



Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur at 4:00 pm on Monday, 16 January 2012 in BAC 132.

The agenda follows:

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Minutes of the Meeting of 12 December 2011
- 3) Announcements
- 4) Brought Forward from 12 December 2011
  - a) Motion from Dr. Paul Doerr, Department Head, History and Classics (*attached*)
  - b) Faculty of Theology - Proposed New Courses and Program Requirements (*attached*)
  - c) Motion from Graduate Studies Committee re: Curriculum Changes (*attached*)
- 5) New Business
  - a) Election: New Deputy Chair of Senate
  - b) Election: Science Faculty Senator for Committee for Students with Disabilities that Affect Learning
  - c) Senate Committee Annual Reports (*attached*)
    - i. Honours Committee
  - d) Special Order 5:30pm:  
Presentation of Town Hall Data by Vice-President Academic (*to be circulated*)
- 6) Other Business

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED  
Rosemary Jotcham  
Registrar and Secretary of Senate

**Motion from Dr. Paul Doerr, Department Head, History and Classics**

Whereas Arthur Beauchesne's Rules and Forms in the House of Commons is not suitable for procedures in the Acadia University Senate; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That Article IV Meetings, item number eight of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Senate of Acadia University be deleted and replaced by the following wording: "Procedure in Senate shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition)".

## **Faculty of Theology**

### **Proposed New Courses and Program Requirements**

*Approved by the Acadia Divinity College Senate November 24, 2011*

#### **1) Proposed New Courses:**

A) To enable Master of Arts students focusing in practical disciplines to be able to write a thesis as part of their program (currently there is only a project option):

CHAP 7916, 7926 Thesis

DISP 7916, 7926 Thesis

EVAN 7916, 7926 Thesis

LEDR 7916, 7926 Thesis

PACC 7916, 7926 Thesis

PAST 7916, 7926 Thesis

SPFM 7916, 7926 Thesis

YYAM 7916, 7926 Thesis

B) Elective courses that will be offered on an ongoing basis in future years:

BIBL 7133 Israel Study Tour

A study tour in Israel and the Palestinian Territories (and surrounding areas as possible), designed to introduce the geography of the land and to shed light on events of the Old and New Testaments and the intertestamental period. Some consideration will also be given to the role that Christians and the Church have played in the land in ancient and modern times.

BIBL 3053 Israel Study Tour

A study tour in Israel and the Palestinian Territories (and surrounding areas as possible), designed to introduce the geography of the land and to shed light on events of the Old and New Testaments and the intertestamental period. Some consideration will also be given to the role that Christians and the Church have played in the land in ancient and modern times.

**2) Program requirements for MA students in practical disciplines intending to write a thesis:**

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Evangelism and Mission Concentration - Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Christian Thought</b>		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
<b>Area of Specialization</b>		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
LEDR, YYAM, or PACC elective	Elective	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
EVAN 7613	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 1	3
EVAN 7623	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 2	3
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
EVAN 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
<b>Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective<sup>2</sup></b>		
	Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 60</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

<sup>2</sup> Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
Youth and Young Adult Ministry Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Christian Thought</b>		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
<b>Area of Specialization</b>		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, LEDR, or PACC elective	Elective	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
YYAM 7613	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 1	3
YYAM 7623	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 2	3
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
YYAM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
<b>Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective<sup>4</sup></b>		
	Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 60</b>		

<sup>3</sup> Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

<sup>4</sup> Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Pastoral Care and Counselling Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective <sup>5</sup>	3
<b>Christian Thought</b>		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
<b>Area of Specialization</b>		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, LEDR, or YYAM elective	Elective	3
PACC 7613	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 1	3
PACC 7623	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 2	3
PACC 5013	Understanding Pastoral Care and Counselling	3
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
PACC 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
<b>Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective<sup>6</sup></b>		
	Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 60</b>		

<sup>5</sup> Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

<sup>6</sup> Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Leadership and Spiritual Formation Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective <sup>7</sup>	3
<b>Christian Thought</b>		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
<b>Area of Specialization</b>		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, YYAM , or PACC elective	Elective	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
LEDR 7613	Guided Reading in Leadership	3
SPFM 7613	Guided Reading in Spiritual Formation	3
LEDR (elective)	Leadership elective	3
SPFM (elective)	Spiritual Formation elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
LEDR 7916, 7926 or SPFM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
<b>Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective<sup>8</sup></b>		
	Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 60</b>		

