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Mr. Lon Knox  
Secretary of the Senate  
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Dear Mr. Knox:

This year's orientation committee was made up of members from the Society of Professionals and Graduate Students. General supervision was provided by Associate Dean Peter Chin, with assistance from Angie Recoskie, Events Coordinator, Faculty of Education. As in previous years, it has been our custom to monitor the activities "in house", given the relative maturity of the fifth year and post-degree students.

The SGPS initiated contact with the incoming class in late summer via e-mail and via social media. The SGPS had a number of orientation social events planned for the incoming class, which included hosting a team building challenge with various games and activities for the teacher candidates to get to know one another. For the second year in a row, the welcome day BBQ hosted all students, faculty and staff and was a free event to students (paid for by the SGPS and in part by the Faculty of Ed.). The Queen's Bands also performed at the BBQ this year. The SGPS ran the ESS elections and also hosted an ISIC card day at Duncan McArthur Hall, providing free ISIC cards for all interested Education students.

Staff and faculty also presented a welcoming assembly on opening day, and later in the day, there was an optional workshop on international teaching and an orientation session for returning adult students. There was a mandatory program for course and program orientation throughout the week for both primary/junior and intermediate/senior streams.

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

Warm Regards,

Peter Chin, Ph.D.  
Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies  
and Coordinator of Technological Education