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Memo

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To: Council of the Ontario College of Teachers

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Chair, Standards of Practice and Education Committee

Subject: Report of the Standards of Practice and Education Committee

Committee Meeting Dates

The committee took part in a two-day orientation on February 16 and 17, 2022 and held two meetings on March 21, 2022 and June 2, 2022.

Summary of Discussions

The orientation sessions provided solid groundwork for committee members to understand their mandate and develop positive working relationships. Staff support contributes significantly to collaborative capacity building. Co-developed strategies to support committee work include a guided reading tool to streamline review of Additional Qualification (AQ) guidelines. Committee members' commitment to the work and to a culture of continued growth inspires confidence.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ONE and TWO Review and Approval of AQ Guidelines

The committee has been learning about the substance of AQs and their contribution to the profession. The release of a final guideline that was examined in draft during the orientation sessions recently highlighted the impact of the committee's work. The AQ *Anti-Black Racism: Addressing Anti-Black Racism to Change Pedagogy and Practice* is the result of collaboration and consultation with researchers, education stakeholders, and community leaders. The new guidelines offer an updated understanding of the contextual history of systemic Anti-Black racism and its continuing impact on Black students and their families.

The committee's early work has had longstanding results. Committee analysis and discussion led to the addition of the *Ontario Anti-Racism Act* to the list of required elements in all AQ course guideline templates.

The committee has approved the final release of the following AQ course guidelines:

Schedule(s)	AQ Guideline
D	Co-Operative Education
A, E	English
A, D, E	French as a Second Language
D	Junior Education
A, C	Langue des signes québécoise, langue second (French Only)
C	Language, Grades 7 and 8
A, C, D, E	Native Languages - Onondaga and Native Languages - Tuscarora
ABQ	Primary Division and Junior Division
A, D, E	Religious Education in Catholic Schools
D	Teacher Librarian
D	Teaching and Leadership: First Nations, Métis and Inuit Settings

STRATEGIC PRIORITY TWO

Transfer of Authority for Reviewing and Accrediting AQ Courses

The Accreditation Committee, Standards of Practice and Education Committee and Council approved a motion that the Accreditation of Teacher Education Programs Regulation (O. Reg. 347/02) be amended to transfer the authority for reviewing and accrediting AQ courses to the SP&E Committee from the Accreditation Committee.

A request has been made of the Ministry of Education for the enactment of this regulatory change. Until the regulatory change is filed, the revocation of AQ programs remains the responsibility of the Accreditation Committee. Completion of the transfer of authority will mark another step in the successful implementation of one of the recommendations of the 2018 Governance Review.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY THREE

Committee Participation in *Right to Read Inquiry Report Response*

The College is conducting consultations related to specific recommendations within the *Right to Read Inquiry* report that address initial teacher education and AQ courses. Committee members responded to and discussed questions being posed to stakeholders across the province.

Motions Referred to Council

No motions were referred to Council.

Committee Mandate/Duties

The duties of the Standards of Practice and Education Committee are limited to,

- reviewing and approving professional learning requirements for members of the College;
- reviewing and approving policies to support the ongoing promotion of continuing competence by members of the College;
- reviewing, approving and promoting ethical and practice standards for members of the College;
- reviewing and approving policy guidelines for programs of additional qualification; and
- reviewing and approving professional advisories to guide the practice of members of the College.

Future Meeting Dates

- September 22, 2022
- November 30, 2022

Committee Members

Danny Anckle (Vice-Chair)
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