

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
13:00 Room B141

Attendees:

Darren Bernaerdt (Chair)	Pavneet Kaur	Anmol Singh (a)
Jim Bowers	Ramandeep Kaur	Navjot Singh (a)
Ben Cecil (a)	Tasneem Khan (a)	Jan Smith*
Patricia Cia	Gerda Krause	Lane Trotter* (a)
Arnie Clark*	Carmen Larsen	Yusuf Varachia (a)
Sandra Enns (a)	Tanya Lewis (a)	Ryan Vernon*
Nora Franzova	Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair)	Sunita Wiebe*
Marianne Gianacopoulos	Ben Park	Peter Warren*
	Wanda Pierson	Lulin Zheng

Regrets: B Cecil, S Enns, T Khan, A Singh, L Trotter, Y Varachia **Minutes:** Susan Smith

Guests: --

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerdt acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name snəwəyəł leləm, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by N Franzova, that the agenda be approved with the addition of item 7.G for Nursing.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Education Council bylaws (Sec.5), Council members were provided an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest related to any item on the meeting agenda. No conflict was declared by any member present.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by P Cia, seconded by W Pierson, that the minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2020 be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

6. FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

A) Presentation: Financial Aid Guidelines for CS Proposals

A Clark delivered a presentation on the criteria and process for establishing eligibility for financial aid.

B) ANTHROPOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) ANTH 1195 – Archaeology of South East Asia

J Bowers noted that consultation with Registrar and Enrolment Services confirmed that no changes were required for this specific proposal. The motion laid on the table at the January 21, 2020 meeting was taken up with no further discussion.

MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by W Pierson, that the proposal to change the title of ANTH 1195 to *Special Topics* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CURRICULUM

A) PSYCHOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) PSYC 2323 – The Psychology of Health and Adjustment

This course was last offered in 2012 but recent survey data support its renewal as a regular second-year offering. The proposal changes the course title to *Health Psychology* and updates the course content, learning outcomes, evaluation methods and calendar description to reflect current research and practices relating to health and wellness.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the proposal to update the content, calendar description, learning outcomes and evaluation methods in PSYC 2323, and to rename the course *Health Psychology*, be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) EDUCATION ASSISTANT

a) Course Changes

- i) EDAS 1111 – Practicum I
- ii) EDAS 1211 – Practicum II

In both courses, learning outcomes are formally documented, and an informational note is added regarding the understanding “*that education assistants in the public school system work at the direction of teachers, administrators and other professionals.*”

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by W Pierson, that the proposal to update learning outcomes and add an informational note in *EDAS 1111 – Practicum I* and *EDAS 1211 – Practicum II* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) CRIMINAL JUSTICE

a) Global Change

- i) Registration restrictions for selected courses in CJUS and CRIM diplomas

The Criminal Justice and Criminology diplomas are limited enrolment programs that allow priority registration for program students, after which the courses become available to students outside the program. However not all courses have this restriction in place and it has been necessary to manage enrolment manually for these courses. This proposal will ensure that major registration restrictions are applied to all CRIM and CJUS courses.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by G Krause, that Education Council approve the global change to add major registration restrictions to all CRIM and CJUS courses that do not currently have major restrictions for the *Diploma in Criminal Justice*, *Diploma in Criminal Justice (BBA Transfer Option)*, and the *Diploma in Criminology*.

MOTION CARRIED

D) RECREATION STUDIES

a) Memo from the Registrar – Rescinding first year entry of BRM

J Smith explained that in Fall 2018, Education Council had approved a first-year entry option for the Bachelor of Recreation Management, along with accompanying first and second year curriculum, to be implemented Summer 2019. It has subsequently been determined that the first-year option cannot be operationalized by the College due to regulatory requirements, and therefore should be rescinded. Students currently enrolled in this program and affected by this change will be informed of the rescinding of the first year entry and transferred into the Diploma of Recreation Leadership and individually advised of courses they need to complete in order to successfully gain entry into the third year of the BRM. Upon successful completion of the prescribed courses and associated CGPA, these students will be offered admission into the third year of the BRM, with as seamless a transition as possible. The memo notes that these changes, while unusual in their scope, are to be implemented as part of Langara's ongoing commitment to quality, compliance with Ministerial requirements, and maintaining the highest possible standards for its credentials.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by J Bowers, that the proposal to immediately rescind the first-year entry option of the Bachelor of Recreation Management be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Program Change

