



Eighteen Month Follow-Up Report – Bachelor of Science, Forensic Science Program Review

Faculty of Science

Program: Forensic Science

Date: September 30 2022

This program review was completed in March 2021. The chart below outlines the agreed upon plan for improvement following the review. The progress that has been made on the action items is provided in the 18-month follow-up comments column on the right.

The completed report and the status of its action items will be reviewed by the appropriate standing committee(s). Please provide as much detail and rationale as possible.

Instructions for each section are outlined in red text and an **example** can be found in purple directly below the instructions. This row can be removed once the table has been completed.

Status Legend:

Complete: *Accomplished action item; no further steps required.*

Continuous: *Initial action item complete but requires ongoing monitoring and/or enhancement.*

In Progress: *Progress on action item has been initiated but is not complete at this time. Outline all steps taken in the comment's column.*

On Hold: *Unable to complete due to other dependent factor(s).*

Cancelled: *Item no longer relevant or resources unavailable.*

<u>Action Items</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>18 Month Follow-Up Comments</u>
Planning for a faculty retirement	2021 to present	In progress	<p>Progress was delayed until retirement plans for the faculty member in question were determined. It was recently determined (September 2022) that this faculty member will retire on August 31, 2023.</p> <p>Forensic Science faculty have identified specific courses in the program for which the present faculty complement do not have adequate expertise to teach. They will develop recommendations in consultation with the Dean for Oct. 31, 2022. These recommendations will be folded into the upcoming cycle of budget planning.</p>
<p>Additional technical support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct a review of current technician workload (possibly across Faculty) [need to understand better how techs are spending time currently]	January 2022	In progress	<p>Information has been gathered regarding the roles of most technicians, however, this review has been delayed. It is hoped to be completed by January 2023. Nevertheless, base funding was secured for a net 8-month-per-year position (i.e., during the teaching portion of the academic year). The urgency of this task has therefore been reduced, although the Forensic Science faculty have indicated a full-time permanent position would be highly preferable for a number of reasons.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify and prioritize any changes of tech workload in program/Faculty	March 2022	In progress	<p>Delayed (see above); expected to be completed by March 2023</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If additional resource requests are warranted,			<p>Delayed (see above); expected to be completed by November 2023</p>

include in budget submission for 2023			
<p>Curricular changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and submit proposed curricular revisions (including potential new course proposal) 	December 2021	In progress	<p>This process has been delayed.</p> <p>A draft syllabus for a new proposed 2nd year course, "Forensic Foundations" has been drafted.</p> <p>Forensic faculty will meet in October 2022 to discuss inclusion of this course into the curriculum. The meeting will also include revisiting the number of chemistry courses and capstone courses, all in accordance with FEPAC standards.</p> <p>We do not anticipate pursuing the legal studies minor option at this time, due to the impending retirement of a key faculty member and the current lack of clarity around a replacement.</p>
Exploration of the development of a taphonomic research facility - Continue to pursue partnerships and funding model	No timeline set for complex project	In progress	<p>Ontario Tech, led by Dr. Helene LeBlanc, has developed a partnership with the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College (CMCC), with the ultimate goal of showing the value of collaborative forensic science research within the ethical framework set by the Anatomy Act. This was seen as a key step towards making the case for a taphonomic facility.</p> <p>We intend to re-engage with senior leadership at Ontario Tech this year, regarding potential partnerships, physical facilities, longterm funding, and the Anatomy Act.</p>

Additional comments: