

# EDUCATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 13:00  
videoconference

**Attendees:**

Antonella Alves	Brent Kennedy	Lane Trotter*
Darren Bernaerd (Chair)	Gerda Krause (a)	Manveen Uppal
Anna Biel	Tanya Lewis	Shubhankar Vakde (a)
Jim Bowers	Angelica Lillico-Ouachour	Yusuf Varachia
Arnie Clark*	Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair)	Ryan Vernon
Margaret Heldman	Robin Macqueen	Sunita Wiebe
Harkhushdeep Kaur (a)	Wanda Pierson	Peter Warren*
Jaswinder Kaur	Jan Smith*	Lulin Zheng *
	Susan Sverdrup-Phillips	

**Regrets:** G Krause

**Minutes:** Susan Smith

**Guests:** Elizabeth Barbeau, Patricia Cia, Jody Gordon, Susan Kelsall, Julie Longo, Daryl Smith, Ann Syme, Gladys Tsang, Emily Scarlett, Pablo Vargas

\*non-voting  
(a) absent

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerd (Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. This was followed by:

- introduction of guests and newly-elected members
- update on elections for Chair and Vice Chair: re-election of D Bernaerd and T MacMillan respectively
- declaration of a quorum

### 2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerd 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*.

Additional acknowledgements were received from Council members located on the traditional territories of x̣ʷməθkʷəỵəm (Musqueam), scəwəθən məsteyəx̣ʷ (Tsawwassen), Semiahmoo, Katzie and Kwantlen peoples.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

D Bernaerd noted that the process of the new Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) enables proposals to be sorted into groupings defined as *substantive* or *operational*, and that the latter will be presented to Education Council as part of a consent agenda, which is submitted for approval based on the recommendation of CRC. Any operational item may be moved onto the regular agenda for further review and discussion if requested by a member of Education Council.

**A) Curriculum changes (operational)**

**a) JOURNALISM - Course Changes**

- i) JOUR 1100 – Introduction to the News Media
- ii) JOUR 1122 – Journalism Research Techniques
- iii) JOUR 1128 – Fundamentals of Reporting
- iv) JOUR 1142 – Basics of Copy Editing
- v) JOUR 1168 – Photojournalism
- vi) JOUR 1200 – Theories in Communications
- vii) JOUR 1220 – Communication and the Influence of Mass Media
- viii) JOUR 1225 – Media Law and Ethics
- ix) JOUR 1230 – Communication Strategies
- x) JOUR 1288 – Radio Storytelling and Podcasting
- xi) JOUR 1290 – Introduction to Digital Media Storytelling
- xii) JOUR 2398 – Storytelling Through Video
- xiii) JOUR 2410 – Mobile Journalism
- xiv) JOUR 2458 – Feature and Specialty Writing

Upon implementation of changes passed by Education Council in November, it was determined that Banner is unable to support automatic checking for a minimum "C-" grade for UT English courses. The proposal reverts to the default minimum "C" grade. The minimum grade for ENGL 1120 is also being updated to a "C" grade for consistency. In JOUR 1100, which is offered also to non-program students, the prerequisite statement includes the assessments used by IE students.

**IT WAS MOVED** by W Pierson, seconded by B Kennedy, that the agenda/consent agenda be approved by Education Council.

R Macqueen inquired about the difference between items on the consent agenda and those submitted "for information." It was suggested that this could be included in a future review of the CRC's Terms of Reference.

**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 Lillico-Ouachour, that the minutes of the meeting held on April 20, 2021 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. PRESENTATION: Academic Plan 2025**

M Heldman introduced members of the Core Working Group of the Academic Plan Steering Committee, who presented a slide show on the highlights of Langara's new Academic Plan, which is designed for implementation in Fall 2021.

**IT WAS MOVED** by M Heldman, seconded by S Sverdrup-Phillips, that Education Council endorse *the Langara College Academic Plan 2025*.

A request was made by T Lewis to allow members additional time to examine and consider endorsement of the Academic Plan, and it was approved by consent that the motion be postponed until the June 22, 2021 meeting pending further information.

**MOTION POSTPONED**

## 7. CURRICULUM

### A) SOCIOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY

#### a) Course Change

- i) ANTH 1180 – Aboriginal Cultures of British Columbia

The proposal changes the course title to *Colonialism and Reconciliation in BC* and revises the calendar description to better reflect the course's focus on colonialism.

**IT WAS MOVED** by J Bowers, seconded by T Lewis, that the proposed revisions in *ANTH 1180 – Aboriginal Cultures of British Columbia* be approved by Education Council.