- i) Bachelor of Recreation Management

In accordance with the memo described above, this proposal restores the Bachelor of Recreation Management program so that it aligns with the original Full Program Proposal (FPP) by reversing admission and curriculum changes that had been implemented prematurely, without review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB). These changes were summarized as: Change of program description to better describe a third-year entry program; elimination of First-Year Entry option; change of admission requirements to align with original FPP; change of total program credits to reflect a third-year entry program; and curricular changes to align with the original third-year entry program.

c) Discontinued Program

- i) Bachelor of Recreation Management – Co-operative Education

As a cooperative education option was not included in the original Full Program Proposal, this option is being discontinued to bring the program back into alignment with the original FPP. Additionally, it was noted that the BRM Co-op has not been a popular option and the discontinuation will not affect any current students.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the package of revisions in the *Bachelor of Recreation Management* program that align the program with the original Full Program Proposal and the discontinuation of the *Bachelor of Recreation Management – Co-operative Education* program be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

S Wiebe noted that a new process has been put into place for submitting future changes to existing degree programs.

D Bernaerdt turned the chair over to T MacMillan.

E) FINE ARTS

a) Course Change

- i) FINA 2261 – Public Art Studio Practice II

This proposal corrects an error that had operationalized FINA 2261 as a 4-credit course, despite being designed and originally approved as a 3-credit course.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that Education Council approve the proposal to change the credit value of *FINA 2261 – Public Art Studio Practice II* from 4 credits to 3 credits.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan returned the chair to D Bernaerdt.

F) ENGLISH

a) New Courses

- i) CMNS 1114 – Professional Communications in a Canadian Context

This course will offer the opportunity to earn credit for a university-transfer Communications course, with a focus on developing sentence-level grammar skills. The course is designed to support the many students, particularly international students completing a General Education diploma, who struggle to meet the LET 3 prerequisite for CMNS 1118 and CMNS 1115, and is intended primarily for those who do not intend to pursue further academic study or take a university-transfer English course. The course is open to all students with a prerequisite of LET 2, 50% in English 12 courses, or IELTS 6.5 (or equivalents). A student cannot receive credit for both CMNS 1114 and CMNS 1118.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the new course *CMNS 1114 – Professional Communications in a Canadian Context* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) ENGL 1123 – Introduction to Academic Writing

The need for a course that focuses on academic writing across the disciplines has been identified in recent years. That need has become more pressing given that as of Fall 2020, UBC will no longer accept Langara's ENGL 1127 for transfer as WRDS 150, a required course for most UBC degree programs. Prerequisites for ENGL 1123 are the same as those for ENGL 1127 except that the minimum grade required for English 12 prerequisites has dropped from 80% to 70%. ENGL 1127 will no longer be offered but will continue to be accepted for Langara programs. UBC has confirmed articulation for ENGL 1123, and the course is expected to receive similar transfer credit at other institutions.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the new course *ENGL 1123 – Introduction to Academic Writing* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Global Changes

- i) English 1127 to English 1123

This global change will replace every instance of ENGL 1127 with ENGL 1123 in the Langara Calendar, including program requirements, admissions, corequisites and prerequisites. T MacMillan noted that a college-wide communication plan is in effect to ensure all academic departments and affected students are informed of this change.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by J Bowers, that the proposed global change to replace ENGL 1127 – Essay Writing and Short Prose Selections with *ENGL 1123 – Introduction to Academic Writing* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Prerequisites for all first semester English courses

The English department has revised its high school prerequisite from 80% to 70% for all first semester English courses. The proposed requirements are: *one of LET 4 (or LET 3 with strong recommendation of concurrent registration in ENGL 1121); a minimum 70% in one of English Studies 12, Literary Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12, or equivalent; or a minimum "C" in ENGL 1120; or an "S" in one of ENGL 1107, ENGL 1108, or ENGL 1110.*

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by N Franzova, that the proposed global change to revise prerequisite language for all first semester English courses (ENGL 1100, ENGL 1125, ENGL 1129, ENGL 1130, ENGL 1135, ENGL 1181, ENGL 1191, ENGLS 1395, CMNS 1118, and CMNS 1122) be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Course Changes

i) CMNS 1115 – Interpersonal Communications

The proposal would lower admission requirements for this course. Due to the changing Langara student population, the English department has determined there is a need for a CMNS course that will accept students with a LET 2 or IELTS 6.5 score. The experience of the department is that students with these scores are prepared to succeed in an oral communications course. The prerequisite statement is changed to: *one of LET 2, LETN 02, 50% in English Studies 12, Literary Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12, or equivalent; or IELTS 6.5 or equivalent.*

