

Final Assessment Report

Submitted by SUPR-G to SCAPA (November 30, 2011)

Graduate Program:	Anatomy and Cell Biology	
Degrees Offered:	MSc, PhD	
Approved Fields:	Prior to Review: Master's Fields: Cell Biology Neurobiology Clinical Anatomy Doctoral Fields: Cell Biology Neurobiology	Recommended by Review: Master's and Doctoral Fields: Cell Biology Neurobiology Clinical Anatomy
Date of Site Visit:	May 30-31, 2011	
Evaluation:	Good Quality with report January 2013	

Summary:

The graduate program in Anatomy and Cell Biology (ACB) is currently strong. The program is attracting good quality students into all fields. A large proportion of students hold external awards. The students in the traditional research fields of Cell Biology and Neurobiology are well-supported by external research grants. Research supervisors are well-qualified and energetic. Space resources are adequate for the foreseeable future. Entry into the program is competitive. The program is committed to ensuring that students remain on track and on time. There is an excellent set of introductory courses given to all students and a highly structured approach to the supervisory and advisory committees is appreciated by the students.

The Master's Clinical Anatomy (CA) field is strong and universally appreciated. There is strong support to extend the Clinical Anatomy field to the doctoral level; however, it is essential that the program have sufficient funding and that CA faculty secure external research funding to appropriately support the doctoral students. Opportunities for the CA field to collaborate with other programs on campus focusing on educational scholarship is strongly encouraged.

Although the program has several excellent young researchers, recent retirements and resignations, particularly the resignation of the Department Chair, makes faculty recruitment essential to maintaining a vibrant graduate program.

Recommendation:	.Responsibility
Extend the Clinical Anatomy field to the Doctoral Program	Graduate Chair and faculty members
Develop faculty recruitment/hiring plan to address gaps due to retirements and resignations	Department Chair in consultation with Graduate Chair and Dean
Develop a student funding model that provides appropriate funding for students in all fields in the program	Graduate Chair and program committee, in consultation with Department Chair, Dean
Identify a program leader for the Clinical Anatomy Field to support growth, particularly of new doctoral field	Graduate Chair and program committee
Liase with other programs in the area of educational scholarship to strengthen collaborations with Clinical Anatomy field	Graduate Chair and program committee