

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 28 November 2023

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Program Name Change - Bachelor of Science in Integrative Neuroscience

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new undergraduate degree programs and major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modification to the Bachelor of Science in Integrative Neuroscience, changing the name to Neuroscience.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to:

- Change the name of the Integrative Neuroscience program to Neuroscience.

The Integrative Neuroscience BSc program has been suffering from severely low enrollment. While some students may be attracted to its unique name, it is likely that many students prefer to enroll in a program simply called Neuroscience. This is a name used by many post-secondary institutions. The current learning outcomes and course offerings of the Integrative Neuroscience BSc program are appropriate for a Neuroscience program and thus no changes are required. We will change the name of the thesis courses to reflect the new name.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

The new name will apply to students enrolling in Fall 2024.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- ✓ Faculty Council: 3 October 2023
- ✓ Curriculum Committee: 28 August 2023
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (Recommendation): 17 October 2023
- Academic Council (Approval): 28 November 2023

The program is delivered by the Faculties of Science, Health Science, and Social Science and Humanities. The program review committee which is made up of members from all of these faculties were consulted.

Admissions and Recruitment was also consulted, and they advised that the program name had impacted its profile at OUAC and caused confusion for prospective students.

NEXT STEPS:

Pending the approval of Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Major Program Modification Proposal](#)