

# Memo

# Report to Faculty Board

## Motion to change the name of the Department of Mining Engineering

September 16, 2009

### Background

At the September 17, 2008 meeting of the Applied Science Faculty Board, a motion was approved to name the Department of Mining Engineering in honour of Mr. Robert M. Buchan. Subsequent to that meeting, the motion was approved by both Senate and the Board of Trustees.

In a recent communication with the benefactor, he expressed a wish to have the new name of the department reflect the historical roots of mining at Queen's University, as well as the breadth of scope that is necessary for successful mining professionals.

With respect to historical roots, it should be noted that the initial name of the academic unit, established in 1893, was the "School of Mining". The unit continued under this name for a quarter century. This appellation conveyed the breadth of disciplines that went into fostering mining professionals.

At a Departmental meeting on August 18, 2009, there was unanimous approval for the change in the name of the department to the "Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining".

### Motion to Faculty Board

*that the Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining Engineering at Queen's University be changed to the Robert M. Buchan Department of Mining at Queen's University.*

Note: This name change does not impact in any way the designation of the program delivered by the department, or the degrees granted by the department. Both the program name and the degree designation will continue to be "Mining Engineering".