

**Update on the Report of Presidential Task Force:
Sustaining the Academic Priorities of StFX 2013-2018**

Academic Programs

		April 1, 2015				November 20, 2015				June 30, 2016							
Program	Category	Progress	deferred	under review	significant progress	complete / operationalized	deferred	under review	significant progress	complete / operationalized	deferred	under review	significant progress	complete / operationalized			
Advanced Majors -- Bachelor of Arts	Anthropology	Revise	• Dean of Arts referred to Chairs and Coordinators.	1				1			• All departments in Faculty of Arts have reviewed and made decisions about Advanced Majors for their departments. • Senate has approved the elimination of the Advanced Major in RELS, SOCI, and CELT. Other departments will continue to offer the option. WMGS is pursuing the development of an honours program and will re-assess the Advanced Major once the honours has been implemented. PSYC may pursue the elimination of the Advanced Major, but will need to consider the implications for both BA and BSc students.				1		
	Celtic Studies			1				1								1	
	Development Studies			1				1									1
	Economics			1				1									1
	English			1				1									1
	History			1				1									1
	Philosophy			1				1									1
	Political Sciences			1				1									1
	Psychology			1				1									1
	Religious Studies			1				1									1
	Sociology			1				1									1
Women's & Gender St.	1				1								1				
Art	Minor Art History Minor Studio Art	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.	1				1			• Initial discussions have taken place on opportunities for co-operation with U4 partners.	1					
Aquatic Resources	General courses Majors	Priority to Enhance	• Deferred until next phase.	1				1				• Deferred until next phase.	1				
Biology	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Deferred until next phase.	1					1		• The PTF report recommended a priority upgrade to lab equipment, which was implemented with an investment in new microscopes.						
Canadian Studies	Minor	Unsustainable	• Deferred until next phase.	1					1		• Elimination of the Canadian Studies Minor was approved by Senate.						
Catholic Studies	General courses Majors	Unsustainable	• Deferred until next phase.	1					1		• The 100-level course has been split into two 3-credit courses, to improve flexibility for students and potentially grow enrolment.	1					
Celtic Studies	Honours	Revise	• Discussions between Dean and department since March/15. • Includes discussion regarding the restructuring or deletion of the Masters.	1					1		• Senate has approved a number of new courses and course changes as part of a general program renewal. • The department is continuing to work on renewal of the Masters program, including looking at alternative program structures and program delivery models.		1				
	Majors			1					1				1				
	Masters	Unsustainable	1						1				1				
Chemistry	Masters	Unsustainable	• Deferred until next phase. • To be reviewed as part of a larger review of the role of Graduate Studies.	1					1		• To be reviewed as part of a larger review of the role of Graduate Studies.	1					
Classical Studies	General Courses	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.	1					1		• Elimination of the Classical Studies Minor was approved by Senate.						
	Minor	Unsustainable		1					1								
Coady International Institute	International Centre for Women's Leadership	Priority to Enhance	• Initial steps to explore potential collaboration with Women's and Gender Studies. • Initial steps to explore StFX accreditation for Coady's Diploma, Certificate and specialty Women's Leadership offerings. • 4 StFX graduating students awarded year-long fellowships through new Ocean Path Fellowship program.	1					1		• The new StFX Strategic Plan includes a number of specific objectives to support the closer integration of Coady International Institute with the broader university. • The Centre for Women's Leadership continues to financially contribute to the Feminist Research Hive Lecture Series. • The 2016 Indigenous Women for Community Leadership program has two StFX student participants. • The Women's Centre has hired two StFX students as summer research and program assistants. • Planning is underway for closer collaboration on indigenous programming building on Coady's leadership with the IWCL program. • The students' union and student leaders from School of Business are collaborating with Coady on a women's leadership forum for 2016-17. • The 2016-17 OceanPath Fellowship program includes four STFX graduates.				1		
	Off Campus Capacity Building and Innovation			1					1				1				
	On Campus Development Leadership			1						1				1			
Computer Science	Advanced Major	Revise	• Programs under active review since Feb/15. Discussions between the department and the Dean are ongoing with a focus on financial sustainability.	1					1		• Department is leading a number of initiatives to increase undergraduate enrolment, particularly among Arts students. • Initiatives include developing separate concentrations in computing, analytics and pre-education. • New courses with broad general interest are also under development. • Other degree structure changes are being considered, including a BA/BSc minor in Computer Science. • Senate has approved some of the changes and will be reviewing others in early 2016 • Department is also actively exploring the feasibility of developing a 2+2 articulation agreement with NSCC.				1		
	General courses			1					1				1				
	Honours			1					1				1				
	Majors			1					1				1				
Continuing & Distance Education	Certificate in Spirituality	Revise	• Program cancelled by department.								• Complete at previous update.						
