



Senate Committee on University Planning

Academic Review Summary: Department of Economics

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Informal Response to Planning	February 6, 2023
Formal Response	February 6, 2023
Implementation Update	Fall 2024
Midterm Review	Winter 2027

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Note: The following recommendations are taken mostly verbatim from the external review. For context they should be read in conjunction with the department's formal response.

Recommendations of the Academic Program Review

1. Increase the Department's Teaching Assistant budget by \$7,500 effective 2023-24
Note: Efforts have been made to increase TA financial support for departments with this specific need, upon request.
2. The Department of Economics should NOT commit to supporting new interdisciplinary programs without a commensurate increase in its human resources, and Mt Allison should NOT create new interdisciplinary programs without fully calculating the resource costs
Note: We will continue to create interdisciplinary programs and add in a step whereby financial ramifications are calculated.
3. Add a sixth full-time Economics position by 2025-26.
4. Consider introducing a course called Math for Economics at the 2000-level.
5. MTA should have kept the Economics Department on the second floor
Note: Avar-Dixon has limited space and is used by many departments and programs. This recommendation has been noted.

6. The Department of Economics should consider developing some general and suggestive guidelines for research outcomes that are expected for the granting of tenure.

Note: Tenure and Promotion process is outlined in the collective agreement. Departments wishing to change guidelines should speak to the Union.