

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, March 14, 2006

Membership:

Antonella Alves
Linda Arnold
Lynn Carter
Laura Cullen (Chair)
Penny Gallagher
Martin Gerson
Margaret Heldman (Vice Chair)

Linda Holmes (a)
Jim Hooton
Terry Kornutiak
Gerda Krause
Wendy Low
Peter Norwood (a)
Ken Pawlak (a)

Brian Pendleton
Lisa Randell
Roger Semmens
Joyce Wong

Student Representatives

Shaun Evans
Carl Bailey

Guest:

Greg Blue
Wayne Declé
Shirley Kamerling-Roberts
Annat Kennat

Lorrie Siver (notes)
Pat Robertson (notes)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1305 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

That the agenda be adopted with the following amendments:

Correction:

- (i) For Curriculum item *5.d*), W. Declé and S. Kamerling-Roberts will be presenting the New Program Proposal and approval for Student Loan eligibility rather than D. Soo, as indicated in the Agenda. In addition, G. Blue, Program Coordinator, Electronic Music Producers, and A. Kennat, Program Coordinator, Documentary Production, will be in attendance and available for questions.
- (ii) Please disregard pages 82-83 as they are duplications of the *Report on Co-Education Council Chairs meeting* – the correct version of which is on pages 85-86.
- (iii) Information Item *7.b*) For approval: *Dates for Fall 2006 through Fall 2007* is New Business and should be moved to *6.b*). This item will be presented by J. Hooton rather than P. Gallagher, as indicated in the Agenda.

Moved by R. Semmens / Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held February 14, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Moved by L. Carter/ Seconded by M. Heldman
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. INTRODUCTION

Laura introduced Carl Bailey, the new Student Representative to Education Council.

5. CURRICULUM

5.a) ENGLISH

New Course Proposal

- i) ENGL 2238 – Studies in Drama

R. Semmens presented ENGL 2238. J. Wong noted that with the use of the New Course Proposal Forms, she had thought that the Division Chairs would be consulting with Other Departments affected by proposals prior to recommendation at Education Council. Regarding the ENGL 2238 proposal, Joyce noted that Library, Media & Bookstore Services department had not been consulted to ensure that texts are available. Roger had thought that the English Dept. Chair had already done this consultation prior to forwarding the proposal for approval. Joyce would prefer to get the consultation started earlier in the proposal process. Roger agreed that this should have been done and that he will do so in the future

MOTION:

That this course change be approved as recommended with the proviso that J Wong will be consulted prior to the Education Council Chair signing the documents.

Moved by R. Semmens / Seconded by L Carter
CARRIED

5.b) INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Prerequisite Change

- i) LAMS 2206 – Latin America in a Globalized World

R. Semmens noted that ECON 2255 would be added to the existing list of prerequisite options.

MOTION:

That the course prerequisite change be revised as recommended.

Moved by R. Semmens / Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED

5.c) GEOGRAPHY

Program Revision

- i) Geography Associate of Arts Degree

B. Pendleton noted that Degree requirements would be revised so that students must complete at least:

- 6 credits from the list numbered '1', which will now include GEOG 1170
- All courses from the list numbered '2', which has been amended to include 'GEOG 1190 or GEOL 1110'

MOTION:

That this program revision be approved as recommended.

Moved by B. Pendleton / Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

Laura welcomed and introduced guests from Continuing Studies and Financial Aid who arrived at 1315 hrs.

5.d) CONTINUING STUDIES

New Program Proposal

- i) Documentary Production Certificate Program
- ii) Electronic Music Producers Certificate Program

S. Kamerling-Roberts was seeking Education Council approval that the programs met eligibility requirements for Student Loans. The Continuing Studies department plans to advertise the programs as

eligible for loans to coincide with the September 11, 2006 intake. She noted that they were not intending to advertise the May 8, 2006 intake for the Documentary Production Program. Shirley provided an overview of both programs

MOTION:

That these program changes be approved as recommended.

Moved by J. Hooton / Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.a) Canadian Forces Liaison Council – Request for Support

J. Hooton introduced the request as per the memo dated February 28, 2006 from Langara President Linda Holmes reflecting that individual student-reservists on occasion find that they need considerations from their academic institution due to their military duties. The CFLC's request has gone to all Canadian colleges and universities for consideration. Items (e) and (f) were considered and approved by Langara Council; items (a) through (d) and (f) require approval by Education Council

There was considerable discussion around the proposed motion with respect to equitable treatment for all students at Langara College. It was noted that the College currently grants exemption from final exam schedule due to illness or for sports teams that may request an exam be rescheduled. At this time, this request is not seen to place an exceptional burden on faculty or the Registrar's Office. Should circumstances change, then the College's position may need to be reviewed

MOTION:

That Education Council supports the request in principle of the Canadian Forces Liaison Council to grant special consideration on a case by case basis to Langara Students who are members of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves and asks the Deans to allow:

(a) Short-term leaves of absence (two weeks or less) from their academic studies to perform military service during the school year.

(b) Deferments of scheduled exams that conflict with military activities they participate in during the school year.

(c) Deferments of scheduled assignments that conflict with military activities they participate in during the school year.

(d) Extended leaves of absence (one or more semesters) from their academic studies to perform military service without it affecting their admission status or course accreditation.

(f) Other concessions as agreed by the Deans to assist this group to meet their military service requirements.

The considerations that may be sought and may be extended will not alter the fact that the students' final grades will depend on the extent to which they can demonstrate they have mastered the course content or have achieved the required learning outcomes.

Moved by J. Hooton / Seconded by L. Carter
In favour = 10 / Against = 2 / Abstentions = 1 / **CARRIED**

6.b) For approval: Dates for Fall 2006 through Fall 2007

B. Pendleton noted that for 2006 and 2007 statutory holidays fall on Mondays rather than Fridays. Brian was concerned that this would be a problem for classes scheduled only on Mondays, i.e. only 11 weeks rather than 13. M. Gerson noted that this concern had been raised in the past and that this was one reason why the last day of classes is always scheduled on a Monday. Brian noted that if it was not done, then the semesters would only be 10 weeks.

Brian also suggested that students might be concerned whether labs scheduled on Mondays would be accommodated at other times. M. Heldman noted that in the Math & Sciences Division labs scheduling especially is discussed and consequently adjusted and rescheduled for other days or evenings.

MOTION:

That the Dates for Fall 2006 through Fall 2007 be approved as recommended.

Moved by J. Hooton / Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.a) Report on Co-Education Council Chairs meeting

Laura submitted the report from the recent Co-Education Council Chairs meeting

7.b) Nursing: Correction to wording in the Education Council Minutes of November 15, 2005 regarding changes recommended to BSN Calendar Template

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

That there being no other business, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by L. Carter/ **CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 1445 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be Tuesday, April 11, 2006.