

REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS
(SCAPA)

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FOR APPROVAL

1. **Affiliation Agreement**

Recommended: That Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors, the Affiliation Agreement for The University of Western Ontario and Brescia, Huron and King's University Colleges, as shown in **Appendix 1**.

2. **Faculty of Graduate Studies: Master's Degree for Nursing Practitioners**

Recommended: That, pending approval by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS), a Master of Nursing (MN) with the specialization of Nurse Practitioner be introduced in the Faculty of Graduate Studies, effective September 1, 2007.

Background:

The OCGS approval process for this program is under way, with the expectation that approval will be granted by early 2007.

Need for the Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners (PHCNP) Program

The education of Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioners (PHCNP) in Ontario has an 11-year history, having been provided bilingually by the Council of Ontario Universities Programs in Nursing (COUPN) provincial consortium model of ten university partners since the 1990s. From a minimum post-baccalaureate entry-to-practice requirement, a Master's degree is now recognized, as these nurse practitioners (NPs) function in an advanced practice role. Currently, 17 of the 22 NP educational programs in Canada are at the Master's level. Initiatives from Health Canada, the College of Nurses of Ontario, the Ontario government, and the OCGS periodic appraisal/review schedule for the provincial graduate nursing programs, advocate advancement of graduate education for this emergent discipline. While the Canadian move towards primary health care has fostered a 20% increase in the number of NPs, there are still fewer than 1000 in Canada.

Brief Description/Elements of the PHCNP Program

The curriculum of the COUPN program for PHCNP education specifically addresses five objectives of advanced NP content and incorporates research, theory, evidence-based practice, ethics, and health and social policies in the seven required courses. These PHCNP objectives, and the six overall goals of the UWO Master of Science in Nursing program, will be met by all UWO Masters PHCNP graduates. Students will be enrolled continuously throughout their two years at UWO. In their first year all students will complete the four “core” MScN courses, to be followed by a research course/practicum (during the Spring/Summer), taught by UWO School of Nursing doctorally-prepared professors. This will be followed (in the second year) by provision of the seven PHCNP courses through distance delivery, hosted from the University of Ottawa and supported on-site through Master’s-prepared PHCNP tutors. All courses will be taught by doctorally-prepared, NP-certified professors with membership in graduate studies from the collaborating universities, all of whom are experienced in distance delivery. The quality of the PHCNP courses is assured through the COU consortium’s curriculum and program evaluation committees with representation from participating universities.

Uniqueness of the PHCNP Program

The program and its consortium delivery is unique in Canada and, therefore, unique to UWO. The infrastructure and technological support for the various teaching modalities, including distance delivery, are developed at a sophisticated level, sensitive to the needs of diverse students as well as faculty. The use of distance education via Web-CT, with which the COUPN consortium has had a decade of experience, will facilitate the inclusion of expert faculty and online support, no matter where students live. While most of the “space” needs are “virtual,” classroom as well as faculty resources will be assured for the program’s start. Current funding of the program is also unique. The first year will be funded through the normal BIU allocations from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, and the PHCNP second year will be funded through the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, which has funded this program since its inception. Thus, funding for the PHCNP portion is on a year-to-year basis with in-kind support from the individual universities.

Anticipated Enrolment

The UWO enrolment anticipated for the September 2007 class of PHCNP students is 10-20. Applicants must first meet the general FGS regulations and the School of Nursing’s graduate admission requirements. This will be followed by unique admission requirements established by the COU Consortium related to nursing-practice experience. Thus, students will be admitted through a double review process, first, by Western’s Faculty of Graduate Studies, School of Nursing’s Graduate Affairs Committee, and then by the COU Consortium Admissions Committee. At the completion of the program all graduates will be awarded The University of Western Ontario’s MN degree with the specialization of Nurse Practitioner. Diplomas will show:

Master of Nursing
(Nurse Practitioner)

3. **Huron University College: Major in Finance**

Recommended: That effective September 1, 2007, a Major in Finance module be introduced at Huron University College in its Department of Economics & Business.

NEW CALENDAR COPY
(page 321 of the 2006 academic calendar)

MAJOR IN FINANCE

Admission Requirements

Completion of first-year requirements, including the following 3.0 courses with an average of 60% and no mark less than 60%: Business Administration 020; Economics 020; Mathematics 030, or Calculus 050a/b and 0.5 course from Calculus 051a/b, 081a/b or Linear Algebra 040a/b.

Module

6.0 courses:

3.0 courses normally taken in second year: Business Administration 257, Economics 220a/b, 221a/b, 260a/b, 261a/b

1.5 courses: Economics 222a/b, 223a/b, MOS 310a/b

1.0 course from: Economics 371a/b, 346a/b, MOS 312a/b

0.5 course from: Economics 328a/b, 329a/b, 352a/b, 370a/b

Note: Students pursuing the BMOS Honors degree with Major in Accounting or Major in Management and Organizational Studies together with Major in Finance may count only 1.0 course towards both Major modules. Therefore, in addition to completing the requirements of each Major module, students must select 1.0 additional course, not taken previously, from the following list, to bring the total number of different courses in both modules to 12.0: Economics 328a/b, 329a/b, 346a/b, 352a/b, 357a/b, 370a/b, 371a/b, MOS 312a/b, 360a/b, 361a/b, 362a/b, 372, 460a/b, 461a/b.

