

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

Academic Programs

		April 1, 2015				November 20, 2015						
Program	Category	Progress	under review	significant progress	complete	deferred	Progress	under review	significant progress	complete	deferred	
Advanced Majors -- Bachelor of Arts	Anthropology	Revise	• Dean of Arts referred to Chairs and Coordinators.	1				• The Dean of Arts has asked Chairs and Coordinators to consult with departments to determine the value of the Advanced Major for their department. •Feedback is being reviewed to determine next steps.	1			
	Celtic Studies			1					1			
	Development Studies			1					1			
	Economics			1					1			
	English			1					1			
	History			1					1			
	Philosophy			1					1			
	Political Sciences			1					1			
	Psychology			1					1			
	Religious Studies			1					1			
	Sociology			1					1			
Women's & Gender St.	1				1							
Art	Minor Art History	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.				1	• Deferred until next phase.				1
	Minor Studio Art						1				1	
Aquatic Resources	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Deferred until next phase.				1	• Deferred until next phase.				1
	Majors						1				1	
Biology	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Deferred until next phase.				1	• Under review for updates to lab equipment.	1			
Canadian Studies	Minor	Unsustainable	• Deferred until next phase.				1	•Program supports recommendations of Task Force to eliminate the Minor in Canadian Studies. Process to move the recommendation to Senate is underway.		1		
Catholic Studies	General courses	Unsustainable	• Deferred until next phase.				1	• Deferred until next phase.				1
	Majors						1				1	
Celtic Studies	Honours	Revise	• Discussions between Dean and department since March/15. • Includes discussion regarding the restructuring or deletion of the Masters.				1	•Department is leading preliminary steps into curriculum review, including examining alternative delivery methods to reach a larger number of students including Masters. •Department plans to begin MPHEC approval process for the Masters in Summer 2016.	1			
	Majors						1				1	
	Masters	Unsustainable					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	• Deferred until next phase. •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	•Initial meeting between Dean and Program Coordinator to begin review and to consider options for the future.	1			
	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				•Consultation is ongoing to explore partnership opportunities between the Coady and the Mulroney Institute for Government. •Preliminary discussions have been held between the AVP, the Deans of Arts and Science and the Coady to explore areas of collaboration including certificate programs for undergraduate students. •Numerous collaborations around women's leadership are ongoing, for example, participation in the Feminist Research Hive. •The second round of the Ocean Path Fellowship Program is now open to applications from graduating StFX students.	1			
	Off Campus Capacity Building and Innovation			1						1		
	On Campus Development Leadership			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				• 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		
	Honours			1							1	
	Majors			1							1	
Continuing & Distance Education	Certificate in Spirituality	Revise	• Program cancelled by department.				1	•Complete at previous update.				1
	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.				1	•Complete at previous update.				1
Coop -- All programs	Coop: Biology	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.				1	• Deferred until next phase.				1
	Coop: Business						1				1	
	Coop: Computer Science								1			1
	Coop: Human Nutrition								1			1
	Coop: Math and Statistics								1			1
Development Studies	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Programs under active consideration for proposed enhancements through potential external funding sources.	1				• An application for a Canada Research Chair has been submitted • An application has been made to the MPHEC for approval of the Honours program. •Plans for enhancement are also being considered through affiliation with the Mulroney Institute for Government.	1			
	Honours			1						1		
	Majors			1							1	
Diploma in Adult Education	Diploma in Adult Education	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.				1	• Deferred until next phase.				1
Economics	General courses	Priority to Enhance	• Programs under active consideration for proposed enhancements through potential external funding sources.	1				•Programs continue to be under active consideration for enhancements, likely through funding associated with the Mulroney Institute for Government.	1			
	Honours			1						1		
	Majors			1							1	
English	General courses	Revise	• Deferred until next phase.				1	•The department is leading curriculum review, including developing new courses. •This includes a new course for Nursing students that has been approved by Senate.	1			
	Honours									1		
	Majors										1	

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Extension Department	Leadership Programs	Revise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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			
	Self Employment Benefits			1					1			
History	Honours	Revise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred until next phase. 				1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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			
	Majors						1		1			
Humanities Colloquium	Humanities Colloquium	Priority to Enhance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred until next phase. 				1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred until next phase. 				1
Human Kinetics	Advanced Major	Unsustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred until next phase. 				1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical space needs are under review 	1			
	Honours Major (General Degree)	Priority to Enhance					1		1			
Information Systems	Co-op	Unsustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate approved deletion of degree programs and department in February/15. In-program students to complete in 2017-18. 			1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at last update 				1
	General courses					1			1			
	Honours Majors					1			1			
Modern Languages	French- Adv Major	Unsustainable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs under active review since March/15. Discussions between the department and the Dean are ongoing with a focus on financial sustainability. 	1				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	French--Honours	Revise		1					1			
	Mi'kmaq -General courses	Unsustainable		1						1		
	Spanish-Major			1					1			
Music	BA Honours	Revise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs are under active review since February/15. Discussions between the department and the Dean are ongoing with a focus on financial sustainability. 			1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	BMusic Honours					1				1		
	General courses					1				1		
	Diploma in Jazz	Unsustainable				1				1		
	BA Adv major					1				1		
	BA Major					1				1		
Nursing	Advanced Major Certificate in Continuing Care	Revise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programs under active reviewing follow-up to province-wide Nursing curriculum and funding review. • New Interim Director in place. 	1				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
	Certificate in Gerontological Nursing			1					1			
	Honours Major (General Degree)			1					1			
	Post Degree			Revise	1					1		
	Post RN BScN	Unsustainable		1					1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to explore degree revitalization 		
	Physics	General courses		Revise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under active review since February/15. Preliminary discussions underway between Dean and department. 	1					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Majors	1						1					
totals				41	6	6	28		38	22	7	14