

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

13:00 Room C408

Membership:

Jade Arignon

Amir Alavi

Amman Bhogal

Sarah Bowers

Diane Bradley

Lynn Carter (Vice-Chair)

Patricia Cia

Kevin Craib

Roy Daykin*(a)

Julia Denholm

Charlotte French*

Kathy Hanson

Margaret Heldman

Ian Humphreys (a)

Darrell Kean

Gerda Krause (Chair)

Julie Longo

Bradley O'Hara

Christine Peterson* (a)

Lyndon Salas

Tomo Tanaka

Gigi Tsui (a)

Gayleen Wren

Minutes: Susan Smith*

Guests: Deborah Bohbot, Patricia Woods, Ajay Patel

Regrets: I Humphreys, G Tsui

*non-voting

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

G Krause called the meeting to order at 1300 hours, and introduced guests Deborah Bohbot and Pat Woods of the Nursing Department, and Ajay Patel of the Office of International Education.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by L Carter, seconded by J Denholm, that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by L Carter, seconded by B O'Hara that the minutes of the Education Council meeting held October 22, 2013 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. CURRICULUM

A) NURSING

D Bradley presented the package of proposals from the Langara School of Nursing. The proposed *Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada* is a new two-year credential designed to prepare Internationally Educated Nurses (IEN) for eligibility and application for nurse licensure and nursing practice positions.

A second proposal would revise and rename the existing one-year post-graduate credential in Nursing as *Post Degree Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management*. Students interested in this program will apply to the Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada and may apply to graduate with the *Post Degree Certificate* upon successful completion of the certificate curriculum. It was noted that to date three cohorts have completed the certificate program, with a 0% attrition rate.

Both programs will add more emphasis on critical thinking, clinical decision making, and an increased focus on Canadian nursing standards of practice, which have been identified as important for students wishing to gain

Canadian work experience. It was noted that the need for a bridging program, which will address gaps in training and competencies, is demonstrated through comparisons of success rates of Canadian and internationally-trained nurses who undertake the Canadian Registered Nurse Examination. It was also noted that the study permit required for the two-year program will allow students to apply for a three-year work permit in Canada, in order to seek Canadian work experience.

The proposal package also includes eight new courses that focus on the specific skills needed for practice in Canada.

a. New Courses

IT WAS MOVED by D Bradley, seconded by M Heldman that the following new courses be approved by Education Council.

- i) NURS 5115 – Clinical Skills Lab I
- ii) NURS 5125 – Clinical Skills Lab II
- iii) NURS 5135 – Critical Thinking and Decision Making I
- iv) NURS 5145 – Critical Thinking and Decision Making II
- v) NURS 5280 – Critical Thinking and Decision Making III
- vi) NURS 5265 – Clinical Simulation
- vii) NURS 5275 – Common Health Challenges
- viii) NURS 5285 – Clinical Nursing Practice

The following themes were raised during discussion.

- differences between learning objectives in post-degree programs and BSN
- value of putting resources into educating foreign nurses vs domestic nurses
- best way to address language competency issues
- need for future assessment of program objectives
- actual career prospects for graduates of the programs

MOTION CARRIED

b. New Program

- i) Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada

It was noted that unlike the previous post degree credential in Nursing, application to this program is not limited to INSCOL students. Admission requires “an accredited 4-year university degree or a 3-year college diploma from a university or college in India that is recognized by the Indian Nursing Council” and students must apply through a partner organization in India prior to applying to Langara College. Students have the option of graduating after their first year with a *Post Degree Certificate*. All second-year courses in the curriculum are new courses.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bradley, seconded by M Heldman that the new program *Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada* be approved by Education Council.

It was noted that the program is designed to build global competencies that will help prepare students to become eligible for the CRNE, rather than teach specifically to the exam.

MOTION CARRIED

IT WAS MOVED by D Kean, seconded by J Denholm, that the *Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada* program be evaluated within three years, and that a report be provided to Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Program Change

i) Post Degree Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management

Key revisions include changing the program title as well as components of the curriculum in order to increase the focus on critical thinking and clinical decision making, clinical skills review, and to increase emphasis on Canadian nursing standards of practice. English proficiency score requirement (no IELTS band less than 6.0) is also changed, and the program admission restrictions are opened to Registered Nurses from India who may apply through partner organizations, including INSCOL. Students interested in this credential will apply to the *PDD in Nursing Practice in Canada* and may apply to graduate from the *Post Degree Certificate* program upon successful completion of the certificate curriculum.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bradley, seconded M Heldman that the revised *Post Degree Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

d. Global Change

i) Change of program restriction for Post Grad Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management courses

This process will ensure that changes in the name of the credential and its admission requirements will be applied to existing NURS courses.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bradley, seconded by L Carter that the global changes for the *Post Graduate Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management* courses be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

Guests departed at 1438 hours.

Council members Bhogal, Alavi, Arignon, and Bowers departed at 1441 hours.

B) LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

a. Program Change

i) Library & Information Technology Program

The admission requirement that students must provide two letters of reference has delayed applications and led to declining enrolment for the on-campus classes. The proposal will change the requirement to a letter of intent from the student which highlights relevant skills and reasons for wanting to enter the field.

