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**SUBJECT: Report to the Senate on the Fall 2011 Education Orientation**

This year's orientation committee was made up of members from the Society of Professionals and Graduate Students (SGPS). General supervision was provided by Associate Dean Peter Chin, with assistance from Elspeth Morgan, 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 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. This year, for the first time, 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 Education). The SGPS ran the Education Student Society (ESS) elections, with help from the Education Graduate Student Society (EGSS). This change was initiated because in the previous year, the lack of a transition officer caused undue delays in organizing and holding elections. Many valuable lessons were learned during the elections, which will be used to improve the way elections are run in the future. The SGPS hosted an ISIC card day at Duncan McArthur, making free ISIC cards for all interested ESS 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. 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.

Yours,

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