In response to a question, E Barbeau explained that this course has evolved over the years and while the focus has changed, the learning outcomes remain consistent.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### B) CONTINUING STUDIES (for information)

#### a) Discontinued Programs

- i) Advanced Yoga Teacher Training
- ii) Advanced Integrative Energy Healing
- iii) Genetics and Health Care
- iv) Holistic Aromatherapy Practitioner
- v) Strategic Resilience for First Nations Communities
- vi) Strategic Resilience for First Responder
- vii) Therapeutic Touch Practitioner
- viii) Therapeutic Yoga for Trauma and Resilience
- ix) Therapeutic Yoga Pain Management
- x) Yoga Teacher Training
- xi) Yoga Therapy for Integrative Health

P Vargas explained that the COVID pandemic has affected a number of Continuing Studies programs and that this list of programs in particular have been found to be financially unsustainable. In those programs with affected students, sufficient time has been provided for completion of program requirements.

**IT WAS MOVED** by W Pierson, seconded by B Kennedy, that the list of discontinued Continuing Studies programs be received by Education Council for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### C) REGISTRAR and ENROLMENT SERVICES

#### a) Continuation of use of Duolingo for Summer Semester 2022

In September 2020, Education Council approved an extension to the emergency measure to allow the online English test implemented by Duolingo to be used as an equivalent of the IELTS as a temporary measure for the purposes of admission and registration for the Fall Semester 2021, and this was later extended to include Spring 2022. Langara will begin accepting applications for admission to the Summer 2022 semester on June 1, 2021, and as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to disrupt IELTS and other testing centres in many areas of the world, it will be necessary to continue to temporarily extend the usage of Duolingo in order to accept students for the Summer 2022 Semester.

**IT WAS MOVED** by A Biel, seconded by T MacMillan, that the continued use of Duolingo testing for Summer Semester 2022 be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 8. POLICY

### A) E2006: Appeal of Final Grade

- i) Policy Revision
- ii) Procedures Revision

The policy and procedures are updated as a result of an accreditation review within Continuing Studies and to support consistency and collaboration between Continuing Studies and Regular Studies. The revisions expand the language of the policy to include references to Continuing Studies, and make some other minor language updates.

**IT WAS MOVED** by T Lewis, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that Education Council approve the revised *Policy E2006: Appeal of Final Grade* and the associated procedures document.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### B) A2008: Academic Standing

- i) Policy Revision

The revision will separate the Policy from the Procedures to be consistent with Langara's current practice regarding policy. The Procedures document for this policy is currently under development. Other changes include minor language updates.

**IT WAS MOVED** by T Lewis, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that the revised *Policy E2008: Academic Standing* be approved by Education Council.

In response to a question, J Smith confirmed that revisions in both policies A2008 and E2006 will take effect immediately.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 9. FOR INFORMATION

### A) Memorandum: Clarification of ELR Admission Requirements

A Clark explained that on May 19, 2020, Education Council approved the English Language Requirement categories which are currently used for admission to most of Langara's Regular Studies programs. The information provided with that proposal included detailed admission requirements for affected programs, but inadvertently omitted some of the requirements for a small group of these programs. While actual admissions have not been affected in any way, this memorandum is presented to update the official record to prevent any potential misinterpretation of the package that had been approved by Education Council in May 2020. The memo lists the correct admission requirements of the following programs:

- Post-Degree Diploma in Web and Mobile Applications (Designer and Developer)
- Diploma in Accounting
- Diploma in Business Management
- Diploma in Financial Management
- Diploma in Financial Services
- Diploma in Marketing Management (including Co-op)
- Diploma in Computer Studies
- Diploma in Arts and Science (Aboriginal Studies)

**IT WAS MOVED** by W Pierson, seconded by T Lewis, that the memorandum from Arnie Clark, Deputy Registrar titled *Clarification of ELR Admission Requirements* be received by Education Council for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B) Memorandum: Department of Computing Science and Information Systems – Name Change**

A memorandum from Robin Macqueen, Division Chair, Applied Science advised that the Department of Computing Science and Information Systems (CSIS) has changed its name to *Department of Computer Science (CPSC)*. It was recommended that the memo be edited to reference consultations that have taken place with members of Registrar and Enrolment Services, and to include the implementation term for the web and calendar, which will be Fall 2021.

**IT WAS MOVED** by R Macqueen, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that the memorandum from Robin Macqueen, Division Chair, Applied Science regarding the name change of the Department of Computing Science and Information Systems (CSIS) to *Department of Computer Science (CPSC)* be received by Education Council for information, as revised.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C) ENGLISH: Temp/Emergency Change - LET Replacement for Fall 2021**

The English department is extending until September 30, 2021 the plan previously put into place to provide alternatives for the Langara English Test (LET), which was suspended due to COVID-19. T MacMillan noted that the LET has since been relaunched, but is running at a limited capacity and the alternatives are still required to ensure all students are accommodated. The formal documentation for this proposal will be presented at the next Education Council meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED** by T MacMillan, seconded by T Lewis, that the Temporary Change for renewal of the LET replacement English entrance levels put into place during COVID be received for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**IT WAS MOVED** by T Lewis, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 pm