



**Item 5
For Information**

November 17, 2008

Memorandum to: Members of Committee on Academic Policy and Programs

Subject: **Approval Under Summer Executive Authority**

The Governing Council, at its meeting of June 23, 2008, approved the annual delegation of authority to permit the President to act on behalf of the Council during the summer months. Council delegated authority for "approval of such additional curriculum changes as may arise for the summer and September 2007" and "decisions on other matters the urgency of which does not permit their deferral until the next regular meeting of the Governing Council or its appropriate standing committee or board." The delegation specified "that all actions taken under this authority be approved by the Chair of the Governing Council prior to implementation and reported to the appropriate committee or board for information."

One matter within the purview of the Committee on Academic Policies and Programs was approved under summer executive authority in 2008. The Ontario Institute for Studies in Education wished to strengthen the prerequisite requirements for many of the courses in its Consecutive Bachelor of Education Program, beginning in 2009. The Committee on Academic Policy and Programs has responsibility in the following areas:

- (a) changes to admissions policies and practices (this is the provision cited by the proposal, in part because the prerequisite requirements must be fulfilled prior to admission to this one-year program); and
- (b) "major changes within existing academic programs."

The proposed changes to the prerequisite requirements were approved by the OISE/U.T. Council, but they were not forwarded in time for consideration at the final regular meeting of the Committee on Academic Policy and Programs. There was urgency to their being considered for approval because of the need to seek Government approval and to publicize the changes to applicants for admission for 2009.

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It was approved

THAT the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Consecutive Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) program enact change in prerequisite course requirements, as outlined, effective for students entering the program in the 2009-10 academic session.

A copy of the detailed changes to the prerequisite requirements is available to members on request.

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Committee on Academic Policy
and Programs