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Undergraduate Program Review

Individualized Studies, BA

Executive Summaries

The Undergraduate Program Review (UPR) of the Bachelor of Arts degree programs in Individualized Studies was conducted in April 2010. The reviewers were Dr. Jane Koustas (Brock University, external) and Dr. Patrick Taylor (York University, internal).

Following receipt of the unit and decanal responses to the consultants' report, members of the Senate Joint Sub-Committee on Quality Assurance met with the following program/Faculty representatives on March 12, 2012 to review progress toward implementing recommendations and opportunities for program enhancement:

Kenneth McRoberts, Principal, Glendon College
Jocelyn Martel, Chair, Department of Multi-Disciplinary Studies

Recommendations received from the consultants addressed specific challenges related to the current administration of the program.

Background

The Individualized Studies program was initially established as a program to support exceptionally motivated students to develop a unique interdisciplinary program of study. In more recent years, however, the program began to function as a home program for students who had not yet decided upon a major. This has become a resource intensive structure for the program director who is called upon to design programs for students. In short, it is no longer serving its original intent. This reiterates the conclusion reached by the previous program review in 2003. In a climate of finite resources, the home unit of Multi-disciplinary Studies has concluded that it is no longer able to sustain the Individualized Studies Program.

The principal and the Quality Assurance Committee concur with the plan to close the program.

Recommendations for implementation:

The unit has agreed to maintain the program in the short term. Glendon is the process of establishing a new program in communication studies. All necessary arrangements to accommodate students during the transition including grandparenting program requirements, etc. will be developed. The unit will proceed to undertake the Senate process to close the program.

Rhonda Lenton, Vice-Provost Academic
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