

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 13:00
meeting held via videoconference

Attendees:

Darren Bernaerdt (Chair)
Jim Bowers
Patricia Cia
Arnie Clark (a)*
Sandra Enns
Nora Franzova
Marianne Gianacopoulos
Margaret Heldman

Amanjot Kaur (a)
Harkhushdeep Kaur (a)
Tasneem Khan
Gerda Krause
Carmen Larsen
Tanya Lewis
Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair)
Ben Park (a)
Wanda Pierson

Udesh Sharma (a)
Jan Smith*
Lane Trotter*
Shubhankar Vakde
Yusuf Varachia
Ryan Vernon*
Sunita Wiebe*
Peter Warren*
Lulin Zheng (a)

Regrets: H Kaur, B Park, L Zheng

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guest: P Vargas

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum.
A welcome was given to new student representatives H Kaur and S Vakde.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerdt acknowledged that this virtual meeting was hosted on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ leləm̓*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by T Lewis, that the agenda be approved.

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 in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by W Pierson, that the minutes of the Education Council meeting held on September 22, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) ENGLISH

a) Course Changes

- i) CMNS 1114 – Professional Communication in a Canadian Context
- ii) CMNS 1118 – Written Communications

CMNS 1114 is intended for students in the General Education Diploma, and is currently listed as an equivalent to CMNS 1118 because students cannot receive credit for both courses. T MacMillan noted that this has created an unintentional equivalency that enables students to use CMNS 1114 in place of CMNS 1118 to fulfill degree requirements in other programs. This proposal will revise the CMNS 1114 calendar description to clarify that the course does not provide prerequisites for university-transferable ENGL or CMNS courses, and will remove the equivalency in both courses.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by T Lewis, that the proposed changes for *CMNS 1114* and *CMNS 1118* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D Bernaerdt turned the chair over to T MacMillan.

B) FINE ARTS

a) New Course

- i) FINA 2262 – Indigenous Carving 3D

Following previous successful offerings as a Special Topics course, this proposal would make the course a regular offering of the Fine Arts department. FINA 2262 will be delivered as a 3-credit second-year studio course which can be used as an elective in the Fine Arts diploma and is a necessary second part to the program's existing intercultural Indigenous Carving offerings. Course equivalency with the Special Topics versions is not being requested due to the curriculum variations in previous offerings.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded M Gianacopoulos, that the new course FINA 2262 – Indigenous Carving 3D be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan returned the chair to D Bernaerdt.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A) ENGLISH

a) Langara English Test Replacement for Spring 2021

T MacMillan presented a notice from the English department regarding continuation of the suspension of the Langara English Test until further notice, as approved by Education Council on June 3, 2020. Students will be directed to register in the appropriate course based on their prerequisites. This plan is in effect until January 31, 2021, at which time it will be re-evaluated by the English Department.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by T Lewis, that the plan to extend the suspension of the Langara English Test (LET) until January 31, 2021 be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. FOR INFORMATION

a) EdCo Standing Committees – Upcoming Renewal

- i) Graduation Advisory Committee (GAC)
- ii) Program Review Committee (PRC)

D Bernaerd explained that the Education Council bylaws require that standing committees of Education Council be appointed on an annual basis. Council members were asked to review the Terms of Reference for these two committees in order to prepare for renewal.

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by T Lewis, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.