



Dean's/Principal's Follow-Up Report (FUR) for Cyclical Program Review
For submission to the Joint Sub Committee on Quality Assurance

Submit report to yugap@yorku.ca by: October 31, 2023

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| Program | Science and Technology Studies (now Science, Technology and Society) |
| Program options (example, BA, MA, PhD) | BA, BSc, Honours minor |
| Faculty and Home Academic Unit | Faculty of Science |
| Year of Previous Cyclical Review and Date of Final Assessment Report (FAR) | Site Visit: October 24-25, 2017 FAR Date: March 2022 Follow-up Report Due Date: October 2023 |
| Launch of next Cyclical Program Review | Fall Launch: 2024 Site Visit: Fall of 2025 or Winter of 2026 |

This Follow-Up Report is the culminating step in the Cyclical Program Review process and is to be completed by the Dean/Principal. The Follow-up Report is reviewed by the Joint Subcommittee on Quality Assurance before being transmitted to the parent committees, ASCP and APPRC, as well as the relevant Faculty Councils.

- 1. Please provide an update in the chart below on the recommendations in the Implementation Plan outlined in the Final Assessment Report. Comments should be a brief summary of the progress made or challenges encountered.**

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The chart below lays out the implementation plan approved by the Joint Subcommittee at its meeting March 2022

| Recommendation | Action | Responsible for Follow-up | Timeline | Outcomes and Observations (comment on challenges or success) |
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| No Recommendations in FAR | Review of undergraduate program | Members of the undergraduate program; OIPA, Office of the Vice-Provost Academic | Academic Year 2017-2021 | Curriculum and program renewal discussions for Science and Technology Studies have been supported by the Office of the Vice-Provost Academic, the Dean's Office in the Faculty of Science, research offered by the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis, and thoughtful discussions by faculty dedicated to the program. The major has undergone significant restructuring, redesign and curriculum renewal. This led to a major modification that has resulted in a renewed program including updated program learning outcomes. The program has also been renamed Science, Technology and Society to more appropriately reflect the objectives of the program. A proposal is under development to also rename the department. In addition, a minor option has been established, with specific disciplinary themes identified including: Life Sciences and Society, Technology, Innovation and Society, and Earth, Sustainability and Society. The minor and major options are open to students from all Faculties. |

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| No Recommendations in FAR | Major Modifications proposal finalized and approved by Senate | Dean, Faculty of Science, members of the undergraduate program | Academic Year 2020-2021; proposal for changes effective Fall 2022 approved by Senate | <p>At the January 2022 meeting of the York University Senate, the above modifications were approved for implementation in Fall of 2022. See January 27, 2022 Agenda Package, pg. 102.</p> <p>Given the fact there was no time to recruit new first-year STS students into the program by Sept 2022, the Dean's office proposed a soft launch of the program take place in 2022 and that the official re-launch of the program start in Sept 2023</p> |
| No Recommendations in FAR | Postponement of Cyclical Program Review | Vice-Provost, (Academic), Dean's Office, STS Chair | May 2022 | In May 2022, Lyndon Martin, Vice-Provost (Academic) sent the STS Chair (Vera Pavri) an email which approved delaying the cyclical program review by one year (see Appendix A). The launch will now take place in Fall 2025 with a site visit to be scheduled in Fall 2026 or Winter 2027. |
| No Recommendations in FAR | Department Name Change | Senate | June 2022 | In June 2022, Senate officially approved changing the name of the <i>Science and Technology Studies Department</i> to the <i>Department of Science, Technology and Society</i> . |
| No Recommendations in FAR | Official Launch of New STS Undergraduate Program | STS Department | September 2023 | <p>In September 2023, STS started admitting first year students into the new program.</p> <p>As of now (Oct 2023), we have 22 students registered as STSO majors.</p> <p>There are 11 students registered as 1st year students, and 11 students who have transferred into STSO as either second, third or fourth year students.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>3 students are still registered under the old STS program (2 majors/1 minor).</p> <p>Of these 22 students, 10 are currently enrolled in STS courses, and there are 5 first-year students who are not active at this time, due to either VISA issues, deferred admittance, or other requirements.</p> |
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2. Please describe in the chart below any additional initiatives designed to enhance program quality undertaken since the Cyclical Program Review was completed. Please also describe any quality enhancement initiatives planned to take place between now and the next review.

The next cyclical program review will launch in Fall 2025 (see Appendix A)

3. Please comment on the alignment between the initiatives above and the University Academic Plan.

Please see the Major Modification proposal, Appendix E, January 27, 2022 Senate Agenda Package, pg. 102.



Signature of the Dean(s)/Principal:

Date: October 20, 2023