



Internal Academic Review Committee

Report to Senate – May 25, 2011

Report on the 2009-2010 Internal Academic Reviews

Introduction

The 2009-2010 Internal Academic Reviews have now been completed. The Internal Academic Review Committee (IARC) wishes to acknowledge with gratitude the exceptional commitment shown by faculty, staff and students to the review process as well as their dedication to ensuring that Queen's provides a high quality academic experience.

Analysis and Discussion

The IARC considered five internal academic reviews during the 2010-2011 academic year. Reports on four out of the five departments are attached for Senate's approval. The fifth review of the undergraduate programs in the Faculty of Education was suspended because of a lack of confidence in the current relevance of the recommendations of the external review on account of a number of major intervening events in the Faculty of Education since June 2010 including, but not limited to, the appointment of a new Dean. After consulting with the Dean of the Faculty of Education, who in turn consulted with his Associate Deans, it was agreed that a cyclical program review (CPR), encompassing both graduate and undergraduate programs, would be in the best interest of the Faculty. Thus, a CPR will be conducted under the new *QUQAPs*, and will focus on the significant strengths of the programs and identify opportunities to improve and enhance the quality of the programs in the Faculty of Education. A CPR has been scheduled for the 2012-2013 academic year which has the advantage that it will coincide with the Faculty's external accreditation process.

Recommendation

that Senate approve the following IARC Reports to Senate:

- **Report on the Internal Academic Review of the Department of Art;**
- **Report on the Internal Academic Review of the Department of Biology;**
- **Report on the Internal Academic Review of the Department of Philosophy;**
- **Report on the Internal Academic Review of the Department of Psychology.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Cole". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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