

Memo



TO Georgina Moore, Secretary of the Senate

FROM Ann Messenger, Secretary
Applied Science Faculty Board

DATE September 17, 2009

SUBJECT Naming of the Department of Mining Engineering

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At its meeting on September 16, 2009, the Applied Science Faculty Board unanimously approved the following motion:

“that the Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining Engineering at Queen’s University be changed to the Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining at Queen’s University”.

I would be grateful if the motion could be submitted for the consideration of the Senate. A copy of the report provided to the Faculty Board in support of the motion is attached for information. Dean Kimberly Woodhouse and/or Dr. Laeeque Daneshmend, Head of the Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining Engineering, would be pleased to speak to the motion, as required.

Ann Messenger
Secretary
Applied Science Faculty Board

Attachment:

Report to Faculty Board

Motion to change the name of the Department of Mining Engineering

September 16, 2009

Background

At the September 17, 2008 meeting of the Applied Science Faculty Board, a motion was approved to name the Department of Mining Engineering in honour of Mr. Robert M. Buchan. Subsequent to that meeting, the motion was approved by both Senate and the Board of Trustees.

In a recent communication with the benefactor, he expressed a wish to have the new name of the department reflect the historical roots of mining at Queen's University, as well as the breadth of scope that is necessary for successful mining professionals.

With respect to historical roots, it should be noted that the initial name of the academic unit, established in 1893, was the "School of Mining". The unit continued under this name for a quarter century. This appellation conveyed the breadth of disciplines that went into fostering mining professionals.

At a Departmental meeting on August 18, 2009, there was unanimous approval for the change in the name of the department to the "Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining".

Motion to Faculty Board

*that the Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining Engineering at Queen's University be changed to the **Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining** at Queen's University.*

Note: This name change does not impact in any way the designation of the program delivered by the department, or the degrees granted by the department. Both the program name and the degree designation will continue to be "Mining Engineering".