ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation	☐
Decision	☒
Discussion/Direction	☐
Information	☐

DATE: 28 February 2023

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Master of Arts in Education, Master of Education, and Graduate Diploma in Education and Digital Technologies

COMMITTEE MANDATE:
In accordance with the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility "to examine proposals for new graduate degree and diploma programs, major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council".

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:
That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Graduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modifications to the Master of Arts in Education, Master of Education, and Graduate Diploma in Education and Digital Technologies.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:
The Faculty is proposing the following changes:
1. Modify the required core courses for M.Ed and MA;
2. Remove the current Cluster system and all requirements associated with the Cluster system;
3. Replace the four Clusters with five new Themes;
4. Revise current course titles and descriptions;
5. Delete out-of-date courses;
6. Create new courses; and
7. Rename the Graduate Diploma as Education in the Digital Age

RESOURCES REQUIRED:
No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:
The proposed changes will begin Fall 2023. Current students will have greater flexibility in course selection to complete degree requirements, which are unchanged.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:
- Graduate Studies Committee: 24 January 2023
- Faculty Council: 29 November 2022
- Curriculum Committee: 9 November 2022

All graduate faculty and administration staff have been involved in the process of modifying the program structure and creating/modifying the graduate courses we will offer in the program. The faculty have participated in multiple meetings and discussions and worked collectively on the proposed program changes over the past 14 months.

Graduate student feedback has been solicited on the new course offerings and the course descriptions.

NEXT STEPS:
- Pending the approval of Academic Council, the changes will be included in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:
- Education, MA
- Education, MEd
- Education in the Digital Age, Graduate Diploma
- Revised shared course listings (Education MA, MEd and Graduate Diploma)
- New courses: EDUC 5109G, EDUC 5110G, EDUC 5111G, EDUC 5208G, EDUC 5209G, EDUC 5406G, EDUC 5407G, EDUC 5408G, EDUC 5503G, EDUC 5504G, EDUC 5505G, EDUC 5506G
- Course Changes:

EDUC 5001G	EDUC 5502G
EDUC 5002G	EDUC 5102G
EDUC 5003G	EDUC 5105G
EDUC 5101G	EDUC 5107G
EDUC 5103G	EDUC 5207G
EDUC 5104G	EDUC 5303G
EDUC 5201G	EDUC 5401G
EDUC 5203G	EDUC 5402G
EDUC 5205G	EDUC 5404G
EDUC 5301G	EDUC 5004G
EDUC 5302G	EDUC 5299G
EDUC 5304G	EDUC 5901G
EDUC 5305G	EDUC 5900G
EDUC 5306G	EDUC 5405G
EDUC 5409G	