Students pursuing the Honors BA with Major in Finance and Major in Economics may count only 1.0 course towards both Major modules. Therefore, in addition to completing the requirements of each Major, students must select 2.0 additional courses, not previously taken, from the following list, to bring the total number of different courses in both modules to 11.0: Economics 328a/b, 329a/b, 346a/b, 352a/b, 357a/b, 370a/b, MOS 312a/b, 360a/b, 361a/b, 372, 460a/b, 461a/b.

Background:

The new module will provide for enhanced student choice and meet student demand for a Major in the area of finance. The Major may be taken alone or may be combined with another Major for the Honors BA or Four-Year BA. Students enrolled in the Honors BMOS program may combine the Major in Finance with a MOS Major module to earn an Honors BMOS degree (subject to the minimum 70% modular average in each module).

4. **Faculty of Science: Withdrawal of the Four-Year BSc Honors Plant Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

Recommended: That effective September 1, 2007, the Four-Year BSc Honors Plant Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program be withdrawn.

Background:

Senate approved the withdrawal of the Four-Year BSc Honors Plant Biochemistry and Molecular Biology program offered by the Department of Biology in the Faculty of Science, effective September 1, 2008. The Faculty of Science has informed DAP that the program can now be withdrawn in September 2007 (ref. old Academic Calendar, pages 129, 133, 135).

FOR INFORMATION

5. **New Scholarships, Awards and Bursaries**

SCAPA has approved on behalf of the Senate the following Terms of Reference for new scholarships, awards and bursaries, for recommendation to the Board of Governors through the Vice-Chancellor:

Larry Ohem Alumni Entrance Scholarship, (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Dentistry)

Awarded annually to a student entering Dentistry at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry based on academic achievement (minimum 80% average). This scholarship was established by the Board of Foundation Western, with contributions from Western alumni, in recognition of Larry Ohem for his service as President of Foundation Western.

Value: 1 at \$1,500
Effective: May 2007

Reinhard Konrad Memorial Bursaries – OSOTF I (Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry)

Awarded to full-time undergraduate students in Year 3 or 4 of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry based on a minimum 70% average. Preference will be given to students in the Honors Specialization in Medical Biophysics (primary preference) or Physiology (secondary preference). These bursaries were established by Richard Konrad, in memory of his father Reinhard Konrad, through Foundation Western.

Value: 2 at \$1,000
Effective: May 2006

Hydro One Undergraduate Awards (Faculty of Engineering)

Awarded to full-time undergraduate students entering fourth year of an Electrical Engineering program with a Power Systems Engineering Option, based on academic performance in their prior year of full-time study (minimum 70% average) and a commitment to making a contribution to the field of power engineering. Applications can be obtained from the Faculty of Engineering and must be submitted, along with a short statement outlining candidates' interest in the Power Systems Engineering Option, by September 30. The Faculty of Engineering will select the recipients. These awards are made possible by a generous gift from Hydro One Inc.

Value: 5 at \$2,000
Effective: 2006-2007 to 2009-2010 only

6. **2006 Annual Report on the Review of Graduate Programs**

The Report on the OCGS Appraisal of Graduate Programs at The University of Western Ontario during the Fourth Cycle (1996/97 - 2006/07) is attached as [Appendix 2](#).

7. **2006 Annual Report on Scholastic Offences**

Included in the regulations on Scholastic Discipline (S.03-77a) approved by Senate on April 11, 2003, is the requirement that:

“Each Faculty shall submit to the Vice-Provost & Registrar an annual summary of scholastic offences committed by students registered in the Faculty. The summary will set out the nature of the offence and the penalties, with students’ names removed. The Vice-Provost & Registrar will compile the information, by Faculty, and report annually to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards which will forward the report to Senate for information.”

The 2005-2006 Report on Scholastic Offences, covering the period from November 15, 2005, to June 30, 2006, is attached as [Appendix 3](#).

8. **Corrections to Sessional Dates** (S.06-196)

The following revisions will be made to the Sessional Dates approved at the last meeting of Senate.

For Medicine (MD Program) Sessional Dates

2008 - Year 1 Evaluation, should be May 26-30 (NOT May 26-June 30)

For Undergraduate Sessional Dates

Change December 1st (Education deadline) to read: Last day to receive admission applications, transcripts, and supporting documentation: Education for 2008 (and 2009). {If December 1st falls on a weekend or holiday, then the deadline date will be decided by the Association of Education Registrar's of Ontario}

2007: Examinations: Spring/Summer Distance Studies

Change dates to: July 30, 31, August 1, 2

2008: Examinations: Spring/Summer Distance Studies

Change dates to: July 28, 29, 30, 31