



Senate Committee on Academic Development
Report to Senate – Meeting of February 18, 2010

Proposal to change the name of the Faculty of Applied Science to the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Introduction

A proposal to change the name of the “Faculty of Applied Science” to the “Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science” was considered by the Senate Committee on Academic Development at its meeting on February 3, 2010. K. Woodhouse, Dean, Applied Science, was present to speak to the proposal. Supporting documentation is attached to this Report.

Analysis and Discussion

Members of SCAD noted the following:

- The proposal to change the name of the “Faculty of Applied Science” to the “Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science” was approved by Faculty Board on November 18, 2009 and has extensive support from students, staff, faculty and alumni from Applied Science;
- The request for a name change stems from the need to address confusion amongst potential students who are unsure what degrees are offered in an “applied science” faculty. Many students do not equate “applied science” to “engineering”. International students in particular are unclear about what degrees Queen’s Applied Science faculty offers because in the United States applied science faculties encompass nursing, rehabilitation and applied medical sciences;
- Recruitment of the best students and maintaining optimal enrolment levels are critical to the vitality of the Faculty of Applied Science;
- Changing the name of the Faculty to include both the word “engineering” while maintaining the words “applied science” recognizes the historical roots of the Faculty and the diversity of the programming at both the undergraduate and graduate level;
- Approval of the name change will not affect degree nomenclatures.

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Conclusions/Recommendation

Recommendation:

that Senate approve the proposal to change the name of the "Faculty of Applied Science" to the "Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science" effective immediately and inform the Board of Trustees of this change.

The practical details for implementation will be coordinated by the Office of the University Registrar and the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick Deane
Chair, Senate Committee on Academic Development

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Memo

TO Patrick Deane, Chair, Senate Committee on Academic
Development
FROM Georgina Moore, Secretary of the Senate
DATE November 19, 2009
SUBJECT Proposed name change for the Faculty of Applied Science

The Faculty of Applied Science Faculty Board approved the proposed change at its November 18, 2009 Faculty Board Meeting, as follows:

“that the Faculty of Applied Science be named the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science.”

Attached is the background provided by the Faculty. Dean K. Woodhouse would be pleased to speak to the proposal. Please contact the Office of the Dean deansadmin@appsci.queensu.ca, ext 77881 to make the necessary arrangements.

Please review the proposal and report back to the Senate with your committee's recommendation.

This item will appear as a Matter Referred to Standing Committees on the January 28, 2010, Senate Agenda.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Georgina Moore
Secretary of the Senate

c.c. K. Woodhouse, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science
M. Watkin, Secretary, SCAD + copy of submission



Memo

TO Georgina Moore, Secretary of the Senate

FROM Ann Messenger, Secretary
Applied Science Faculty Board

DATE November 18, 2009

SUBJECT Naming of the Faculty of Applied Science

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At its meeting on November 18, 2009, the Applied Science Faculty Board approved the following motion:

“that the Faculty of Applied Science be named The Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science”

I would be grateful if this motion could be submitted for the consideration of the Senate and the Board of Trustees. A copy of the background material provided to Faculty Board in support of the motion is attached. Dean Kimberly Woodhouse would be pleased to speak to the motion, as required.

Ann Messenger
Secretary
Applied Science Faculty Board

Attachment: Background



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TO P. Oosthuizen, Chair, Faculty Board
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FROM K. Woodhouse, Dean, Faculty of Applied Science

DATE November 9, 2009

SUBJECT Notice of Motion for the November 18, 2009
meeting of the Applied Science Faculty Board

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Motion for
Naming of the Faculty of Applied Science at Queen's University
to be moved at
the meeting of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Applied Science
Schedule for Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Context

The name of the Faculty of Applied Science should be changed to include the word engineering for a number of reasons, principal among them that "Applied Science" is causing confusion amongst potential students who are unclear about what degrees we offer. Of the greatest concern is that students of today do not equate Applied Science with Engineering. In addition, sites for international students indicate that Applied Science is not being recognized as engineering and is being confused with Applied Science Faculties in the United States which offer nursing, rehabilitation and applied medical sciences. The addition of the word engineering to the name of the Faculty will more accurately represent the programs that are offered within the Faculty. The programs at the undergraduate level are accredited through the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board as engineering programs.

Background

The Faculty of Applied Science has undergone several name changes over the years. In 1893 The School of Mining and Agriculture was incorporated by provincial charter separate from Queen's University and in 1897 became formally affiliated with Queen's. In 1912, Queen's College became Queen's University with a Faculty of Applied Science, home to twenty-nine faculty members and two hundred and forty-six students. Amalgamation of the School with the University was accomplished in 1916. The School

of Mining became the "Queen's University Faculty of Applied Science", with Dr. Goodwin as Dean. At present the Faculty of Applied Science has approximately twenty six hundred undergraduate students and five hundred graduates within 10 programs; 6 engineering and 4 engineering science offering a number of options.

Changing the name of the Faculty to include the word engineering while maintaining the words applied science, recognizes the diversity of the programming at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Motion to Faculty Board to name the Faculty of Applied Science at Queen's University

At the November 18, 2009 meeting of the Applied Science Faculty Board I will move:

“That the name of the Faculty of Applied Science at Queen's University be changed to include the word Engineering” (Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science OR Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering)

Note: once approved at Faculty Board, the motion will then be carried forward to Senate, via SCAD.