

Internal Academic Review Committee

Report on the Review of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology

The internal academic review of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology highlights the many strengths of this unit. In particular, the Department is noted for its commitment to teaching and the quality of its curriculum design, which are highly rated at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Further, the research profile of the Department is very strong, sustained by the success enjoyed by faculty members who attract funding from a large number of different sources. The research work of several faculty members is nationally and internationally recognized and acclaimed. Moreover, it was noted that the faculty are productive and supportive as well as active in the supervision of graduate students. The staff also receives praise as a cohesive and efficient group. Overall a collegial environment exists in the Department providing a milieu that is conducive to both learning and research.

Major Recommendations:

1. **UNDERGRADUATE LABORATORIES:** The Department contributes the majority of its undergraduate resources to the Life Sciences program, largely through courses, which have a laboratory component. However, increasing enrolments combined with budgetary pressures threaten to have a detrimental effect on the qua360talpeEo0j360talpeEoe to bmmode

Outcomes of the Review:

The following response was submitted by the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and presented at the Basic Science Council:

Follow-up on these recommendations and issues will take place in the annual budget and staffing strategy meetings between the Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences and the Vice-Principal (Academic).