<sup>7</sup> Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

<sup>8</sup> Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Discipleship Concentration – Thesis Option**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIBL 5023	Interpreting the Old Testament	3
BIBL 5033	Interpreting the New Testament	3
BIBL (elective)	Biblical Studies elective <sup>9</sup>	3
<b>Christian Thought</b>		
CHUR 5013	Introduction to Christian History	3
THEO 5013	Christian Theology 1	3
THEO 5023	Christian Theology 2	3
<b>Area of Specialization</b>		
SPFM 5013	Christian Spiritual Formation in Ministry Leaders	3
EVAN 5013	Evangelism and Mission in Contemporary Society	3
EVAN, LEDR, PACC, or YYAM elective	Elective	3
EVAN, LEDR, PACC, or YYAM elective	Elective	3
DISP 7613	Guided Reading in Discipleship 1	3
DISP 7623	Guided Reading in Discipleship 2	3
DISP 5013	Transformational Discipleship Ministry	3
DISP (elective)	Discipleship elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
DISP 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
<b>Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Elective<sup>10</sup></b>		
	Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 60</b>		

<sup>9</sup> Excluding Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013)

<sup>10</sup> Survey of the Bible (BIBL 5013) required if Bible Knowledge Entrance Test not passed. Mentored Ministry, Prison Ministry Practicum, and Clinical Pastoral Education courses excluded.



**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Evangelism and Mission Concentration – Thesis Option**  
*(30 Credit Hours)<sup>11</sup>*

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
EVAN 7613	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 1	3
EVAN 7623	Guided Reading in Evangelism and Mission 2	3
EVAN 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
EVAN (elective)	Evangelism and Mission elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 30</b>		

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<sup>11</sup> For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Youth and Young Adult Ministry Concentration – Thesis Option**  
*(30 Credit Hours)<sup>12</sup>*

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
YYAM 7613	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 1	3
YYAM 7623	Guided Reading in Youth and Young Adult Ministry 2	3
YYAM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
YYAM (elective)	Youth and Young Adult Ministry elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 30</b>		

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<sup>12</sup> For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
Leadership and Spiritual Formation Concentration – Thesis Option**  
*(30 Credit Hours)<sup>13</sup>*

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
LEDR 7613	Guided Reading in Leadership	3
SPFM 7613	Guided Reading in Spiritual Formation	3
LEDR 7916, 7926 <i>or</i> SPFM 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
LEDR (elective)	Leadership elective	3
SPFM (elective)	Spiritual Formation elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 30</b>		

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<sup>13</sup> For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
Discipleship Concentration – Thesis Option**  
*(30 Credit Hours)<sup>14</sup>*

<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
DISP 7613	Guided Reading in Discipleship 1	3
DISP 7623	Guided Reading in Discipleship 2	3
DISP 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
DISP (elective)	Discipleship elective	3
DISP (elective)	Discipleship elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours = 30</b>	

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<sup>14</sup> For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts with a specialization in Practical Theology  
 Pastoral Care and Counselling Concentration - Thesis Option**  
*(30 Credit Hours)<sup>15</sup>*

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
PACC 7613	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 1	3
PACC 7623	Guided Reading in Pastoral Care and Counselling 2	3
PACC 7916, 7926	Thesis	6,6
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
PACC (elective)	Pastoral Care and Counselling elective	3
IDST 6013	Research Methodology and Design	3
	Ministry elective	3
	<b>Total Credit Hours = 30</b>	

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<sup>15</sup> For those with a Masters in a theological discipline or those who hold an honours undergraduate degree in the same or related field of study.

**Master of Arts without specialization (30 credit hours)<sup>16</sup>**

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
BIBL elective	Elective	3
BIBL elective	Elective	3
<b>Christian Thought</b>		
THEO, CHUR, or BAPT elective	Elective	3
THEO, CHUR, or BAPT elective	Elective	3
<b>Ministry Electives</b>		
Elective	Ministry elective	3
Elective	Ministry elective	3
Elective	Ministry elective	3
<b>Biblical Studies, Christian Thought, or Ministry Electives</b>		
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
	Elective	3
<b>Total Credit Hours = 30</b>		

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<sup>16</sup> For those with a Masters in a theological discipline.

Curriculum Changes to Graduate Programs for 2012-2013  
Submitted by Research and Graduate Studies

**MSc in Computer Science**

- Course Requirement Deletion

COMP 5923 Research Methods is being removed as a requirement

*Reason for requesting this deletion:* Beginning in 2012, we will have insufficient human resources to offer this course. The material (literature survey, thesis writing, empirical studies) will be provided on a best effort basis as part of the weekly seminar series in computer science.

