

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 13:00
videoconference

Attendees:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)	Gerda Krause (a)	Susan Sverdrup-Phillips
Amir Asgarkhani	Tanya Lewis	Mandeep Tuli (a)
Anna Biel	Angelica Lillico-Ouachour	Yusuf Varachia*
Jim Bowers	Tess MacMillan (Chair)	Pablo Vargas (a)
Alena Buis	Robin Macqueen	Ryan Vernon
Arnie Clark*	Wanda Pierson	Peter Warren*
Margaret Heldman	Emily Scarlett*	Sunita Wiebe
Brent Kennedy	Richard Smallboy (a)	Lulin Zheng *

Regrets: Gerda Krause, Pablo Vargas

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: Patty Aroca-Ouellette, Darren Bernaerdt,
Julie Longo, Debbie Schacter, Phuoi-Linh To

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

T MacMillan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and guests were welcomed. R Macqueen has resigned and was thanked for his contributions to Education Council.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan 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/CONSENT AGENDA

A) Operational changes

a) SOCIAL SERVICES – New Course (correction)

- GERO 2016 – Gerontology Practicum III

This course was approved at the January 18, 2022 meeting with amendments, but the amended form contained an error in section 9. This submission corrects the error.

b) NURSING – Course Change

- NURS 5100 – Professional Communication II
- NURS 5110 – The Nursing Professional and Health Care
- NURS 5115 – Clinical Skills Lab I
- NURS 5120 – Culture and Health
- NURS 5125 – Clinical Skills Lab II
- NURS 5135 – Critical Thinking and Decision Making I
- NURS 5145 – Critical Thinking and Decision Making II
- NURS 5150 – Applied Nursing Leadership and Management
- NURS 5265 – Clinical Simulation
- NURS 5275 – Common Health Challenges in Canada
- NURS 5280 – Critical Thinking and Decision Making III

All courses are changed from non-examinable to examinable, and other evaluation methods revised accordingly. This change will help demonstrate that course outcomes are being met and will provide students with opportunities to practice exam-writing skills.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by A Buis, that the agenda/consent 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 T Lewis, seconded by A Biel, that the minutes of the meeting held March 22, 2022 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. PRESENTATION: Quality Assurance Steering Committee

J Longo introduced the Terms of Reference of Langara's *Quality Assurance Steering Committee* and its membership, which is intended to be representative of the institution. This committee was formed to support Langara's first Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA) in Fall 2021, and will be continued as recommended by QAPA reviewers. The committee is responsible for providing the Associate Vice-President Academic with strategic direction and advice in relation to the College's academic quality assurance standards, policies and procedures, and will advise on achieving QAPA recommendations successfully; maintaining post-QAPA academic quality assurance throughout the College continually and consistently; and preparing the College for its next QAPA. The Committee may be called upon to review and affirm documents, presentations and other forms of institution-wide communication related to quality assurance. The Director of the Office of Academic Quality Assurance (AQQA) will undertake day-to-day preparation, operations and planning.

In response to a question about membership composition, J Longo said that increasing faculty representation on the committee may be considered in future.

7. POLICY

A) REVISED POLICY

a) F1001: Credentials

A Clark presented the revised policy, which has been updated to include a framework for micro-credentials at Langara. Using the framework definition provided by the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training (AEST) for micro-credentials, the changes address the need for micro-credentials to be credit-based, offered through Regular Studies, and provide recognition via a "Recognition of Completion" document. The policy also defines credit value of a micro-course and standards for a micro-credential. The policy is renamed *Regular Studies Credentials and Micro-Credentials*.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by A Alves, that the revised *Policy F1001: Regular Studies Credentials and Micro-Credentials* be approved by Education Council.

During discussion, it was clarified that while external consultations are used in developing micro-credentials, teaching and assessments are done by faculty; digital badges are not being offered at this time; and the kinds of training offered will be based on the needs of community as well as those of industry.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CURRICULUM

A) ECONOMICS

a) New Course

i) ECON 2155 – Understanding Globalization

This course was developed in response to a student survey conducted during program review which indicated strong support for a course on the topic of globalization. The course also aligns with the department's learning goal of internationalization and Langara's strategic goals, and is expected to articulate with similar courses offered at other institutions. The course will be open to all students with prerequisites of two first year ECON courses.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by T Lewis, that the new course *ECON 2155 – Understanding Globalization* be approved by Education Council.

Following discussion regarding a potential overlap with Sociology offerings it was agreed by consensus that the motion be withdrawn pending consultation with the Department of Sociology & Anthropology.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

B) NURSING

a) Program Change

i) Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The proposed revisions were made in consultation with BCCNM, DQAB, RES, and OQA and are based on student feedback requesting increased medical-surgical practice, and consideration of the difficulty in securing adequate and appropriate placements in community settings and minimal new graduate job opportunities. The Term 7 community placement is being decreased to 7 weeks in length and combined with the mental health 7 week rotation to complete a 14 week semester, which will allow Term 5 to offer a full 14 week medical-surgical practice experience. This aligns with the other specialty courses that are 7 weeks in length, and reflects the current practice situation in most other School of Nursing programs. Program credits will be reduced from 135 to 132 which continues to meet baccalaureate requirements.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by T Lewis, that the proposed revisions in the *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* be approved to be forwarded for determination by the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB).

MOTION CARRIED

C) BIOLOGY

a) Course Change

i) BIOL 1118 – Introduction to Environmental Biology

ii) BIOL 1218 – Biodiversity and Conservation Biology

In both proposals, the calendar descriptions are revised to clarify that the courses are appropriate for a broader range of students than is suggested by the original descriptions. The revisions add informational notes to encourage enrolment by students in non-science programs who require a science credit or a prerequisite for Biology 1115.

IT WAS MOVED by R Macqueen, seconded by W Pierson, that the revised calendar descriptions for *BIOL 1118 – Introduction to Environmental Biology* and *BIOL 1218 – Biodiversity and Conservation Biology* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) Discontinued Program

i) Photography Certificate

This program will be formally discontinued by May 2022 due to declining enrolment. Because there continues to be strong interest in stand-alone photography courses, 17 of the program's courses will be retained and kept active as part of the general Continuing Studies offerings. Current program students will have the opportunity to complete the certificate by the end of the 202210 semester.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by W Pierson, that the discontinuation of the *Continuing Studies/Extended Learning Photography Certificate* be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION

A) Curriculum Review Committee Elections Procedures – revised

Minor revisions include having elections take place earlier in the year to allow potential candidates to adjust their teaching schedules, amended wording regarding faculty eligibility for nomination, and ensuring candidates are aware of the time commitments of committee membership.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by S Sverdrup-Phillips, that the revised *Election Procedures* for the Curriculum Review Committee be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

B) June meeting rescheduled

T MacMillan proposed that the June Education Council meeting date be changed from June 21 to June 28 to avoid conflict with convocation ceremonies. Other dates in the EdCo submission schedule will remain unchanged.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by W Pierson, that the date of the June 2022 Education Council meeting be changed to *June 28, 2022*.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan informed Council that meetings will continue to be held via Zoom videoconference through June. In-person meetings are expected to resume in September 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by R Macqueen, seconded by S Sverdrup-Phillips, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.