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**SUBJECT: Report to the Senate on the fall 2010 Education Orientation**

There were a few changes in how the orientation activities were organized and run for the 2010/2011 academic year for the final year concurrent B.Ed. students and consecutive B.Ed/DipEd students.

This year's orientation committee was made up of members from the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) Social Committee, and for the first time, did not include members from the Concurrent Education Students' Association (CESA). Normally, two students from CESA step forward to be the Transition Chair and an Orientation Representative. General supervision was provided by Associate Dean Peter Chin, with assistance from Elspeth Morgan of Education Career Services, Faculty of Education. 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.

The SGPS initiated contact with the incoming students in late summer by email and provided an on-line registration system for several events. There were two Education-specific events – an opening day barbecue, and a mixer and trivia night at Grad Club on the second day – and other events designed for all graduate and professional students across campus the week following our opening day.

Staff and faculty also presented a welcoming assembly and workshops on opening day, including one for mature students, and another 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 also a mandatory program for course and program orientation throughout the week for both primary/junior and intermediate/secondary program streams.

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

Yours truly,

Peter Chin  
Associate Dean