

**Cyclical Program Review of Academic Programs in Queen's School of Computing  
One Year Progress Report on Implementation Plan**

**Date:**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Proposed Follow-up</b>	<b>Responsibility for Leading Follow-up</b>	<b>Timeline for Addressing Recommendation</b>	<b>Please indicate whether the implementation is on target and on time, and provide a brief description.</b>
<p>1. The SCPRC recommends that the School of Computing create an advisory committee with broad membership to provide strategic input for positioning the school and its programs to meet the opportunities of the next decade and beyond. The advisory committee should also be leveraged to help develop faculty and staff renewal/transition plans.</p>	<p>Initiate discussions with relevant associate deans (Arts and Science and Graduate Studies), director and key faculty.</p>	<p>Relevant associate deans of Arts and Science and Graduate Studies in consultation with the director.</p>	<p>Dean of Arts and Science's <i>annual report</i> to the provost 2016</p>	<p>Previous experience with an <i>Innovation Council</i> in the Queen's School of Computing, during the first several years of this century, suggested that while it was a useful thing to have in the early days of the QSC, its relevance decreased in later years to the point of becoming a costly and time wasting exercise for everyone involved. We suspended the IC a few years ago.</p> <p>At this juncture, however, the QSC agrees with the recommendation by the reviewers that an Advisory Committee would be helpful to the School, in light of the surge in undergraduate enrollment, expected to continue for at least the next twenty years, our increased national and international visibility and ties with industrial and academic partners, and the resumption of faculty renewal in the QSC in January 2017 (this renewal being Recommendation #1 in the QUQAP reviewers report of December 2014).</p>

				<p>We have begun the process of building an Advisory Committee with a good balance among representatives from academia, business, and industry. We have invited a number of alumni to serve, and the early response has been unanimously and overwhelmingly positive. We expect to have a Committee consisting of between 10 and 12 members, each serving a term of three to five years). The Committee shall meet once a year. The first meeting of this Committee will be scheduled for fall 2017.</p> <p>The expectation is that the committee will provide advice and guidance in the design of our programs to meet the challenges of the third decade of this century, and assist us in targeting our faculty hires, of which we hope there will be many after a 10-year drought, to areas of future growth and importance. Our ambition is that the QSC will rebuild its faculty complement with an excellent group of young and talented computer scientists in order to regain its former position among the top five computer science departments in Canada.</p>
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**Additional Notes:**

*Please note any additional issues affecting progress, if necessary.*