

SENATE OBJECTIVES 2011-12

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Each year Senate Executive identifies for Senate’s approval annual objectives (3-5 in number) to focus the work of governing body and its committees. The annual objectives identify in broad strokes what Senate wishes to accomplish in the academic year ahead, both itself and through its committee structure. The objectives are finalized by Senate in November after review of the priorities/objectives of Senate committees.

The following context informs the proposed objectives for 2011-12:

- Senate committees are asked to identify priorities and objectives for the academic year. The development of an annual work plan for each committee is also encouraged.
- The Academic Planning process currently being undertaken by the University.
- The need to improve policy development practices and policy promulgation.

Senate Executive proposes the following objectives:

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| OBJECTIVE: ACADEMIC PLANNING | |
| 1. Play a meaningful role in the development of Trent’s Academic Plan; Approve Academic Plan. | AP&B / Senate |
| OBJECTIVE: MONITOR IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED PLAN | |
| 2. As extension of implementation of integrated plan/multi-year budget framework, review the role of Senate in the budget planning process. | Provost & VP Academic / AP&B |
| 3. Monitor follow-up on Strategic Enrolment and Retention Plan | Provost & VP Academic / AP&B |
| OBJECTIVE: IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF SENATE COMMUNICATIONS | |
| 4. Establishment of a Senate Portal | Secretary |
| OBJECTIVE: GOVERNANCE AND POLICY PROMULGATION | |
| 5. Continue to manage the transition to Trent’s new academic structure and resulting changes to Senate and the Senate committee structure (continuing). | N&G Subcommittee |
| 6. On-going review of academic governance best practices and Senate operations | N&G Subcommittee |
| 7. Promulgate Senate policies on the new university policy website (continuing). | UAPC / Secretary |



New objective



Same or similar objective was set
In 2010-11