

To: University Senate Steering Committee

From: Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Chair  
Senate Budget Review Committee (SBRC)

Re: Annual Report 2004-2005

Date: 17 May 2005

Senate Budget Review Committee 2004-2005:

Thomas Lemarbe, Emmett Lombard, Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Austin Murphy, Margaret Piggott, Rahki Roy, Richard Rozek, Douglas Wendell (sabbatical Fall 2004).

In the academic year 2004-2005, the Senate Budget Review Committee submitted recommendations for two proposed programs: Bachelor of Science Program in Informational Technology and Master of Science in Safety Management. In the fall term, the SBRC met on two occasions (9-24, 10-8) to discuss the proposed budget in the B.S. in Informational Technology. The concerns raised by the SBRC regarding the proposed budget as well as the impact the new major would have on existing programs were addressed at the next meeting, when Dr. Ishwar Sethi, Chair of Computer Science and Engineering joined the group and made a presentation on the new program. The committee made several recommendations to Dr. Sethi in regard to the budget, which resulted in a revised proposal (10-28-04). The SBRC voted to endorse the revised proposal (memo from SBRC to Steering Committee dated 22 November 2004).

The other program reviewed by the SBRC concerned a proposed Master of Science degree in Safety Management. The committee met to discuss the program on 10 February 2005 and continued conversation on the points raised via email. The SBRC submitted a memo to the Steering Committee on 28 February indicating that the proposed program in Safety Management was viewed favorably as a particularly strong program which *could* be implemented with a low-risk budget (operating with part-time faculty). The committee felt strongly, however, that the program should be supported with a higher quality version (with additional full time faculty).