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TO: Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

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AGENDA ITEM: 10

## ITEM IDENTIFICATION:

**Woodsworth College: Parchment Recognition of Graduation with Honours**

## JURISDICTIONAL INFORMATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs is responsible for matters having to do with "earned degrees, diplomas and certificates." While previous decisions have been recommended to the Academic Board for approval, the policy has been clearly established that graduation with honours may be recognized on the parchments on the request of the divisional council. Therefore, the Chair will propose to the Agenda Committee of the Academic Board that the Committee's approval be deemed sufficient.

## HIGHLIGHTS:

Woodsworth College proposes that the Honours designation be added to graduation parchments of the post-degree certificate programs in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Human Resources Management (HRM).

The TESOL and HRM programs consist of Arts and Science courses along with program-specific offerings. Both certificates are professionally oriented and are recognized by the relevant professional organizations. The content of the programs is overseen by Woodsworth College Council and its Academic Advisory Committee, and is subject to the usual academic reviews. The Certificates programs' academic calendars state: "A student graduates 'with honours' with a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or more in a certificate program." The honours designation currently appears on the student's academic transcript.

The recording of honours on certificates programs parchments occurs within two certificates in the Faculty of Music.

The recommended change to the parchment was reviewed and approved unanimously by Woodsworth College Council at its meeting on November 27, 2007.

## FINANCIAL AND/OR PLANNING IMPLICATIONS:

There are no new/additional financial resources required to implement the parchment design changes.

## RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs recommends:

THAT the proposal to recognize on the parchment graduation with honours by students in the post-degree certificate programs in *Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages* and in *Human Resources Management* be approved, effective June 2008.