies (September 2018)
- Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education (September 2019)
- Business – Accounting (September 2019)
- Business – Finance (September 2019)
- Department of Music (including Digital Audio Arts) (September 2019)
- Library (January 2020)
- Department of Economics (January 2020)
- Business – Marketing (January 2020)
- B.Sc. Environmental Science (March 2020)
- Master of Nursing (July 2020)

Three reviews will begin in September 2020:

- Department of Drama
- Pre-professional Transfer Program in Engineering
- Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics

Progress Reports

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

- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, three-year report.
- Business – Theory into Practice Programs, three-year report.
- Department of Sociology, one-year report.

Special Mention

- In 2019, a pilot review of the Prentice Institute was completed. This will be the last review completed by the Academic Quality Assurance Institute of a research institute and/or centre. Future reviews of research institutes and centres will be managed by the Vice-President (Research).