



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council

From: Professor Jason Anderson
Chair, Admissions Committee

Date: October 29, 2013 for December 11, 2013 Faculty Council Meeting

Re: Transfer Credits for Applicants Studying in a CEGEP

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is a routine or minor policy matter that will be considered by the Executive Committee for approving and forwarding to Faculty Council for information.

BACKGROUND

The Faculty's current policy does not allow for CEGEP students to receive transfer credit for courses completed in this educational system even though courses successfully completed are at the post-secondary level. Students in Quebec finish their secondary education after grade 11, and are not eligible to study in a university with this academic credential. Students would then enter a CEGEP (known in English as Vocational and General College). Students enter one of two streams, either a two-year pre-university stream or a three-year technical stream. Upon completion of the pre-University stream, student would enter into the equivalent of year two of a university program in Quebec. Some students may complete only one year at a CEGEP and applied for university studies outside of Quebec.

Our current policy that precludes students from receiving transfer credits who studied in the pre-university stream has not been reviewed for some time. Our current policy is out of line with the Faculty of Arts and Science, and other top tier institutions across the country.

Students who have completed two years of academic studies at a CEGEP will be assessed for transfer credits on a case-by-case basis. Students would be eligible to receive a maximum of five FCE (10 half courses) of transfer credit. Students who have completed one year of CEGEP study will not be eligible for transfer credits but will still be admissible provided that the prerequisite courses have been completed.

PROCESS AND CONSULTATION

The Engineering Undergraduate Admissions Office researched this matter further by reviewing current admissions policies at the University of Toronto and also those of other institutions across the country. Further discussion was also had with current Engineering students who entered studies after studying in a CEGEP. The Admissions Committee review and endorsed the recommendations contained within this report.

PROGRAM

Applicable to all undergraduate programs in the Faculty.

PROPOSAL/MOTION

For information.