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MEMORANDUM: DCD #6 - 2011-12

To: Department Chairs
From: Professor Rick Halpern, Dean and Vice-Principal (Academic)
Date: 28 February 2012

Re: First Year Programming, Second Round

Last year we launched our first year programming initiative, iExplore. It attracted many innovative proposals. Some of these were enrichments to existing first year courses, and were offered to students in the Fall and Winter terms. Others were new courses that will be offered this Summer term. Several of the initiatives proposed and approved last year will be implemented in the coming 2012-13 academic year. A list of these is included in the appendix below.

I am now sending out a call for new proposals for the coming year. The proposals must:

1. Be tied to a class for first year students and be for academic credit;
2. Be taught by research or teaching stream faculty who are known for their excellent teaching;
3. Have an experiential learning component;
4. Include a budget.

The funds may be used for field trips, guest lecturers, special materials, stipends, etc.

My office will be sending out a request for reports on the projects that were implemented in the Fall and Winter terms this year. If you wish to repeat these initiatives in the coming year, the report should be accompanied by a rationale and a discussion of how to make it sustainable in the future.

Please submit your proposals to the Vice-Dean, Undergraduate by **April 1.**

<u>Appendix</u>

Enhancements to existing courses for 2012-13

- Slow Calculus - MATA32Y

- Self-Paced Introduction to Computer Programming – CSCA08

- French in Context – FREA01/A02

New courses in Summer 2013

- Coaching, Mentoring, Networking (Management)