



Senate Committee on Academic Development Report to Senate - Meeting of May 25, 2011

Naming Proposal for the School of Religion

Introduction

The proposal to name the School of Religion in the Faculty of Arts and Science was reviewed by the Senate Committee on Academic Development (SCAD) at its meeting of May 11, 2011. A. MacLean, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science, attended the SCAD meeting to speak to the proposal and to answer questions from members of SCAD. Members of SCAD were also provided with background documentation provided by the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. A copy of the documentation is attached to the report.

Analysis and Discussion

The following highlights are noted:

- x In 2007 the Theological College and the Department of Religious Studies joined to become the Queen's School of Religion. This new structure and identity facilitated academic programs in both religious studies and theology to be maintained.
- x Under this new structure, the University continued to provide the appropriate financial arrangements to support the undergraduate and graduate programs in religious studies;
- x Discussions around the integration of the Queen's School of Religion and Queen's Theological College have reached agreement in principle and both parties will recommend ratification to their parent bodies;
- x The target date for integration of the two entities is 1 May 2012;
- x The proposal to name the unit as a School recognizes the historical role that Queen's Theological College played in the history of the University;
- x Naming the unit a School is consistent with other units that confirm their own distinct degrees including the Schools of Music, Computing and Kinesiology and Health Studies;
- x The School of Religion will function as any other School/Department within the Faculty of Arts and Science.

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Motion

**Pending a ratification of an agreement between Queen's School of Religion
Queen's University regarding the re-integration of their respective academic
enterprises, effective May 1, 2012, that Senate approve the proposal that the
Department of Religious Studies be known and constituted as the School of
in the Faculty of Arts and Science.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Susan Lode". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

