

## Academic Quality Assurance Committee

**Adopted:** April 7, 2015

**Expires:** April 7, 2018

Motion from the 10th ULSU General Assembly meeting of 2014-2015:

MOTION [20900GA]	<u>MSC: C. Hollingsworth/A. Andreachuk</u> BIMT the General Assembly approve Policy Statement XI - Academic Quality Policy. Carried
------------------	-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

### Background

The University of Lethbridge has previously fallen behind on ensuring that its Academic Quality Assurance Committee reviews happen in a timely manner as required by the academic calendar. This policy is designed to assist the VP Academic in holding AQAC accountable to its own regulations.

WHEREAS the University of Lethbridge has set a Strategic Direction to Promote Access to Quality, Affordable, Post-Secondary Education.

WHEREAS the University of Lethbridge maintains a policy to "ensure continuous improvement in all academic programs and units, and in research Centres and Institutes, through a process of internal reflection and constructive, formative criticism by qualified external reviewers."<sup>1</sup>

WHEREAS the University of Lethbridge Students' Union desires to provide students with the best possible academic experience by lobbying the Academic Quality Assurance Committee (AQAC) to uphold their commitments for constructive departmental reviews.

WHEREAS the Chair of AQAC is responsible to ensure that Quality Review timelines are upheld

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The University of Lethbridge Students' Union advocate for a policy where:

1. the Students' Union Vice President Academic will hold the chair of AQAC accountable to the timelines set forth to him by the academic calendar and the committee while on AQAC
2. The Students' Union Vice President Academic will hold the chair of AQAC accountable to: "ensure academic quality assurance reviews are completed within the recommended time limits (6 months for Self Study Reports and 12 months for the entire review process)."<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Academic Quality Assurance Policy and Process, University of Lethbridge, 2012, pg.1.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., pg 3.

3. The Students' Union Vice President Academic will hold the chair of AQAC to “ensur[ing] that reports on the status of implementation of the review recommendations and action plans are being submitted one year and three years after review completion.”<sup>3</sup>

---

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., pg 5.