Current Calendar wording:

**Curriculum**

1. COMP 5923 (Research Methods)
2. Three lecture courses (9h) chosen from at least two of the following three areas: theory (COMP 5013, 5023, 5033), applications (5113, 5123, 5133), and systems (5213, 5223, 5233).
3. COMP 5913 (Readings in Computer Science), or another lecture course, or a cross-listed course.
4. COMP 5960 (Thesis)

Proposed new Calendar wording:

**Curriculum**

1. Three lecture courses (9h) chosen from at least two of the following three areas: theory (COMP 5013, 5023, 5033), applications (5113, 5123, 5133), and systems (5213, 5223, 5233).
2. COMP 5913 (Readings in Computer Science), or another lecture course, or a cross-listed course.
3. COMP 5960 (Thesis)

**MSc in Clinical Psychology**

- Change in Calendar Description & Change in Prerequisite

Current Calendar wording:

**PSYC 5113 Research Design & Statistics 1**

The primary focus of this course is an examination of applications of simple and multiple regression in psychological research using a model-comparison approach. The principles of statistical inference and problems in designing research and interpreting results are studied within this context. Student assignments provide practice in using several statistical packages.

**PSYC 5123 Research Design and Statistics 2**

In this course the model-comparison approach used in PSYC 5113 is extended to analysis of variance and analysis of covariance. Students learn to test if the assumptions of their models are met by their data, and learn to use alternate analysis techniques, including nonparametric statistics, to answer research questions in psychology. Prereq: PSYC 5113.

Proposed new Calendar wording:

PSYC 5113 Research Design and Statistics 1

PSYC 5123 Research Design and Statistics 2 Prereq: PSYC 5113 or permission of the Department.

This course will cover univariate and multivariate statistical procedures used in psychology. Emphasis is placed on the general linear model and how to apply the model as a function of data type, experiment design, and hypothesis testing strategy. Opportunities to apply concepts taught in lectures will be provided through regular assignments.

*Reason for modification:* The current course descriptions suggest that the first half of the course focuses on regression, while the second focuses on analysis of variance (ANOVA). Recently, the dept has moved from having one instructor teach both half-courses to two instructors, each teaching one half-course. The course is being divided up into a regression half and an ANOVA half; however, it would be good to have the flexibility to cover those two topics in either order, depending on the instructors' other teaching responsibilities. Having a single generic description for both courses gives us that flexibility. In years when the course organization is simple-to-complex, 5113 will be a strict pre-requisite for 5123. In years when the organization is to divide up the course into regression and ANOVA halves, the pre-requisite of 5113 could conceivably be waived, with departmental permission, as the second half of the course does not build as directly on the first half.

### **MA in Political Science**

- Program Modification

The proposed changes are intended to offer greater clarification and structure in course selection for MA students in the Political Science Program.

*Reason for requesting this modification:* Currently, MA students must take the Master's Colloquium (POLS 5193) plus any five (5) seminar courses. Moreover, there are no guidelines regarding the number of independent reading courses a student may take. The guiding principle of our program is that students take a broad range of seminar courses from the four subfields (Canadian Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory) so that their coursework gives them comprehensive training in Political Science as a discipline. However, the vagueness of the program requirements allows students to specialize very narrowly in one or two fields, which contradicts the goal of the coursework component of the program. The proposed changes are intended to give more structure to the course requirements in order to ensure that Master's students receive a more comprehensive disciplinary training.

Current Calendar wording:

### **Program Requirements**

1. Courses: POLS 5193 (Master's Colloquium), and five courses from POLS 5043, 5103, 5183, 5193, 5203, 5243, 5283, 5293, 5303, 5343, 5383, 5403, 5443, 5483, 5543, 5603, 5693, 5743, 5783, 5803, 5883, 5893, 5983, and IDST 5186. Students may also take a course from a cognate department, subject to departmental approval.
2. Thesis: POLS 5960. The thesis may not exceed 40,000 words in length except with the permission of the department. The department encourages students to complete and successfully defend the thesis within 8 months after the completion of course work.



Proposed new Calendar wording:

1. Courses: POLS 5193 (Master's Colloquium) and five additional courses. Of these five:

- a) Students must take at least one course in three of the four subfields
  - i. Canadian Politics: POLS 5103, 5203, 5303, 5403, 5603, 5803
  - ii. Comparative Politics: POLS 5193, 5293, 5693, 5893
  - iii. International Relations: POLS 5183, 5283, 5383, 5483\*, 5783\*, 5883\*, 5983\*, IDST 5186
  - iv. Political Theory: POLS 5043, 5243, 5343, 5443, 5743(\*POLS 5483, 5783, and 5883 can be counted as International Relations or Political Theory, but not both. In some years, POLS 5983 may count as Comparative Politics.)
  
- b) Students may take one MA-level directed readings course from a faculty member in any department or one MA-level course from a cognate department, subject to the approval of that faculty member and the graduate coordinator.

2. Thesis: POLS 5960. The thesis may not exceed 40,000 words in length except with the permission of the department. The department encourages students to complete and successfully defend the thesis within 4 months after the completion of course work. (Note to committee: the current program requirements say "8 months after completion..." even though ours is only a 12 month program.)

- Changes in Calendar Descriptions (8 in total):

#1.