	Diploma in Ministry	Revise	• Departmental decision to phase out the program over the next 18 months and to replace with a non-credit, cohort-based certificate.								• Complete at previous update.						
Coop -- All programs	Coop: Biology	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.	1					1		• The co-op programs in academic departments will be examined as one element of the overall review of co-operative education that is now underway.				1		
	Coop: Business			1					1				1				
	Coop: Computer Science			1					1				1				
	Coop: Human Nutrition			1					1				1				
	Coop: Math and Statistics			1					1				1				
Development Studies	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Programs under active consideration for proposed enhancements through potential external funding sources.	1					1		• Application for a Canada Research Chair in DEVS was approved. • MPHEC approved the Honours in DEVS. • A new 1st year 3 credit course was approved by Senate. • DEVS courses are designated courses for new PGOV program.				1		
	Honours			1					1				1				
	Majors			1					1				1				
Diploma in Adult Education	Diploma in Adult Education	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.	1				1		• Senate is reviewing the CAR recommendations for the Department of Adult Education related to oversight of the Diploma in Adult Education.				1			
Economics	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Programs under active consideration for proposed enhancements through potential external funding sources.	1					1		• A tenure track position was added to the department. • Economics will play a significant role in the PGOV program, currently under development.				1		
	Honours			1					1				1				
	Majors			1					1				1				
English	General courses	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.	1					1		• Senate approved course changes, including 3-credit courses at the 100-level • 3-credits of English is now a required in the Nursing program.				1		
	Honours			1					1				1				
	Majors			1					1				1				

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Extension	Business & Economic Development	Unsustainable	• Securing external funding for an Innovation and Incubation Centre at StFX which will support community, business and institutional partnerships across Atlantic Canada that foster social enterprise, encourage applied research and develop leadership capacity, as well as enrich and link to StFX teaching and learning. •Expect that strategic plan will provide direction for future organizational alignment with university and its many community outreach initiatives.	1					• Extension has secured three years of funding from the provincial government to support the initial work of developing of an Innovation and Incubation Centre at STFX. This funding is being leveraged to support a major funding proposal for Social Enterprise (SE), which is currently under development. Consultation is underway to explore how the proposed SE project can support Extension's close connection with the teaching, research and outreach missions of the university. Extension will be consulting broadly with faculty, staff and members of the community to identify potential areas for collaboration and partnership.	1					•Fieldwork activities have stable demand and continue to be financially sustainable. • Fieldwork partnered with several areas of the university to facilitating strategic planning. •Extension has increased its involvement with StFX students including facilitating the Wallace Family Internships; partnering with School of Business to offer "Start up" weekends; and serving as a community partner to service learning students. •A proposal to expand the Centre (regionally in Social Enterprise) has been developed. •Consultation continues with faculty, staff and administration to explore how to support and expand Extension's connection to the teaching and research mission of StFX.	1							
	Field Work	Unsustainable		1																			
History	Honours	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.	1					•The department is leading curriculum revisions, including creating 3-credit options and giving students more choices in terms of content. •The courses have been approved by Committee on Studies and are awaiting Senate approval.	1				•Senate approved course and program changes, including changes to the Canadian History requirements.	1								
	Majors			1																			
Humanities Colloquium	Humanities Colloquium	Priority to Enhance	•Deferred until next phase.	1					•Deferred until next phase.	1				•Deferred until next phase.	1								
Human Kinetics	Advanced Major	Unsustainable	• Deferred until next phase.	1					•Physical space needs are under review	1				•The department has reviewed the role of the Advanced Major and opted to maintain it. •The PTF recommendations related to space for HKIN programs have been addressed through major renovations to the West Street building, which commenced in Spring 2016 and are currently underway. The renovations include upgrades to labs that will allow increased enrolment in lab sections. •The space situation in HK will continue to be monitored, in particular to assess the impact on space of the proposed Health Studies program.	1								
	Honours	Priority to Enhance		1						1													
	Major (General Degree)			1							1												
