

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 13:00
Room B141

Membership:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Patricia Aroca-Ouellette
Vanessa Brown
*Paula Burns**
Ankit Choudhary
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns
Maisa Doris Ferlin
Nora Franzova
Brent Kennedy

Gerda Krause
Qiyamah Li
Kaitlin Lovering
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Pouyan Mahboubi
James Nickason
Wanda Pierson
John Sapalaran
Sukhmeet Singh
Ann Syme
Sunita Wiebe

Resource*:

Connie Chong
Arnie Clark
Dwayne Ford
Debbie Schachter
Emily Scarlett
Alli Sullivan
Pauline Vallee

Guests*: -

Minutes: Susan Smith*

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Regrets: Paula Burns, Wanda Pierson,
John Sapalaran, Sukhmeet Singh

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. T MacMillan welcomed P Aroca-Ouellette as a new member of Education Council.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First People, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ leləm̓*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

A) Operational changes

a) GEOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY

- i) Course Change
 - GEOG 2155 – Sustainable Resource and Environmental Management

The proposal removes all prerequisites to make the course available to a broader range of students.

b) CONTINUING STUDIES

- i) Program Change
 - Certificate in Professional Accounting

Hours are increased in 10 accounting courses.

- Diploma in Advanced Accounting

Hours are increased in 11 accounting courses.

- PDD in Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance

The minimum passing grade for all courses is changed from B or 75% to B- or 70%. This aligns with similar offerings at other institutions.

- Short Certificate in Advanced Accounting

Supplemental hours are added to one course, increasing total program hours from 255 to 270.

IT WAS MOVED by A Syme, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, 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 S Dane, seconded by A Syme, that the minutes of the meeting of October 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

a) New Program (Micro-Credential)

- i) Creativity for Everyone

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by A Syme, that the new micro-credential *Creativity for Everyone* be approved by Education Council.

S Dane presented the proposal, noting that this is the first Regular Studies micro-credential to be formally approved and is part of an initiative of the Ministry of Advanced Education & Future Skills. Recognizing the effect of artificial intelligence on the creative process, this credential will use a strictly analog approach to explore human creativity. The three 1-credit micro-courses are derived from the existing content of PHOT 1120 however due to system limitations, it was noted that equivalency cannot be put into place. Prerequisites cannot be designated since the courses are taken in the same semester, however they will be presented in sequence.

T MacMillan noted the proposal had already been through the CRC-MCC process for initial approval for early implementation and was now being presented for formal approval.

MOTION CARRIED

b) New Courses

- i) CREV 1121 – Design Elements and Principles
- ii) CREV 1122 – Creative Process
- iii) CREV 1123 – Storytelling & Visual Literacy

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by G Krause, that the micro-courses *CREV 1121*, *CREV 1122*, and *CREV 1123* be approved by Education Council.

In this series of 2-day, 1-credit courses, students will examine the creative process in its various forms, and learn theories of design to create meaningful presentations. Each course is equal to one third of PHOT 1120. Students will work in groups and be graded on their individual work. The series will be offered in Spring 2024.

MOTION CARRIED

B) SOCIAL SERVICES

a) Course Changes

- i) GERO 1115 – Communication Skills with Older Adults I
- ii) GERO 1215 – Communication Skills with Older Adults II
- iii) GERO 1300 – Aging and Social Policy
- iv) GERO 1816 – Gerontology Practicum I
- v) GERO 1916 – Gerontology Practicum II
- vi) GERO 2016 – Gerontology Practicum III
- vii) GERO 2200 – Advanced Practice with Older Adults
- viii) GERO 2225 – Community-Based Practice with Older Adults

In all courses, the learning outcomes and calendar descriptions are updated to clarify, streamline and/or improve scaffolding between levels.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that the revisions in *GERO 1115*, *GERO 1215*, *GERO 1300*, *GERO 1816*, *GERO 1916*, *GERO 2016*, *GERO 2200*, and *GERO 2225* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) BIOINFORMATICS

a) Program Change

- i) Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics (pending DQAB determination)

The proposal will change the current entrance requirement for Grade 12 Biology and Chemistry to require a single Grade 12 lab science course. The revised admission requirements align with those of Bachelor of Science programs at peer institutions, and will increase accessibility for qualified candidates such as students who have finished an associate degree in computer science or chemistry.

P Aroca-Ouellette explained that the revisions will need to be presented to the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) before final approval can be made.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by G Krause, that the proposed changes in the *Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics* admission requirements be approved in principle pending determination by the Degree Quality Assessment Board.

S Wiebe clarified that DQAB needs to be notified of all changes in degree programs to determine whether the changes constitute a new program.

In response to a question from A Alves, S Wiebe confirmed that the explanation for the changes should include both the need to align with other institutions and the confirmation that students will continue to be successful with the new admission requirements. P Aroca-Ouellette noted that students will acquire all necessary science credits before they complete the program.

MOTION CARRIED

D) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) Program Change

- i) Short Certificate in Dental Reception Skills

The proposal will reduce hours in DRCP 1000 by compressing some topics; increase hours in DRCP 1002 by adding hands-on training and a software component; and increase hours in DRCP 1001 and add hands-on training and practice in dental insurance. Total program hours are increased from 142 to 166.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by S Dane, that the revision in the *Continuing Studies Short Certificate in Dental Reception Skills* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. POLICY

A) REVISED POLICY

a) F1006: Academic Program Review – Policy and Procedures

S Wiebe presented the revised policy and procedures, last updated in 2019, and acknowledged the work of the policy review steering committee. This policy has been expanded slightly to include each phase of the program review process.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by A Syme, that the revised *Policy F1006: Academic Program Review* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by G Krause, that the revised *Procedures for Policy F1006: Academic Program Review* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) 2024 EDCO Submission Schedule

C Chong presented the Continuing Studies review deadlines for 2024.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by G Krause, that the *2024 EDCO Submission Schedule – Continuing Studies* be approved by Education Council.

In response to a question from A Clark, C Chong agreed to provide clarification regarding a note in the document that states “*Effective Semester dates may change (i.e., pushed a semester forward)...*”

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

T MacMillan informed Council that the next meeting may be held via Zoom in order to ensure a quorum can be achieved. This will be confirmed with an email notification.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm .