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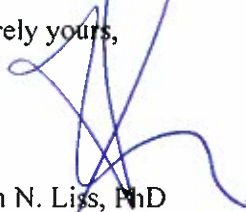
Ms. Georgina Moore  
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Dear Ms. Moore:

**Re: Centre for Obesity Research and Education (CORE) request for faculty-based formal Centre Status**

I am writing to inform you that the proposal for formal establishment of the Centre for Obesity Research and Education (CORE) has been reviewed in accordance with the *Procedures Governing the Establishment, Reporting and Review of Centres, Institutes, and Other Entities at Queen's University* policy. On behalf of the Senate Advisory Research Committee members, please be advised that it is the recommendation to Senate that the Centre for Obesity Research and Education (CORE) not be granted formal centre status, but rather be designated research group status. In light of this update, please remove the Centre for Obesity Research and Education from the provisional status category until further notice. A copy of the Senate Advisory Research Committee's report is enclosed. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Senate Advisory Research Committee (SARC)  
Report to Senate – Meeting of December 8, 2010  
Proposal for Formal Centre status of the Centre for Obesity Research and Education (CORE)

**Introduction**

At the Senate Advisory Research Committee meeting of September 27, 2010, members reviewed the recommendations of the Advisory Review Committee of the Centre for Obesity Research and Education (CORE). At this SARC meeting, an additional recommendation was made available from the Faculty of Arts and Science. Therefore, SARC requested the Advisory Review Committee members to reconvene to reconsider the additional recommendation. At the December 8, 2010 Senate Advisory Research Committee meeting the Advisory Review Committee follow up report was reviewed.

**Analysis and Discussion**

- The faculty-based Centre for Obesity Research and Education (CORE) has been operating since May 2005 under provisional centre status. Proposal for formal centre status was submitted in 2007. Review was delayed and in 2009, the Vice-Principal (Research) struck the Advisory Committee to provide a recommendation on whether the Centre should be authorized to full Centre status according to Queen's Procedures Governing the Establishment, Reporting and Review of Centres, Institutes, and Other Entities at Queen's University policy.
- May 2010 the Advisory Review Committee of the Centre for Obesity Research and Education submitted their report to the Senate Advisory Research Committee with the following recommendations: The Centre for Obesity Research and Education no longer operate as a Senate-approved Research Centre that they reformulate as a Research Group until the group can identify sustainable funding sources and develop a strategic plan for its research and educational objectives and that in order to strengthen this focus of research, that strong connections be made with related expertise both within Queen's University, and in the community.
- September 2010 the Senate Advisory Research Committee reviewed the Advisory Review Committee's report. At the September SARC meeting it was reported that the Faculty of Arts and Science recommended CORE be granted an additional 2-year period to generate a request for formal centre status. SARC recommended the Advisory Review Committee reconvene to re-examine their original recommendation and the Faculty recommendation.

- December 2010 the Senate Advisory Research Committee members deliberated upon the follow up review of the Advisory Review Committee of the Centre for Obesity Research and Education. They came to the conclusion that they would accept the original recommendation of September 2010, to designate the Centre to Group status.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vice-Principal (Research)

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