Information Systems	Co-op General courses Honours Majors	Unsustainable	• Senate approved deletion of degree programs and department in February/15. In-program students to complete in 2017-18.						• Complete at last update					• Complete at last update									
Modern Languages	French- Adv Major	Unsustainable	• Programs under active review since March/15. Discussions between the department and the Dean are ongoing with a focus on financial sustainability. •The Department is leading a significant curriculum review/ revision especially in French courses, including developing new courses and reworking the curriculum in some existing courses. • The Department is also working at developing partnerships with other programs. The partnership between German and Business has grown significantly, with a successful speaker event (Mercedes CEO) as well as a business-focused student trip to Germany scheduled for the spring. •Opportunities for joint French programming with Education are also being explored. •New Spanish courses are in development and being considered for possible cross-listing. • Consultation with students is ongoing, and the French student society has been revitalized.	1					•Enrolment and retention targets have been established with the goal of demonstrating significant improvement by 2017. The Department is being supported by Recruitment, Admissions, and Communications in the recruitment effort. There has also been a modest investment in talent-based scholarships and support for recruitment trips. •The department is also undertaking significant curriculum review including proposals to replace the Level 2 exam with regular juried exams, developing new courses for non-music majors, streamlining degree options, and promoting careers outside of music. •The introduction of an applied music fee is being reviewed by the Budget Committee as a way to offset the high cost of one-to-one instruction.	1				•Senate approved extensive revision of courses, including a shift from 6 to 3 credit courses. The department is also actively working on developing new courses. •Language instruction courses have been aligned with European standards. •The department is pursuing closer alignment with other departments, including Education and Development Studies. •Senate approved a motion that recommends students enrolled in the PGOV program take French language courses. •The Spanish major has been reviewed and a decision made to maintain the program. •A long-term LTA position in Spanish was converted to tenure track.	1								
	French-Honours	Revise		1																			
	Mi'kmaq -General courses	Unsustainable		1																			
	Spanish-Major			1																			
Music	BA Honours	Revise	• Programs are under active review since February/15. Discussions between the department and the Dean are ongoing with a focus on financial sustainability.											•The Department has led recruitment initiatives, including recruitment visits to regional high schools and updating website content. •Senate has approved new courses, some specifically targeting non-majors. •The level 2 exam has been replaced with regular juried exams. •Articulation agreements with NSCC and Holland College have been signed. •Monitoring of course enrolments, admission, and retention continue.									
	BMusic Honours			1																			
	General courses			1																			
	Diploma in Jazz			1																			
	BA Adv major	1																					
BA Major	Unsustainable	1																					
Nursing	Advanced Major	Revise	• Programs under active reviewing follow-up to province-wide Nursing curriculum and funding review. • New Interim Director in place.	1					•After extensive consultation to develop a new province-wide curriculum, the new curriculum was approved by Senate in November. •Three tenure track positions have been filled with people with PhDs or close to completed Ph.D. •Space upgrades are underway, including installation of a SIM lab and upgrades to the former chapel classroom.	1				•See Honours and Majors, below •Program continues to have stable enrolment. •Program continues to have stable enrolment. •New curriculum has been approved by MPHEC and accredited, and will be phased in beginning in September 2016. •Space upgrades continue with a completion date of August 2016. •The organizational structure is under review and a new structure is anticipated to be in place late summer 2016.	1								
	Certificate in Continuing Care			1																			
	Certificate in Gerontological Nursing			1																			
	Honours			1																			
	Major (General Degree)			1																			
	Post Degree			Revise	1							•Continuing to explore degree revitalization	1					•The old "post-degree" program has been phased out and replaced with a new accelerated degree option.	1				
	Post RN BSc	Unsustainable		1																			
Physics	General courses	Revise	• Under active review since February/15. Preliminary discussions underway between Dean and department.	1					• Department exploring initiatives including a concurrent bachelors in physics and engineering, courses for non-science students, and pre-education options in physics. •Department also re-establishing contacts in the local school communities.	1				•The promotion of a joint Diploma in Engineering and BSc in Physics has been identified by APP as a key initiative among 2016 programming priorities. •Ongoing monitoring of initiatives to encourage majors and enrolments by non-majors.	1								
	Majors			1																			
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