

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON Tuesday, February 20, 2018 13:00 Room B141

Attendees:

Antonella Alves	Ian Humphreys	Roger Semmens
Jim Bowers	Gurleen Kaur (a)	Gurlal Singh (a)
Sarah Bowers (Vice-Chair)	Tarunpreet Kaur (a)	Ishpreet Singh (a)
Steven Brouse	Gerda Krause (Chair)	Jan Smith* (a)
Patricia Cia	Tess MacMillan	Tomo Tanaka
Arnie Clark*	Robin Macqueen	Lane Trotter* (a)
Laura Cullen	Ajay Patel (a)	Ryan Vernon
Margaret Heldman	Lyndon Salas	Lulin Zheng*

Regrets: R Cawsey, W Pierson, J Smith, L Trotter

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: D Bernaerdt, R Cawsey, (a)
N Franzova, W Pierson (a)

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER

G Krause called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. New member S Brouse and guests D Bernaerdt and N Franzova were welcomed, and it was noted that student members G Kaur and G Singh would complete their terms at the end of this meeting. Two newly-elected student members will begin terms in March.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

G Krause acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ lələm*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by R Semmens, seconded by S Bowers, that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by L Cullen, seconded by P Cia, that the minutes of the Education Council meeting held January 23, 2018 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CURRICULUM

A) ART HISTORY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

a) New Program

- i) Certificate in Art History

T Tanaka noted that Art History & Religious Studies is the only department in the Creative Arts division that does not currently offer a formal program, yet in the last five years, a significant number of students have completed the requirements for an Art History credential. The proposal would create a new certificate program to provide visibility, cohesion and structure to the Art History classes currently offered, and improve transition for students who continue their studies at other institutions.

IT WAS MOVED by T Tanaka, seconded by L Cullen that the new *Certificate in Art History* program be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) PHILOSOPHY

a) Course Change

- i) PHIL 2201 - Epistemology

The proposal changes the title of the course with the aim of attracting more students.

IT WAS MOVED by R Semmens, seconded by A Alves that the proposal to change the title of *PHIL 2201 – Epistemology* to *Theory of Knowledge* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) HISTORY

a) Course Changes

- i) HIST 1116 – Early Canada
- ii) HIST 1126 – Modern Canada

In each proposal, the course title is changed to more clearly describe the course content.

IT WAS MOVED by L Cullen, seconded by R Semmens that the proposal to change the course title of *HIST 1116* to *Colonies and Conflict: Canada to 1867*, and *HIST 1126* to *Forging a Nation: Canada since 1867* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

G Krause turned the chair over to S Bowers.

D) SCIENCE (GENERAL)

a) Discontinued Program

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Science (General)

G Krause explained that the origin of this program is not clear and the program is not listed on the Langara website, although it can be selected online by students when declaring a program and for graduation assessment. As the curriculum contains very few science courses, the credential name is misleading. This proposal will discontinue the program as of 201830, with a transition plan allowing enrolled students the option of switching to a different program, or completing this program within four semesters. There should be no students remaining in the program by the 201930 semester.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by J Bowers that the discontinuation of the *Associate of Arts Degree in Science (General)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) BIOLOGY

a) New Course

- i) BIOL 1111 – Concepts in Biology: Introduction to Human Biology

b) Discontinued Course

- i) BIOL 1116 – Concepts in Biology I: Human Biology

c) Global Change

- i) BIOL 1116 to BIOL 1111

Biology 1116 is a course that fills the requirement of a lab science course for Arts majors, and it also serves as a prerequisite for students without a biology background to register in Biology courses. BIOL 1115 is a higher-level course for science majors, but has a lower numeric code, which can be confusing for students. The Biology department has proposed replacing BIOL 1116 with the more appropriately numbered new course BIOL 1111. Learning outcomes and material covered in BIOL 1111 are the same as in BIOL 1116.

The global change will replace BIOL 1116 with BIOL 1111 wherever it is listed as part of a program's curriculum or as a course prerequisite.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by M Heldman that the new course *BIOL 1111 – Concepts in Biology: Introduction to Biology*, the discontinuation of *BIOL 1116 – Concepts in Biology I: Human Biology*, and the global change to replace BIOL 1116 with BIOL 1111 be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Discontinued Course

- i) BIOL 1216 – Concepts in Biology II

This course has not been offered in over five years and is no longer required by any program.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by M Heldman that the discontinuation of *BIOL 1216 – Concepts in Biology II* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

e) Course Changes

- i) BIOL 1115 – General Biology I
- ii) BIOL 1118 - Introduction to Environmental Ecology
- iii) BIOL 1215 – General Biology II
- iv) BIOL 1218 – Biodiversity and Conservation Biology
- v) BIOL 2315 – Biochemistry
- vi) BIOL 2330 – Introduction to Genetics
- vii) BIOL 2340 – Vascular Botany
- viii) BIOL 2350 – Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy
- ix) BIOL 2370 – Microbiology I
- x) BIOL 2380 – Introduction to Ecology
- xi) BIOL 2415 – Cell Biology
- xii) BIOL 2440 – Nonvascular Botany
- xiii) BIOL 2450 – Invertebrate Biology
- xiv) BIOL 2470 – Microbiology II
- xv) BIOL 2480 – Population Ecology

G Krause presented the changes as a package. All courses have been taught for many years with strong articulation in the BC system. Through the recent Biology program review process, learning outcomes have been formalized in each course and are submitted through these proposals, along with updated course descriptions. Course content is updated in BIOL 1118, 1218, 2315, 2330, 2340, 2370, 2415, 2440, 2470, and 2480, and in BIOL 1215, prerequisites are also revised for simplification.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by M Heldman that the proposed learning outcomes and calendar descriptions in *BIOL 1115, 1118, 1215, 1218, 2315, 2330, 2340, 2350, 2370, 2380, 2415, 2440, 2450, 2470* and 2480, and the prerequisite change in *BIOL 1215*, be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

S Bowers returned the chair to G Krause.

6. FOR INFORMATION

A. CONTINUING STUDIES

a) Certificate Program Revision

i) Photography Certificate

The revision adds a course to the list of electives for this program.

b) New CS Program

i) Continuing Studies Post Degree Diploma in Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance

This program will offer specific education, skills and training to professionals that are involved or wish to be involved in occupational health, safety and environmental compliance in various industries. The total number of required courses is 23, and total course hours are 1013. This program is not eligible for financial aid.

IT WAS MOVED by S Bowers, seconded by L Cullen that the Continuing Studies *Post Degree Diploma in Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance* be received by Education Council for information.

L Salas noted that he had contacted the coordinator of this program in regards to admission requirements, as well as some typographical inconsistencies, and that some revisions will be made on his advice. M Heldman requested clarification as to whether WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System) training would be a prerequisite or included in the program. **G Krause will follow up with the Dean of Continuing Studies for clarification.**

MOTION CARRIED

B. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by R Vernon that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.