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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 6

ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

Woodsworth College: Certificate Name Change

JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs is responsible for recommending to the Academic Board (for ultimate Executive Committee confirmation) proposals for the renaming of degree, diploma or certificate programs.

PREVIOUS ACTION TAKEN:

HIGHLIGHTS:

Woodsworth College proposes to change the name of the post-degree Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) to the *Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)*

The TESL program was externally reviewed in April 2005. The reviewers noted that the program has “a long-established and excellent reputation nationally and internationally” and provided several recommendations, among which was the recommendation to change to the name of the program to the *Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)*. Three reasons were provided for the recommendation: First, from an academic perspective TESOL would be a more accurate description of the content of the program as it prepares candidates for teaching both locally and overseas, whereas TESL generally refers to ESL instruction (predominantly to immigrants) in a country where English is the first language. Second, TESOL has become the internationally accepted terminology in the field. Third, the name TESOL may attract additional students interested in teaching abroad.

The name change was recommended for approval by the Woodsworth Academic Advisory Committee and approved by Woodsworth College Council at its meeting on May 4, 2005.

FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

The Office of Planning and Budget has reviewed the proposal and confirms that there are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the name change.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommend

THAT the name of the Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) be changed to *Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)* effective September 1, 2006.