

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY MEMORANDUM
FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

TO: Georgina Moore, Secretary to the Senate
FROM: Stephen Elliott, Associate Dean, Faculty of Education
DATE: 14 November 2008

SUBJECT: Report to the Senate on the fall 2008 Education Orientation

The fall 2008 Education Orientation for final year concurrent B.Ed. students and consecutive B.Ed/DipEd students was organized with the SOARB guidelines in mind. As in previous years, it has been our custom to monitor the activities "in house", given the relative maturity of fifth year and post-degree students.

This year's orientation committee was made up of former Concurrent Education Students' Association (CESA) students together with general supervision from Associate Dean Stephen Elliott, with assistance from Elspeth Morgan of Education Career Services, Faculty of Education.

Orientation packages were mailed out in the summer, including a list of planned events (a barbecue, a cruise, a wine and cheese evening and an evening gathering at a local establishment), cost breakdowns and registration information. In addition, staff and faculty presented a welcoming assembly and workshops, including a workshop for mature students, and a workshop for students who are new to Kingston and/or new to Queen's, and a workshop on teaching internationally. Another presentation was given by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association.

There was a mandatory program throughout the week for both primary/junior and intermediate/secondary streams establishing details for location and program orientation activities.

All events were successful, and no problems have been reported to date.



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Ms. Georgina Moore
Secretary of the Senate
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Dear Ms. Moore:

RE: Report to Senate on 2008 Faculty of Law Orientation

The 2008 Faculty of Law Orientation was without incident and very successful. Orientation Committee Chair Meredith Rady worked closely with myself, Assistant Dean of Students Jane Emrich and Helen Connop, Manager, Education and Equity Services.

Ms. Rady and her executive selected QC leaders who represented the diversity of the law school. I participated in a training session conducted by student members of the Orientation Committee and Ms Connop that included discussion of equity issues, emergency measures, consumption of alcohol by student leaders, the level of interaction expected and prohibited with the incoming class, and the roles and responsibilities of QC leaders in general. In particular, I introduced the Faculty's new Social Events and Alcohol Policy to the QC leaders. The Orientation Committee sought advice and was responsive to suggestions made by myself, Ms. Emrich and Ms. Connop.

In terms of activities, the Orientation Committee organized two barbecues, including a family barbecue that was attended by students and their families. Other activities included a boat cruise, a pancake breakfast, an evening on Wolfe Island, and an Orientation Gala at the Hellenic Banquet Hall. Faculty, staff and upper year students were invited to and attended several of the events. In a continuation of past efforts, transfer, exchange and graduate students were formally and successfully included in activities. From the feedback Ms. Rady has received, the Class of 2011 appears to have enjoyed the orientation activities, which helped to integrate this class into our culture of community and collegiality.

The students and the administration at the Faculty of Law remain committed to ensuring an enjoyable, yet safe and appropriate Orientation for its students.

Yours truly,

Stan Corbett
Associate Dean (Academic)
Chair, Orientation Committee

**School of Graduate Studies and Research
Orientation Report to Senate
November 27, 2008**

This year marked a very active and involved suite of orientation activities in support of graduate students at Queen's:

- Associate Deans Brenda Brouwer and David Rappaport conducted a session about academic culture as part of the QUIC International Graduate Student Orientation Day.
- The School of Graduate Studies and Research partnered with the Society of Graduate and Professional Students and Student Affairs to mount a Welcome Orientation event on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 for all incoming graduate students. The event was held at the Biosciences Atrium with invitations sent to the more than 1,000 incoming graduate students. This event was the result of evaluative efforts indicating that graduate students have a low level of awareness about academic and non-academic support services and have feelings of isolation. In addition to offering the social opportunity of a free barbeque, the event featured information booths from various on-campus support services as well as the City of Kingston and the Ontario Early Years Centre. Staff and faculty from various graduate departments, as well as Principal Williams, AVP/Dean Jason Laker and AVP/Dean Janice Deakin met informally with new graduate students during the event. We were overwhelmed with the attendance – more than 800 students participated over the event's three-hour time period. As a result, the SGSR is now considering holding this event every year.
- Incoming students in the School of Urban and Regional Planning participated in a variety of events organized through the School and its Student Orientation Committee. These events included an evening gathering at the home of a faculty member, an introduction to faculty and staff, campus and city tours, as well as social events such as a bocce ball tournament, barbeque, green scheme event and city scavenger hunt.
- Incoming students in the School of Policy Studies participated in a variety of introductory sessions including: an Introduction to Concentrations and Fall Optional Courses with their coordinators and instructors; Writing for Policy Decisions; an Introduction to Queen's Information Resources; The Group Experience – Knowing Your Strengths (Myers Briggs) and; Working Together in Groups. These sessions were held in addition to several social activities including a pizza night.

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UNDERGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Peggy Watkin, Associate Secretary of the Senate
From: Dr. Anthony Sanfilippo, Associate Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education
Date: October 14, 2008
Re: ORIENTATION REPORT 2008 – School of Medicine

Orientation Week for the Class of Meds 2012 was jointly planned by Faculty and students to be both memorable and enjoyable, its main goal being the introduction of the students to the medical profession, to each other, to the campus, and to the city of Kingston.

The class had a busy Orientation Day (Sept 2) - they were in class in the morning, and listened to short welcome speeches from the Dean, Associate Dean, President of the Aesculapian Society and key Faculty members. This was followed by a buffet lunch at the Agnes Etherington Gallery, where the class was introduced to their mentor groups and Faculty mentors.

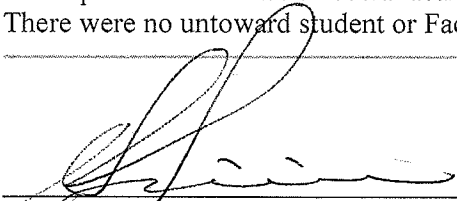
As in previous years, all social activities during the Orientation Week were planned by second year students (Meds 2011) and included Medical Olympics at City Park, a dinner and dance, and a barbeque at Dean David Walker's house. MD Management provided a lunch and a session on finances.

On Thursday morning, the Department of Anatomy held a memorial service by the university Chaplain, the Reverend Brian Yealland, to make the students aware of the privilege of working with cadavers as part of their education in human anatomy. On Friday evening, the Hippocratic oath was spoken by each student during a ceremony focusing on the history of the medical profession and the responsibility that being a physician entails.

New this year was an introductory session on Interprofessional Education, from the Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice (OIPEP) at Queen's. Recognizing that health care professionals work in an interdisciplinary team environment, the OIPEP is planning various social events through the year to bring students from all Faculty of Health disciplines (Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, X-Ray Technology) together to begin fostering that team relationship early in their studies.

The highlight of Orientation Week was a session for the class on Friday afternoon called "Pearls of Wisdom". Faculty members, chosen by the current 4th year medical class, shared their wisdom and advice to help the students succeed in their studies and in their chosen careers. Many "Pearls" were witty and fun, and many did not leave a dry eye in the audience. The session was enjoyed very much by all present.

Participation in Orientation social activities was voluntary for students, and the majority did participate. There were no untoward student or Faculty incidents.



Dr. Anthony Sanfilippo