

June 2014: Forward Planning Process

The intent of the Academic Sector Forward Planning Process is to determine how best to position the academic sector to meet the needs of students and faculty for the next twenty-five years.

Planning Principles

The following principles will serve to guide the various activities taking place within the planning process;

Value Based – planning activities will, first and foremost, preserve the Acadia essence by building upon the long-running traditions of the university as a post-secondary institution and the ideals of an “Acadia Education” as ratified by Senate.

Activity Based – planning activities will be focused upon the selection, maintenance, and development of desired teaching and research activities irrespective of current structural configurations.

Sustainable – planning activities will ensure that the total activity set (teaching and research activities) is structurally configured in such a way as to be both viable and sustainable at the aggregate level in terms of both university operations and resource perspectives.

Planning Process

This process will permit comprehensive engagement with the entire academic sector in order to seek and receive input from all stakeholders. The process will involve town halls, round-tables, submissions, and informal conversations. In the third phase the Academic Sector would be joined by other university stakeholders (e.g. operations, finance, recruiting, etc.). It is anticipated that the entire process will be completed within one year.

Phase 1: Academic Sector Consultation - Activity Conversation Series

This Conversation Series is designed to thoroughly explore the range and scope of teaching and research activities that the academic stakeholders wish to develop, repurpose, transform or eliminate.

Phase 2: Academic Sector Consultation - Sustainability Conversation Series This Conversation Series is designed to thoroughly explore the range and scope of structural options available to meet the capabilities determined in Phase 1.

Phase 3: Full Sector Consultation - Alignment and Investment Conversation Series and Activities

This Conversation Series is designed to thoroughly explore the range and scope of options available to meet the capability and structural requirements identified by the Academic Sector in Phase 1 and 2 by the University stakeholders. Alignment and Investment Implementation activities commence.