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by W Pierson, that the revised prerequisites for *CMNS 1115 – Interpersonal Communications* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) ENGL 1107 – Language and Composition I

The proposal will change the prerequisite statement from LET 2 (or LPI equivalent) to *LET 2 or IELTS 6.5 (or equivalent)* for this preparatory course. Adding the IELTS option will allow international students to enroll in an English course before their arrival in Canada.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by W Pierson, that the revised prerequisites for *ENGL 1107 – Language and Composition I* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) ENGL 1121 – Reading and Writing Skills

The proposal changes the prerequisite in this preparatory course as a result of changes to the LPI and English 12 as well as English department prerequisite changes. The proposed prerequisite statement is: *one of LET 3; a minimum 70% in one of English Studies 12, Literary Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12, or equivalent; or a minimum "C" in ENGL 1120; or an "S" in one of ENGL 1107, 1108, or 1110.*

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the revised prerequisites for *ENGL 1121 – Reading and Writing Skills* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) ENGL 1129 – Modern Novel, Poetry, and Drama

v) ENGL 1130 – Modern Novel, Poetry, and Film

The proposal would expand first semester course offerings for students taking English by removing the course prerequisite (ENGL 1100, 1127, or 1128) and replacing with: *one of LET 4 (or LET 3 with strong recommendation of concurrent registration in ENGL 1121); a minimum 70% in one of English Studies 12, Literary Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12, or equivalent; or a minimum "C" in ENGL 1120; or an "S" in one of ENGL 1107, 1108, or 1110.* This change will give students a greater choice of first semester, university transfer courses. The restriction that students may not receive credit for both ENGL 1129 and ENGL 1130 will remain in place. As these will become first semester courses requiring composition instruction, the class sizes will be reduced.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the proposed revisions in *ENGL 1129 – Modern Novel, Poetry and Drama* and *ENGL 1130 – Modern Novel, Poetry, and Film* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

G) NURSING

a) Temporary Change

i) Health Care Assistant

This new program approved by Education Council in October 2019 has an implementation date of Summer 2020. One of the approved entrance requirements was that applicants who receive offers of admission must submit an English Language Declaration Form. However the Health Care Registry has advised that the English Language Declaration Form must be submitted and assessed prior to an Offer of Admission being sent to the student by Langara, rather than after. The short timeline requires an immediate revision in the program admission requirements. This temporary change approved by the Education Council Chair will be in effect for the 202020 and 202030 semesters, with a formal revision to be submitted to Education Council at its April 21, 2020 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the temporary revision in the admission requirements for the *Health Care Assistant* program be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CONTINUING STUDIES

A) FOR INFORMATION (not eligible for Financial Aid)

a) Program Revision

i) Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance

The revision adds courses and adjusts hours based on industry requirements for successful employment in the field. The total number of required courses is increased from 23 to 27, and the total program hours are increased from 1013 to 1096.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by P Cia, that the revision in the Continuing Studies *Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance* program be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Photography Certificate

The revision adds the course *Online Presence: Build Your Web and Social Media* to the elective options for this program.

IT WAS MOVED by P Cia, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the revision in the Continuing Studies *Photography Certificate* program be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A) POLICY

a) New Policy

i) F1009 – Program Advisory Committee (replaces VCC Policy 6.1.1.2)

The new policy replaces an old VCC policy and a Langara guidelines document. The new policy clearly describes the type of program which requires a Program Advisory Committee and specifies the committee's purpose and composition, membership terms and nomination process. Terms of Reference are included in an appendix document.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by G Krause, that the proposal to approve the new policy *F1009 – Program Advisory Committee* and to rescind *VCC Policy 6.1.1.2* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) ACADEMIC DATES 2021-2022

A Clark presented the proposed academic schedule for the period from Spring 2021 to Fall 2022.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by W Pierson, that the Academic Dates schedule for Spring 2021 to Fall 2022 be approved by Education Council as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

C) GAC Report

J Smith presented the Fall 2019 report of the Graduation Advisory Committee (GAC).

IT WAS MOVED by M Gianacopoulos, seconded by J Bowers, that the report of the Graduation Advisory Committee for the period November to December 2019 be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.