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Hello all,

It seems like it was just a very short while ago that we were at the Welcome Back Barbecue and here we are quickly approaching the end of the fall semester! As always it has been a busy term, but one full of many significant accomplishments. One of our many accomplishments was recently celebrated at the November College Board meeting when three of our students were awarded a \$4,000 dollar Millennium Scholarship. It was wonderful to see our students getting this type of recognition and financial support and to hear them acknowledge the efforts of Douglas College faculty and staff that have contributed to their success.

2007-2008 New Degree Implementation

We are currently on track with plans to offer three more Douglas College degrees beginning in September 2007. These planned degrees are:

- *Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching*
- *Bachelor in Business Administration with majors in Financial Services and Accounting*
- *Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care.*

All three of these proposed degrees have successfully passed through review by the Douglas College Education Council and the Ministry of Advanced Education (labour market review). Presently they are being reviewed by the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB). A DQAB site evaluation for the Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching degree is scheduled to take place November 30th. We expect to have site evaluation dates, likely in December or January, finalized shortly for our other two degree proposals. Once the site evaluations have been successfully concluded and we have received final Order in Council approval from the Minister of Advanced Education we will proceed with launching these degrees in September 2007.

Annual update (2006-2007) of the Education Division Tactical Plan

Last year the Educational Division completed a three year Tactical Plan designed to guide implementation of the strategic directions outlined in the Academic Plan. This Tactical Plan was comprised of an over-arching plan for the Education Division, as well as individual plans for each Faculty/Department. While the Education Division Tactical Plan covered a three year period from 2005 to 2008, a commitment was made to update this on an annual basis. Attached you will find a copy of the updated Education Division Plan, including all updated Faculty/Department Plans for 2006-2007. These updated plans were recently presented to the College Board at the November 16th 2006 Board meeting. This year a vision statement has been included with the Educational Division Plan and also one has been included with each of the Faculties/Department Plans. I encourage you to review these visions statements which together provide an overall vision of the academic direction we will be pursuing over the next three years.

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