

ANNUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008-2009

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Context

The 2004-2009 Strategic Plan is entering into its last year. We are asked by the CEEC to proceed to an evaluation of its effectiveness. This evaluation should provide insights that will help us to elaborate the next one. Meanwhile, we will pursue broad discussions with the community to determine the next generation of the strategic plan and to present it to the Board of Governors for adoption.

Also, as a result of the additional funding we are receiving this year from the Quebec government, we are undertaking new initiatives that are targeted toward specific actions such as the reinforcement of services to students, active contribution to the growth of the Quebec economy and increased support to teaching and learning activities.

The need to respond to our society's economic challenges, such as filling the gap in the shortage of skilled workers and better integration of immigrants, puts additional pressure on our educational system, particularly on the college network. This situation has to be considered in the way we are dealing with our institutional responsibility.

The academic year 2008-2009 will then serve to go further in accomplishing the vision that is elaborated in our current Strategic Plan – to be a centre of excellence in teaching and learning for all Quebeckers – and to start laying the foundation of our next Strategic Plan, giving Dawson the ability to address coming issues and to help society rise above the challenges it faces.

Main priorities for 2008-2009

In conjunction with the 2004-2009 Strategic Plan of the College and in accordance with its educational mission which emphasizes Dawson's commitment to student success and academic excellence, the Annual Management Plan establishes the following priorities for the year 2008-2009. These priorities highlight the most important dossiers for the current year. Along with these priorities, College annual activities rely on a set of objectives that are specific to every sector of management.

Pursuant to the objectives adopted by the Board of Governors at its June 2008 meeting, both for the Director General and the Academic Dean, **all sectors and departments of the College** are asked to participate and to contribute to the achievement of this first priority:

Dawson's commitment to excellence in education finds expression in its will to ensure that program and services provided to students, and to society at large, meet high standards of quality and relevance. In the light of the current social and economic demands to foster student success and to provide highly qualified gr