Standing Committee Report to Senate
Date of Senate Meeting:

Committee Name: Senate Educational Equity Committee
Date of Meeting(s): February 19, 2013

Discussion:

- **EE Policy Guidelines (Diversity and Equity Assessment and Planning Tool)**
  The Committee reviewed the draft Diversity and Equity Assessment and Planning (DEAP) Tool. There was a suggestion that it be presented to the Dean's group after it is approved by the Provost.

- **QNS Program**
  The Committee discussed the Provost's response to the QNS questions posed at the last SEEC meeting (Appendix B, pg 26). I. Bujara informed the Committee that at the February Senate meeting the Provost reported that equity would be included in the next call for expressions of interest. The Committee also discussed their involvement in drafting the template going forward.

- **Queen's General Bursary (QGB)**
  T. Lu provided the history of an equity-related complaint the SGPS received from a graduate student stating that the Queen's General Bursary (QGB) was against some cultures. Currently, the QGB denies any students who do not have loans. She explained that many graduate students do not apply for any loans because their culture does not allow them to do this. The SGPS feels that if the assessment for QGB goes against someone's culture, there should be an accommodation made.

Decisions:

- S. Shiels will circulate the final copy of the DEAP – Tool via email for approval. I. Bujara and M. Blennerhassett will present the Tool to the Provost and discuss how it will be implemented.
- I. Bujara suggested discussing SEEC's involvement with the QNS with the Provost.
- A. Girgrah will discuss the QGB SGPS issue with the AVP and Dean of Student Affairs as well as the Registrar and report back to the Committee.

Sincerely,

Michael Blennerhassett, Chair, Senate Educational Equity Committee (SEEC)

Members:

I. Bujara. J. Christie (Secretary), K. Conway, J. Cui, A. Girgrah, T. He, T. Lu, L. Purda-Heeler, N. Saleh, S. Shiels, G. Smith, T. Tang and V. McCourt.