ALGONQUIN COLLEGE | OTTAWA PERTH PEMBROKE

PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Program Title:	**General Arts and Science - English for Academic Purposes**
Credential:	**Ontario College Certificate**
Program Length:	**One Year (Three Levels)**
School:	**Language Institute**
Director:	**Ernest Mulvey**
Proposed Start Date:	**Spring 2013**

PURPOSE

To offer a one-year Ontario College Certificate program entitled General Arts and Science - English for Academic Purposes (GAS-EAP). GAS-EAP will replace the Language Institute's English Second Language Intensive Program, which is a combination of college-approved courses and tuition-short programs. The EAP Program meets the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities' (MTCU) requirements for an Ontario College Certificate in General Arts and Science, and simultaneously prepares students whose first language is not English for further college studies. Graduates of the EAP program will meet the English language requirements for admission into Algonquin College programs of study.

BACKGROUND

On July 5, 2012, MTCU sent a memorandum to the Presidents of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology informing them of the reassignment of tuition short programs to be delivered as either Ontario College Credential programs or as local board certificate programs. Selection of the Ontario College Certificate (OCC) credential brings the Algonquin College Language Institute into conformity with other colleges in Ontario that are already offering GAS-EAP programs. To continue to receive funding on a full-time basis, OCC programs require title, credential and learning outcomes validation from the Credentials Validation Service and Ministry policy and funding approval.

The GAS-EAP program will utilize the facilities currently allotted to the Language Institute.

CONSIDERATIONS

(i) **Evidence of Need**
Immigrants to Canada who are seeking employment often require an Ontario College credential to supplement their foreign certification. For many years, the Language Institute has been the sole service provider to prepare newcomers for the advanced linguistic requirements of college studies.

(ii) **Student Interest**
Historic registration data indicates a strong and growing demand for English Second

Language training at Algonquin College. In the 2009-2010 academic year, there were 277 Canadian registrants in the Intensive English as a Second Language program, and by 2011-2012 this number had increased to 456 students.

(iii) **Staffing**

The program will utilize five existing full- time faculty, supplemented by part-time faculty. The program will continue to be twinned with delivery of English as a Second Language for International Students, so that staffing and classroom resources can be clustered for maximum efficiency.

(iv) **Admissions Requirements**

College Eligibility:

-Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent. Applicants with an OSSD showing senior English and/or mathematics courses at the Basic Level, or with Workplace or Open courses, will be tested to determine their eligibility for admission; OR
-Academic and Career Entrance (ACE) certificate; OR
-General Educational Development (GED) certificate; OR
-Mature Student status (19 years of age or older and without a high school diploma at the start of the program). Eligibility may be determined by academic achievement testing *for which a fee of $40 will be charged.*

(v) **Advisory Committee Support**

A motion of support for the General Arts and Science – English for Academic Purposes program was carried by the Teachers of English as a Second/Foreign Language (TES/FL) Advisory Committee on Monday, October 15, 2012.

(vi) **Strategic Alignment**

The implementation of this program reflects the strategic directions of the College including the commitment to digital learning, with 17% hybrid. This program was identified as a "Revise Program to Achieve Improvement" in the Strategic Programs and Services Planning Project Report.

Appendix 1: Program of Study
Appendix 2: Cash Flow Analysis

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Governors approve the General Arts and Science – English for Academic Purposes Ontario College Certificate program effective Spring 2013 and seek validation of the program title and outcomes from the Credentials Validation Service and approval for funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Appendix 1 - Program of Study

Level 1 – 16 weeks

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	Hours					
		Theory		Lab		Field / Clinical	Total Hours
		In class	Online	In class	Online		
ESL4001	Basic Academic Reading	48		16			64
ESL4002	Basic Academic Writing	80	16				96
ESL4003	Basic Academic Listening	32		16			48
ESL4004	Basic Academic Speaking	64					64
	TOTAL LEVEL HOURS	**224**	**16**	**32**			**272**

Level 2 – 16 weeks

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	Hours					
		Theory		Lab		Field / Clinical	Total Hours
		In class	Online	In class	Online		
ESL6001	Applied Reading for Postsecondary Studies	32		16			48
ESL6002	Applied Writing for Postsecondary Studies	80	16				96
ESL6003	Applied Listening for Postsecondary Studies	32		16			48
ESL6004	Applied Speaking for Postsecondary Studies	64					64
GEN600	Our Changing World	5	40				45
	TOTAL LEVEL HOURS	**213**	**56**	**32**			**301**

Level 3 – 16 weeks

COURSE NUMBER	COURSE TITLE	Hours					
		Theory		Lab		Field / Clinical	Total Hours
		In class	Online	In class	Online		
ESL7001	Advanced Academic Writing	64	16				80
ESL7002	Advanced Academic Speaking	48		16			64
GEN7001	Growing in Global Awareness		45				45
Select one of the following:							
ESL7003/4/5	Advanced Integrated Skills – (Academic, Business or Health)	96		16			112
ESL7003/4/5	Advanced Integrated Skills – (Academic, Business or Health)	96		16			112
ESL7003/4/5	Advanced Integrated Skills – (Academic, Business or Health)	96		16			112
	TOTAL LEVEL HOURS	**208**	**61**	**32**			**301**

Certificate Program Total Hours: 874