ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation ☐
Decision ☐
Discussion/Direction ☐
Information ☒

DATE: 23 February 2021

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Graduate Diploma in Education and Digital Technologies

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section III, part d) of the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility "to approve minor program adjustments" and report them to Academic Council for information.

GSC is presenting this change to Academic Council for information.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing that GDip students be allowed to take their 4 courses from ANY of the existing clusters (e.g. they will not be limited to Cluster 1 -Digital Technologies- courses). Since the vast majority of GDip students transfer into the MEd program, allowing them to enroll in any of the courses ensures that they can get some of their Core/Required MEd courses completed earlier and affords access to courses and instructors in all of the clusters to assist with making early decisions about areas of interest and potential project supervisors.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no financial or resource implications since these courses are all included in the MEd and MA programs. Enrollment in the core/required courses may increase in a given term, but conversely, spaces in the Cluster one courses will open up – so the distribution should remain relatively even.

TRANSITION PLAN:

Current GDip students will be notified by email that they can select from any of the courses. (Many have already emailed with this request for January 2021.) The restriction currently placed on GDip students during the registration process will be removed.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

GSC: January 26th, 2021
Faculty Council: November 30th, 2020

Graduate Committee: November 27th, 2020

NEXT STEPS:
This change will be included in the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal

    *Note: the final calendar copy for the Graduate Diploma will exclude the courses listed under "Other" and "Completion Options" that are currently visible in the Preview Curriculum section of the above proposal.