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Chairs and Coordinators

Since my last bulletin we have received the very exciting news of the approval of the Douglas College Bachelor of Science in Nursing proposal by the Degree Quality Assurance Board (DQAB). We are now awaiting final approval of the degree by the Minister of Advanced Education. The DQAB approval of our Nursing degree is a momentous event for Douglas College, as it signals our advancement into a new development phase of a comprehensive college with a broad range of credentials from citations through to applied degrees. Congratulations to the Dean of Health Sciences, Joy Holmwood and all Nursing faculty. It is wonderful that your professional dedication and hard work has been rewarded with such a positive result.

As we move forward with the program and degree expansion proposed in our academic plan it is critically important that we create a network of relationships with our K-12 and post-secondary partners that will support the successful implementation and delivery of our new programs and will sustain the continued success of our current offerings. To this end, I have arranged a meeting of all senior secondary school Principals, in the college region, with our Faculty Deans and other key college administrators. This meeting will take place on November the 26th at the David Lam Campus.

One of the main outcomes I hope to achieve from the college/secondary school administrators meeting is increased communication between Douglas College Chairs and Coordinators and local senior secondary school Department Heads. We will be providing the senior secondary school Principals with information regarding all our programs and also the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all Douglas College Chairs and Coordinators. I have asked the Principals to bring similar contact information regarding their Department Heads. Your Dean will provide you with the contact information for the high school Department Heads when it is received. Once you receive this information can you please follow up with an e-mail or telephone contact to all Department Heads relevant to your discipline to invite further discussion regarding your program or course offerings.

A number of studies have shown that early and frequent contact with key school personnel, who influence student choice, (i.e. Department Heads and Counsellors) can increase student awareness of and interest in the program options provided by local colleges. I know that many of you are already engaged in this type of contact. I am hoping that we can support and increase your efforts by providing you with helpful contact information. I will also be working with the Deans to expand our contact at the Principal/Dean level. I welcome any further suggestions you might have, as to how we can increase our contact with the senior secondary schools in our region.

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Vice President, Education.*

