ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation	☐
Decision	☐
Discussion/Direction	☐
Information	☒

DATE: 26 February 2019

FROM: Faculty of Science

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Progression Requirements

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC) approved the Minor Program Adjustment to the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science in accordance with its mandate under Section 3, Part B:2 of the University's Institutional Quality Assurance Process (Quality Assurance Handbook).

CPRC is providing this report to Academic Council for information.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty wishes to modify the current progression requirement process to allow progression and program re-entry assessment to occur both following the release of the Fall grades and following the release of the Spring grades. Currently, progression requirements are assessed once a year at the end of the Spring term, at the same time as the assessment of Change of Program applications from students requesting to re-enter the Forensic Science program (having previously been removed due to not meeting the aforementioned progression requirements). Due to the structure of the program, students approved to re-enter the program in June are sometimes two years behind in their FSCI courses.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources are required.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:
CPRC Approval: January 18th, 2019
Faculty Council Approval: December 4th, 2018
Faculty UCC: November 13th, 2018

NEXT STEPS:

- This change will be included in the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

- The expected date of implementation is the Fall semester of 2019. Current progression timelines will apply to all Forensic Science students registered for 2018-19. Students who do not meet the progression requirements this Spring will be removed from the Forensic Science program, and informed that they will have the option to apply for readmission on the new timelines, at the end of the Fall semester, provided they have completed any missing requirements.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal