



## GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Report to Academic Council  
at its meeting of March 20, 2012

### FOR ACTION

#### 1. Master of Business Administration - Change in Admission Requirements

The Graduate Studies Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council approve a change in the admission requirements for the Master of Business Administration, as part of Regulation 8.3.3, as follows:*

- ~~Minimum Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score of 550;~~
- Applicants must submit either GMAT or GRE test scores. The minimum required scores are as follows:
  - Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score of 550.
  - GRE Revised General Test, a minimum score of 316, with no less than 150 on the Verbal Reasoning Test and 155 on the Quantitative Reasoning Test.
  - GRE General Test, a minimum score of 1140, with no less than 470 on the Verbal Reasoning Test and 530 on the Quantitative Reasoning Test.

The Faculty of Business and Information Technology proposes to change its admissions regulations to enable applicants to apply to the Masters of Business Administration program using a GRE score in the place of the GMAT score that is currently required. This requirement is part of a set of requirements that applicants must meet, such as minimum GPA standards, an essay etc. which are set out in Regulation 8.3.3. The acceptance of the GRE equivalent is consistent with a number of MBA programs across Canada. A detailed rationale is provided in Appendix 1.

#### 2. Master of Education – Change in Program Regulation

The Committee recommends:

*That Academic Council approve a change to the program regulation in the Master of Education program, Regulations 9.7.2 as follows:*

The MEd program is available either with a portfolio option or a project option; however, all students will commence the program in the portfolio option. Students may request a transfer to the project option after the successful completion of the first four courses, which must include the two required courses (EDUC 5001G, and EDUC 5002G).

*Students in the portfolio option are required to take ten 3-credit courses (one of which is the 3-credit digital portfolio). Students in the project option take eight courses with a 6-credit research project.*

The Faculty of Education proposed to place all students in the Master of Education program into portfolio completion option at commencement of program. Students may then request to transfer to the Project option after the completion of four courses, including the two required courses. The Faculty notes that many applicants do not know whether they wish to do the project or portfolio option, nor do they understand the difference between the two prior to commencing the program. This proposed change to the academic regulation would remove the pressure on the applicant and allow students to take some time to become familiar with the program and capstones before deciding. In addition, this amendment enables the graduate faculty to accept supervision of those students whose research abilities and interests fall align with theirs. After four courses, the faculty will have had the chance to get to know the student both personally and academically.