

# Academic Quality Assurance Committee: Report to GFC

For the Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

## Committee Background

The Academic Quality Assurance Committee (AQAC) is responsible for the “coordination and facilitation of systematic reviews” (General Faculties Council, 1987, p. 1) of the quality of academic units and programs. Membership of AQAC for the period was:

- Alan Siaroff (Chair)
- Brittany Allen (ULSU)
- Craig Coburn
- Danny Balderson
- Emma Scott
- Jaxon Reiter (GSA)
- Justin Blum
- Lynn Kennedy
- Nicole Eva
- Shandi Bleiken (Resource)
- Vicki Grisack (Resource)

## Meeting Dates

AQAC met on the following dates:

- September 27, 2023
- October 27, 2023
- December 1, 2023
- January 19, 2024
- February 28, 2024
- March 22, 2024
- May 7, 2024
- May 17, 2024
- May 24, 2024
- June 13, 2024

Additional email votes were held.

## Orientation Sessions

AQAC orientation sessions for those beginning a review took place September 25 and November 15, 2023, and January 30 and March 21, 2024.

## Completed Reviews

The following reviews were closed for the period, with calendar year closed in brackets:

- Department of Art (2023)
- B.H.Sc. Addictions Counselling (2023)
- B.H.Sc. Public Health (2023)
- Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation (2024)
- Department of Economics (2024)
- Department of Environmental Science (2024)
- Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics (2024)
- Department of New Media (2024)
- Master of Arts (2024)

Summaries of the findings of these reviews are available at: <http://www.uleth.ca/quality/outcomes>.

## Current Reviews

The following reviews are ongoing:

Review	Start Date
• Pre-Professional Transfer Program in Engineering	May-21
• Department of Indigenous Studies	Sep-21
• Department of Political Science	Sep-21
• Department of English	Sep-22
• Department of Philosophy	Sep-22

• Department of Physics and Astronomy	Sep-22
• Indigenous Student Success Cohort	Sep-22
• Master of Science	Sep-22
• Agriculture (B.A./B.Sc./Post Diploma Agricultural Studies, B.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology, B.Mgt. Agricultural Enterprise Management, M.A./M.Sc. Agricultural Studies, M.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology)	Sep-23
• Bachelor of Arts of Religious Studies	Sep-23
• B.Sc. Biochemistry	Sep-23
• B.Sc. Chemistry	Sep-23
• Master of Counselling	Sep-23
• Master of Science in Management	Sep-23
• PhD Education	Sep-23
• Master of Nursing	Mar-24
• Master of Science in Health Sciences	Mar-24
• PhD Population Studies	Mar-24
• B.Sc. Mathematics	Mar-24
• PhD Cultural, Social, and Political Thought	Jul-24

The following reviews are scheduled to begin in September 2024:

- B.H.Sc Aboriginal Health (Deferred from Sep 2022)\*
- B.Sc. Computer Science including GIS
- Department of Geography
- Department of Neuroscience
- Master of Education
- Master of Music

\*Review was intended to start in September 2023, but has been delayed.

### Progress Reports

AQAC received and accepted the following progress reports for completed reviews:

#### One-year Reports

- Department of Drama
- History

#### Three-year Reports

- PhD Sciences
- Bachelor of Education
- DSB Finance
- DSB Human Resources
- DSB Marketing

### Special Mention

The Academic Quality Assurance Committee started the internal review process to assess the effectiveness of the Academic Quality Assurance process as set out in the GFC approved Policy and Procedures document.

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Lynn Kennedy  
Chair, Academic Quality Assurance Committee