

Senate Committee on Academic Development Report to Senate –Meeting of November 25, 2010

Development of the Academic Plan

Introduction

In response to Principal Woolf's desire that Senate develop the University's Academic Plan, the Senate Committee on Academic Development (SCAD) received a referral from the Secretary of Senate. The referral, received on September 9, 2010, asked that SCAD prepare a proposal for consideration and approval by the Senate. SCAD was also encouraged to consult with individuals and groups, as appropriate to the task at hand, and to give progress reports to Senate. The process for developing an Academic Plan was discussed at SCAD's first meeting which was held September 29th. It was then considered on October 20th by a volunteer informal working group comprised of 2 elected SCAD members, one ex officio member, the Chair, and the Committee Secretary (with one being the sole Senator on SCAD). The deliberations of the working group were fully discussed at the second meeting of SCAD held on October 27th.

Based on the analysis and discussion described below, SCAD came to the conclusion that the process of developing and writing an Academic Plan for Queen's would be best accomplished through a Senate Task Force created by Senate.

Analysis and Discussion

The Academic Plan:

- x SCAD views the development of an Academic Plan as a way to articulate Queen's values and the institution's commitment to quality education and research

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recommendations to be brought forward at the Meeting of Senate on November 25th (note – the next Senate meeting is January 20, 2011).