

Presidential Task Force: Sustaining the Academic Priorities of StFX

Academic Data Overview

These data tables have been provided to assist programs in answering the questions posed under each criterion. The data tables will be used to inform qualitative comments and to demonstrate trends over time.

The quantitative data in the tables will be combined with the qualitative data and explanation supplied by departments and these combined data will be examined holistically by the Task Force

Sources:

The quantitative data have been collected from a variety of on campus sources:

- Enrolment data: MesAmis and Banner files
- Faculty complement data: the Deans' Offices.
- Research data: Finance and the Associate Vice President Research offices
- Financial: Director of Finance and AVP offices

The raw data were not originally collected for the specific use of this process. As a result, there will be individual anomalies resulting from coding inconsistencies in the Banner system or from the complexities of specific degree options. Task Force staff members and the Task Force data working group have been addressing these anomalies but some may continue to exist. Interdisciplinary programs, for example, have been meeting with the Task Force staff to address particular complexities associated with their programs, and they will continue to consult with Task Force staff throughout the data reporting phase to ensure the quantitative data represents their work.

Programs are invited to identify and comment on specific anomalies or discrepancies within the reports. If Departments request staff to investigate significant anomalies or discrepancies, they must **contact the Task Force office by April 4th**.

Data time frame:

We have attempted to provide 5 years of data whenever possible. In the interest of transparency, where the data was readily accessible, we provided more years.

In the case of Departmental staffing calculations, it was not feasible to analyze data for more than the past three years. Thus, all of the related tables that are derived from the original FTE data could only be calculated for three years. In cases such as this, Departments are encouraged to explain any changes to FTE that were previous to this time period.

It is anticipated that one outcome of this process will be the development of a more systematic approach to annual data reporting that will assist StFX in engaging in integrated planning.