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TRANSFERABILITY NOT A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM AT CARIBOO COLLEGE

Cariboo College Council Chairman Don Murray stated today that there have been few problems with transfer in the University Transfer programs at Cariboo College over the years. Transfer is negotiated on a course by course basis with the three provincial universities and each university publishes a "transfer guide" which shows how specific Cariboo College courses transfer to each receiving institution. "It is important to note", Murray said, "that each university has significantly different requirements for it's various faculties, and that students must ensure that the Cariboo College courses they take will meet the requirements of the university they plan to enroll in following their stay at the College."

In general, there are three types of transfer possible from college courses to those at the universities. First there is "direct equivalency" where a college course receives the same number of credits as a particular university course. Most Cariboo College university transfer courses fall into this category.

In addition, there is "unassigned credit" transfer in a particular discipline. Here a student will receive a number of credits in a particular subject area such as History or Anthropology or Mathematics but does not receive a "direct equivalent" because the college course is significantly different from the course offered in the same subject in the first two years at the university. "This means," Murray noted, "that a college course receiving 'unassigned credit' in a particular subject is not exactly the same as a course offered by the university but that its content makes it worth credit in spite of these differences." Since it is desirable for faculty to teach courses in which they have specialist backgrounds "unassigned credit" allows the college to make use of the varied academic backgrounds of their instructors.

Finally, a few college courses receive "unassigned credit" in a university faculty such as the faculty of arts without any weight being assigned in a specific discipline. This permits the college to offer special "interdisciplinary" courses with instructors drawn from different subject fields. These courses allow students to examine a broad topic under the guidance of a number of specialists or to study a topic from a variety of points of view.

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Murray stressed that the college and university transfer picture changes from year to year, so that the students should always study both the college and university calendars carefully when planning their courses. "Both the College Counsellors and the Registrar's staff are available to assist students with their program plans," he said, "and in addition, the Admissions Officers at the three B.C. universities are always glad to answer questions from college students planning to transfer to their institutions."

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