

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 13:00
videoconference

Attendees:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)	Gerda Krause	Mandeep Tuli (a)
Amir Asgarkhani	Tanya Lewis	Manveen Uppal
Anna Biel	Angelica Lillico-Ouachour	Yusuf Varachia*
Jim Bowers	Tess MacMillan (Chair)	Pablo Vargas
Arnie Clark*	Robin Macqueen	Ryan Vernon
Margaret Heldman	Wanda Pierson (a)	Peter Warren*
Jaswinder Kaur (a)	Emily Scarlett	Sunita Wiebe
Brent Kennedy (a)	Susan Sverdrup-Phillips (a)	Lulin Zheng *

Regrets: Wanda Pierson, Susan Sverdrup-Phillips

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: Patty Aroca-Ouellette, Debbie Schacter

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

T MacMillan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Student representatives J Kaur and M Uppal were acknowledged for contributions during their term on Council.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan 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*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

A) Operational changes

a) BIOLOGY – Program Change

- Associate of Science Degree in Biology (including Co-operative Education option)

Two new courses, MATH 1175 and MATH 1275, are added to the curriculum.

- Associate of Science Degree in Biology (Co-operative Education only)

The change adds a reference to the Framework of General Requirements of the Associate of Science Degree, which was unintentionally left out when the program was originally approved.

b) BIOINFORMATICS – Program Change

- Associate of Science Degree in Bioinformatics (including Co-operative Education option)

The change adds a reference to the Framework of General Requirements of the Associate of Science Degree, which was unintentionally left out when the program was originally approved.

c) FINE ARTS – Global Change

- English prerequisite revision for FINA

The redundant English requirement is removed from individual first year courses. Registration in these courses is restricted to Fine Arts students who must already meet English proficiency requirements to be accepted into the program.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by A Alves, that the agenda/consent agenda be approved as presented.

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 Alves, that the minutes of the meeting held January 18, 2022 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) SOCIAL SERVICES - GERONTOLOGY

a) Full Program Proposal

i) Certificate in Social Service Worker (Gerontology)

J Bowers presented the *Full Program Proposal* which had been unintentionally omitted from the new program proposal package approved by Education Council on January 18, 2022. He noted that this submission does not represent any change to the proposal that was already approved but that the FPP provides the complete rationale, supporting research and other detailed information, and is a required component of Langara's new program approval process. This document is currently available on the PSIPS system for review by other institutions.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by T Lewis, that the Full Program Proposal for the *Certificate in Social Worker (Gerontology)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) BIOINFORMATICS

a) Program Change (with DQAB determination)

i) Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics

After approval by Education Council on November 23, 2021, the following information, along with the document entitled *Determination of a New Baccalaureate Degree Program*, was presented to the Degree Quality Assessment Board in a memorandum from Margaret Heldman, Vice-President Academic (Interim):

The Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics launched at Langara College in 2020. Following an internal review, the College has taken steps to ensure better consistency in the program admission requirements and a better fit of introductory math courses to the program. These steps involve: 1) matching program admission requirements to the prerequisites required in the program's first year courses; 2) aligning the program's language requirements with the College's Category 1 English Language requirements; and (3) adding the new MATH 1175 (Calculus I with Applications to the Life Sciences) and MATH 1275 (Calculus II with Applications to the Life Sciences) to the list of available first-year math courses in the program. The attached Determination document provides additional information. These revisions will provide potential students greater clarity about the Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics' admission requirements and improve student accessibility into and through the program.

The Degree Quality Assessment Board has provided its confirmation that these program changes do not constitute a new degree and can be implemented as presented.

IT WAS MOVED by R Macqueen, seconded by S Wiebe, that Education Council approve the revisions in the *Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics* for implementation effective for the Fall 2022 semester.

MOTION CARRIED

7. POLICY

A) NEW POLICY

- a) F1011 – Continuing Studies Credentials**
 - o **F1011 Regulations (for information)**

The new policy was presented by P Vargas on behalf of Continuing Studies. He noted that Continuing Studies participated in the recent Quality Assurance Process Audit and has worked alongside Langara’s Office of Academic Quality to update its process for program development, review, and approval, and to ensure that all Continuing Studies practices are fully aligned with Langara policies. Policy F1011 was created to define and ensure the validity and consistency of the Continuing Studies credentials awarded at Langara College.

IT WAS MOVED by P Vargas, seconded by G Krause, that the new *Policy F1011: Continuing Studies Credentials* be approved by Education Council, and that the associated Regulations document be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION

A) CURRICULUM REVIEW COMMITTEE

- a) Terms of Reference (REVISED)**

Minor revisions have been made to the CRC *Terms of Reference* which include updated references to Continuing Studies proposals, the addition of a statement regarding the provision of guidance/recommendations for any proposals that are not approved, the recording of meetings, the clarification of meeting schedules, the role of observers and guests, and the procedure for amending the *Terms of Reference*.

IT WAS MOVED by R Macqueen, seconded by T Lewis, that the revised *Terms of Reference* of the Curriculum Review Committee be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by A Buis, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.