

Health Studies 2017 Implementation Report

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Recommendation to be Implemented	Responsibility for Implementation	Responsibility for Resourcing	Anticipated Completion Date
Development of additional courses for on-line delivery (Reviewers' Recommendation #7).	Program Coordinator, Dean	n/a	Develop a plan by January 2016
Additional Notes: The Program Coordinator will work closely with CTIE to develop the courses.			
<p>2016 Comments</p> <p>Unit Comments: A unit decision has been made to develop an online version of HS200 (Social Determinants of Health) in addition to HS201 (Canadian Health Care Systems) which was already in progress. Development of an online version of HS303 (Environment and Health) has been deferred, and will be reconsidered in the Fall of 2016.</p> <p>Decanal Comments: It will be important that the development of the first two courses be completed this academic year as the faculty member has been working on them for well over a year. The dean will consult with the program coordinator to monitor progress. The dean expects the first two courses will be ready and available for September 2017.</p> <p>PRS Comments: It sounds like the program has made good progress toward this recommendation. Please provide an update on the status of online course developments in next year's report.</p>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Progress <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
2017 Unit Comments: HS201 is completed, and will be offered in the Fall of 2017. Development of HS200 is ongoing.			
2017 Decanal Comments: The program has demonstrated a willingness to act on this recommendation and have prioritized the development of online courses.			
2017 PRS Comments: It was clear to the committee that the intent of this recommendation had been completed and there is no need to report on it further.			

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Transform the Health Studies Program to the Health Studies Department (Reviewers' Recommendation #3).	Program Coordinator, Dean	n/a	January 2017
<p>2016 Comments</p> <p>Unit Comments: Discussion of this transition has been undertaken within the unit, and paperwork to propose the change will commence in the summer of 2016.</p> <p>Decanal Comments: The dean supports the transformation of the health studies programs to a department. The dean will work with the program coordinator to ensure the paper work is ready to go forward in November of 2016. The goal is to departmentalize by January of 2017.</p> <p>PRS Comments: Please provide the committee with an update on how the transition toward departmentalization has gone in next year's report.</p>			
<p>X Completed <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>			
<p>2017 Unit Comments: Department of Health Studies is effective July 1, 2017</p>			
<p>2017 Decanal Comments: The Program received approval from the Board of Governors to become a Department as of July 1, 2017.</p>			
<p>2017 PRS Comments: The committee congratulates Health Studies on its successful departmentalization and considers this recommendation to be completed.</p>			

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Development of courses in health promotion and health program design and evaluation (Reviewers' Recommendation #10).	Program Coordinator, Dean	n/a	n/a
<p>Additional Notes: The Health Studies Program needs to stabilize from the most recent changes to curriculum and its new partnership with Conestoga College. Once the program has done so and there is an increase in enrolment the program will engage in strategic curriculum development. The Dean will be involved with the discussions in regard to the need for new courses and the resource implications for both program and the faculty.</p>			
<p>2016 Comments</p>			

Unit Comments: No changes have been made to the programs. Any near-term changes will be aimed at offering additional areas of specialization within the programs, and will have no impact on the core curriculum.

Decanal Comments: The dean agrees that there will be a hiatus from developing new programs in the area of health studies. All focus now must shift to stabilizing the current offerings and attracting additional students. The program has seen a decline in enrolment which is concerning and may be, in part, due to the number of changes which have occurred in the programs over the last years. Continuity will allow the program to focus on recruitment and retention. Developing on-line courses will be the focus of the program this year and will be where resources are focused.

PRS Comments: In discussing this recommendation, the committee felt that consultation with the Health Sciences department and/or Community Psychology would be advisable, as there may be either new or existing course sharing opportunities in the areas of health promotion and health program design and evaluation that could be explored. Please provide an update in next year's report.

X Completed In Progress Other

2017 Unit Comments: Health promotion and Health Evaluation courses exist and are offered regularly. A course in health program design may be considered in the future, but is not a priority at this time.

2017 Decanal Comments: I concur with the Department's decision to suspend the development of new programs. I am also in favour of the decision to focus on the development of a fully online program, which is a priority for the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences and the University.

2017 PRS Comments: The committee considered this recommendation to be completed.

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The hiring of an additional scientist for the program (Reviewers' Recommendation #1).	VPA, Dean	Enrolment-dependent (FHSS)	Cannot presently be assigned a date.
Additional Notes: Additional faculty hires will be based on prioritization within Faculty by Dean.			
No further reporting required (2016).			

Decanal Comments: I am pleased with the progress made on these recommendations and find that they are satisfactorily completed.

PRS Comments: The PRS congratulates Health Studies on the successful completion of all recommendations that were prioritized for implementation out of the 2014-2015 cyclical review. No further implementation reports will be required in advance of the next cyclical review, which is scheduled for 2021-2022.

Subsequent Report Required? Yes No