

Final Assessment Report

Institutional Quality Assurance Program (IQAP) Review
Kinesiology Undergraduate Program

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Summary:

The Reviewers report stated that Kinesiology is a strong and vibrant undergraduate program which ranks among the best in Ontario. It was noted that the program curriculum is well-balanced and provides students with a focused, primarily health related, core curriculum which includes a number of unique opportunities for experiential and laboratory-based learning. The report noted that the newly acquired undergraduate laboratory infrastructure and equipment greatly enhance these learning opportunities. The Reviewers acknowledged that the faculty on the whole are inspired teachers who are committed to undergraduate education. Many also have strong research programs, which informs their undergraduate teaching and facilitates undergraduate research experiences.

The report highlighted the main point of stress for the program as the faculty complement for the Department of Kinesiology. The Faculty of Science noted that it is committed to working with the Department and the University to provide a stable undergraduate teaching complement for the Kinesiology program.

Overall the Department and Faculty of Science are pleased that the Honours Kinesiology program is very well-regarded both internally and externally and they are committed to ensuring that this excellence is sustained and enhanced.

Following a review of the IQAP Reviewers Report, the Chair's response and the Dean's response, the Quality Assurance Committee has no further recommendations. The program will be reviewed again following our normal quality assurance schedule.

Recommendation	Implementation Plan
Increase faculty complement	Faculty has recently approved a tenure-track replacement and continues to discuss the Contractually Limited Appointment positions
Increase student advising within the department	Administrative Assistant position was reassessed and recently approved to convert the position to Academic Program Advisor
Expand community-based learning experiences	Ad-hoc committee in Kinesiology is developing a

long-term strategy to maximize opportunities for new learning experiences afforded by the new laboratory infrastructure