



Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board
Bureau canadien d'agrément en foresterie

Meetings

Teleconference January 26, 2009

Of primary importance on the teleconference was consideration of major changes to the forestry program structure at the University of New Brunswick, including the introduction of a new degree program, Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Natural Resources (BScENR), and related changes to the accredited Forest Ecosystem Management (FEM) and Forest Engineering (RPF option) (FE) programs as well as curriculum changes in the BScF program as it moved from a five-year duration to four. It being unclear from information then on hand just what the overall effect of these moves had been on the two accredited programs, the Board requested from the school a course-by-course comparison of the new FEM and FE curricula against those in place at the time of the 2005 accreditation reviews. [March, 2009]

Meeting September 3, 2009

At its September meeting in Saskatoon, the Board considered the review reports provided by the assessment teams, as well as supplementary information from team participants, on the reviews of the Laval and UNBC programs. The Board determined that the two Laval University programs (the Forest Management and Environment Program and the Forest Operations Program) and the UNBC major (Forest Ecology and Management Major, Ecosystem Science and Management Program) meet the requirements for accreditation and that accreditation of the programs "shall be granted for a period of six years", the maximum allowed by the CFAB Policy Statement. It is the first accreditation of the Forest Operations Program at Laval. The UNBC program was the first to be reviewed using the new, competency-based academic standards of the CFAB (November 24, 2008). [October, 2009]