

Provost's Report to February 25, 2014, Senate Meeting

Follow-up from the January 2014 Senate Meeting

As Senators may recall, a question was posed at the last Senate meeting regarding some of the materials that were included in the Senate package for the Concurrent Bachelor of Music/Music and Digital Media Program.

This information was included in response to section 10.2 of the New Program Proposal Form of the Queen's University Quality Assurance Processes. Section 10.2 requests that we "provide information about the representation rates of members of designated groups within the faculty and identify gaps in representation as compared to the appropriate Canadian workforce population."

The workforce analysis chart provides the numbers indicating the gaps of designated groups for the unit along National Occupational Group categories (as determined by the federal government). It also provides the total number of employees for the unit within those Occupational Groups. Significantly, the total number does not refer to designated groups but to all employees of the unit regardless of which section those numbers appear in, which is why they are the same for all four sections. The other chart presents percentages only.

Bader International Study Centre

As Senators may be aware, Dr Bruce Stanley has left his position as Executive Director of the Bader International Study Centre (BISC). I want to assure everyone that Queen's University remains committed to the operation of the BISC and its role in providing a unique international educational experience to its students. BISC will deliver its full range of academic programs; in particular, all first-year, upper-year and summer and specialty programs will be offered as advertised on the BISC website. There will be a search for a new Executive Director. In the meantime the BISC leadership team consists of Caroline Harber, Christian Lloyd, Claire Anderson and Peter Bowers. This team can rely on the full support of everyone at Queen's University.

Strategic Framework Update

At its March 2014 meeting, the Board of Trustees will be presented with a written overview of the Queen's University Strategic Framework. The overview of the framework will then be posted on a recently developed website in mid-March.

The sole purpose of the website is to provide faculty, staff, and students with detailed information about the framework. The website walks through each component of the framework, and starting in 2014-2015 will include annual progress reports.

2014-2015 Budget Update

The Shared Services have received their final budget letters for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17, and they are currently working on loading their 2014-15 budgets. A preliminary enrolment plan for the next three years was used to determine revenue projections for the budget.

The associated preliminary budget was presented to the Provost's Advisory Committee on the Budget (PACB) on February 12, 2014. A few outstanding issues related to the University Fund will be addressed over the next couple of weeks, following which the preliminary budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees at its March meeting. We remain on track to present the final balanced budget to the Board in May.