Current Calendar Description

POLS 5103 CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 1

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5103 CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS 1

Special topics course in Canadian government and politics.

#2.

Current Calendar Description

POLS 5183 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 1

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5183 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 1

Special topics course in International Relations.

#3.

Current Calendar Description

POLS 5193 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 1

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5193 COMPARATIVE GOVERNMENT 1

Special topics course in comparative government and politics.

#4.

Current Calendar Description  
POLS 5203 POLITICS IN THE MARITIMES

Proposed new Calendar Description  
POLS 5203 POLITICS IN THE MARITIMES

An exploration of political changes in Maritime Canada. Particular attention is paid to regional political cultures, electoral styles, party politics, leadership, federalism, Maritime Union, and public policy.

#5.

Current Calendar Description  
POLS 5283 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Proposed new Calendar Description  
POLS 5283 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

This seminar course explores the role of IOs in global politics. It considers their historical origins and evolution, the political, economic, and social forces that impact their operations, and their effectiveness.

#6.

Current Calendar Description  
POLS 5303 APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF CANADIAN POLITICS

Proposed new Calendar Description  
POLS 5303 APPROACHES TO THE STUDY OF CANADIAN POLITICS

This course critically examines theoretical and methodological approaches to issues prominent in the literature on Canadian politics and government. We explore the theoretical and methodological assumptions and policy implications of issues including the role and nature of the Canadian state, national and sub-national political cultures, party competition, and elites.

#7.

Current Calendar Description  
POLS 5383 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2

Proposed new Calendar Description  
POLS 5383 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS 2

This course explores the key theories of international relations and world politics. Readings will be selected from classic and contemporary writers.

#8.

Current Calendar Description  
POLS 5743 POLITICAL ECONOMY

Proposed new Calendar Description

POLS 5743 POLITICAL ECONOMY

A survey of theories and models which have sought to explain the interrelationships among the state, the society, and the economy of a country, and the relationship between political power and economic and social (under)development in the context of globalization.

*Reasons for requesting these 8 modifications:* There is currently no course description in the graduate calendar.

- Calendar Description and Course Title Change

Current Course Title and Description

POLS 5543 POLITICAL INQUIRY

Proposed new Course Title and Description

POLS 5543 Directed Readings: Special Topics

Directed readings by MA students under the supervision of an individual faculty member.

*Reason for requesting this modification:* We currently use POLS 5543 (Political Inquiry) as our directed readings course number. This change is to make the title more appropriate and to create a course description.

## Honours Committee

Annual Report for 2010-2011

### Committee Members 2010-2011

R. Jotcham, Registrar  
D. MacKinnon, Dean of Research and Graduate Studies  
M. Grieve, Faculty of Arts  
S. Hewitt, Faculty of Arts (Chair)  
C. Shields, Faculty of Professional Studies  
J. Yang, Faculty of Professional Studies  
P. Ranjan, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences  
Amitabh Jha, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences  
C. Margeson, Honours Student (Arts)  
Sarah Sweet, Honours Student (P&A Sc.)

### Meetings 2010-2011

22 September 2010  
13 October 2010  
17 February 2011  
4 March 2011  
30 March 2011

### Summary of Committee Activities:

This year the Committee received and approved 89 submissions. The Committee met five times; a 6<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled. A motion was carried at the first meeting to recommend that Senate officially add R. Jotcham to the committee membership as an ex officio member. R. Jotcham has always participated in the meetings of the Honours Committee and her knowledge of institutional history as Registrar has been most helpful.

At the 22 September 2010 meeting, D. Holmberg and G. Whitehall, representing the Senate *ad hoc* Committee on the honours program, provided a summary of their Committee's suggestions. Discussion centered on the proposal of a campus-wide forum to review/rejuvenate and recommit to the honours thesis program and processes. The Honours Committee discussed how to proceed with a forum, identifying the need to gather information on current honours programs. This was accomplished by preparing four versions of an online surveys by status (heads and directors, faculty, students and former students of the honours program), managed by C. Shields with the assistance of T. Aulenbach. Seven heads and directors, 55 faculty, 44 current honours students, as well as 79 honours graduates of the previous three years responded. The Committee thanks P. Rippeyoung for graphing the results using Excel. We also express great appreciation to W. Bedingfield, who facilitated the forum. Faculty and students were invited to attend the forum on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April, and the results were circulated electronically to the Committee. It was felt that a majority of the committee needed to meet in order to discuss the results if we were to make any recommendations. As this has not possible, D. MacKinnon will bring the committee together in the fall for this purpose.

A final component of our review of the honours process is the analysis of this year's external reader sheets to evaluate the extent to which the comments they submit and the role they play are beneficial.

I would like to thank all members of the Committee for their hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Hewitt  
Chair, Senate Honours Committee