IT WAS MOVED by G Wren, seconded D Kean that the revised admission requirement in the *Library and Information Technology Program* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) HISTORY

a. New Courses

i) HIST 2250 – Islam from Muhammad to the Mongols

This new course is being proposed as part of a wider expansion of the geographical and cultural range covered by the History Department.

IT WAS MOVED by D Kean, seconded L Carter that the new course *HIST 2250 – Islam from Muhammad to the Mongols* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) HIST 2251 – Islam from the Mongols to Modernity
This course will continue where HIST 2250 leaves off.

IT WAS MOVED by D Kean, seconded T Tanaka that the new course *HIST 2251 – Islam from the Mongols to Modernity* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) HIST 2252 – History and Religion in Islamic Art
This course continues the popular Islam theme, and will be introduced as a “special topics” course in the Spring 2014 term.

IT WAS MOVED by D Kean, seconded S Bowers that the new course *HIST 2252 – History and Religion in Islamic Art* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) MODERN LANGUAGES

a. Discontinued Courses

- i) SPAN 1118 – Intermediate Spanish I
- ii) SPAN 1218 – Intermediate Spanish II

These courses are no longer offered by the Modern Languages department.

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded D Kean that the discontinuation of *SPAN 1118* and *SPAN 1218* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) IDS-Latin American Studies

a. New Program

- i) Citation in Latin American Studies

The Interdisciplinary Studies department proposes adding this 12-credit citation program to allow a wider range of students to earn a credential without taking the full Associate Degree program. A citation in Latin American Studies is expected to also interest students from other programs who would like to have a ‘minor’ in Latin American Studies.

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded L Carter that the new *Citation in Latin American Studies* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Program Change

- i) Diploma in Arts and Science (Latin American Studies)
- ii) Associate of Arts Degree in Latin American Studies

In both revisions, the curriculum is updated to reflect current course offerings.

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded by B O'Hara that the revisions in both the *Diploma in Arts and Science (Latin American Studies)* and the *Associate of Arts Degree in Latin American Studies* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Course Changes

- i) LAMS 2203 – Conflict and Change in Latin America
- ii) LAMS 2206 – Latin America in a Globalized World

In both courses, the proposal changes the prerequisite from “Any 15 credits, or LAMS 1100, or permission of the instructor” to “*LAMS 1100 and 1101 recommended*”. This change will enable more students to register for these courses.

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded M Heldman that the prerequisite revisions in *LAMS 2203* and *LAMS 2206* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

F) IDS-Peace and Conflict Studies

a. Program Change

- i) Diploma in Arts and Science (Peace and Conflict Studies)
- ii) Associate of Arts Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies

In both programs, the proposal enlarges and updates the selection of electives available to PCCN students.

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded by J Longo that the curriculum revisions in the *Diploma in Arts and Science (Peace and Conflict Studies)* and the *Associate of Arts Degree in Peace and Conflict Studies* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

G) FINE ARTS

a. Program Change

- i) Fine Arts Program

Admissions requirements information is revised to reflect the online availability of the Fine Arts Candidate Questionnaire, which all applicants are required to complete. Applicants are no longer required to attend an information session in order to obtain the questionnaire.

IT WAS MOVED by T Tanaka, seconded by J Longo that the admission requirements revision for the *Fine Arts Program* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

G Krause turned the chair over to L Carter.

H) BIOLOGY

a. Course Changes

- i) BIOL 2192 – Health Science III: Pathophysiology I

- ii) BIOL 2292 – Health Science IV: Pathophysiology II
- iii) BIOL 3192 – Health Science V: Pathophysiology III

Topics covered by these Nursing support courses need to remain aligned with clinical practice. Although the topics covered are not changed, the sequence in which they are covered may vary. The proposal will reorder the content sequence and change the wording of the calendar descriptions to allow a more flexible timeline for delivery of course material.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause , seconded D Bradley that the calendar description and content sequence changes in *BIOL 2192*, *BIOL 2292* and *BIOL 3192* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

L Carter returned the chair to G Krause.

5. Other Business

A) Academic Dates 2014-2015

C French presented the proposed schedule of dates from Fall 2014 through Summer 2015, with two options presented for each of Spring and Summer 2015. It was noted that Option A for Spring, and Option A/B for Summer had been recommended by the Deans and Division Chairs Committee.

IT WAS MOVED by T Tanaka, seconded by J Longo that the Academic Dates options recommended by the Deans and Division Chairs Committee be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

6. For Information

A) CONTINUING STUDIES

a. New Certificate Program

- i) Organic Landscape Management

This new certificate program builds on four existing courses, which are offered in partnership with Gaia College, and completion allows students to become eligible for the Gaia College Diploma in Organic Land Care.

b. Certificate Program Revision

- i) Photography Certificate

Revisions will re-order and update the courses in the program curriculum. The number of total required and elective courses will change from 16 to 18.

c. Discontinued Program

- i) LEAP

The certificate is being discontinued, however the LEAP courses will continue to be offered.

G Krause confirmed the above Continuing Studies items received by Education Council.

B) Academic Governance Council report

- i) Report on meeting of October 19, 2013

Withdrawn.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1456 hours.