

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 13:00
Room B141

Membership:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Deyar Asmaro
Anna Biel
Paula Burns*
Spencer Dane
Maisa Doris Ferlin
Nora Franzova
Margaret Heldman
Brent Kennedy
Gerda Krause

Tanya Lewis
Jaqueline Macedo Araujo
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Wanda Pierson
John Sapalaran
Harman Sidhu
Susan Sverdrup-Phillips
Arman Thakur
Yusuf Varachia
Ryan Vernon
Sunita Wiebe

Resource*:

Patricia Aroca-Ouellette
Arnie Clark
Dwayne Ford
Emily Scarlett
Debbie Schachter
Pablo Vargas
Lulin Zheng

Guests*: Cindy Truong

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Minutes: Susan Smith*

Regrets: A Clark, R Vernon

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

T MacMillan called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum. New student representatives M Ferlin and J Sapalaran were introduced, and faculty representative S Dane was welcomed as an official member.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət lələm*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

A) Operational changes

No operational changes presented.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by S Sverdrup-Phillips, that the agenda be approved as amended.

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 W Pierson, seconded by S Sverdrup-Phillips, that the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) BIOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) BIOL 4315 – Genomics and Transcriptomics

The proposal adds BIOL 3315 to the list of prerequisites, and replaces the final exam with a final project, which is more suitable for this research and project oriented course. The project will be weighted at 20% of the total grade.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by B Kennedy, that the revisions in *BIOL 4315 – Genomics and Transcriptomics* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) CHEMISTRY

a) Course Change

- i) CHEM 1118 – Intermediate Chemistry

The proposal revises the prerequisites to align with those of CHEM 12 and with preparatory courses at other colleges. Minimum grades for prerequisites are adjusted and Precalculus 12 is replaced with Precalculus 11. CHEM 1118 is designed to prepare students for general chemistry, providing the same access to CHEM 1120 as would VSB CHEM12.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by T Lewis, that the revisions in *CHEM 1118 – Intermediate Chemistry* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) CHEM 1120 – General Chemistry I

Revisions will lower the high-school prerequisites to be clearer about the levels of math in CHEM 1120 vs CHEM 1220, to better match accessibility provided by other local post-secondary institutions, and to ensure students taking courses involving molecular science have the benefit of learning freshman-level chemical bonding theory. The proposal also updates the calendar description.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by T Lewis, that the revisions in *CHEM 1120 – General Chemistry I* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) SCIE 1114 – Science Literacy

The proposal revises course content, learning outcomes, and evaluation methods. UBC is changing learning objectives in its SCIE 113 and requiring all BSc students to take SCIE 113. The proposed changes in SCIE 1114 will enable Langara's science students to transfer smoothly to UBC.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by G Krause, that the revisions in *SCIE 1114 – Science Literacy* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) HEALTH SCIENCES

a) New Course

- i) HSCI 2207 – Research Methods in Health Sciences

This new course was created in response to changes in SFU's Health Science degree, which have moved some courses from the third year to the second year of the program. Langara students will now require HSCI 2207 and HSCI 2230 in their second year in order to transfer seamlessly into the SFU program. This course is open to all Langara students with prerequisites.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by W Pierson, that the new course *HSCI 2207 – Research Methods in Health Sciences* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) HSCI 2230 – Evaluating Epidemiological Research

As above, this course was created to maintain articulation with the SFU Health Sciences program. Langara students will be required to take HSCI 2230 in their second year in order to transfer directly into the third year at SFU. This course is open to all Langara students with prerequisites.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by S Sverdrup-Phillips, that the new course *HSCI 2230 – Evaluating Epidemiological Research* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Program Change

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Health Sciences

Proposed revisions remove the specific eight elective courses and English requirements, and the related program notes, as these requirements are already captured in the general requirements of the Associate of Arts Degree. The changes will also require students to take *SCIE 1114 – Science Literacy* in lieu of an elective before taking 2nd-year HSCI courses. The two new courses HSCI 2207 and HSCI 2230 are added to 2nd year course options, and a program note regarding HSCI 1195 is removed, as it is not needed.

- ii) Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences

The proposal adds *MATH 1175* and *1275: Calculus I and II with Applications to Life Sciences* to existing MATH options, and the two new courses HSCI 2207 and HSCI 2230 to 2nd year course options. The requirement for 6 credits of first-year, university-transferable English is a duplication of the English requirements that are prescribed in the general requirements of the Associate of Science Degree and is therefore deleted. There are also minor revisions in Program Note 3, and Program Note 4 regarding HSCI 1195 is removed, as it is not needed.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by G Krause, that the revisions in the *Associate of Arts Degree in Health Sciences* and the *Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS/APPLIED PLANNING

a) Program change

- i) PDD Accounting (Co-operative Education)

The proposal replaces 3 one-credit courses (EXPE 4801, 4802, and 4803) with the single three-credit course EXPE 4800, which covers the same material and prepares students for their co-op term, but allows better flexibility for students and reduces scheduling difficulties. The curriculum is adjusted accordingly and a transition plan will accommodate affected students.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by S Dane, that the revisions in the *Post Degree Diploma in Accounting (Co-operative Education)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) PDD Marketing Management

- iii) PDD Business Administration

The proposal replaces 3 one-credit courses (EXPE 4801, 4802, and 4803) with the single three-credit course EXPE 4800, which covers the same material and prepares students for their required work term, but allows better flexibility for students and reduces scheduling difficulties. The curriculum is adjusted accordingly and a transition plan will accommodate affected students.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by S Dane, that the revisions in the *Post Degree Diploma in Marketing Management* and the *Post Degree Diploma in Business Administration* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) PDD in Applied Planning (Work Experience)

As above, 3 one-credit courses (EXPE 4801, 4802, and 4803) are replaced with the single three-credit course EXPE 4800, which covers the same material and prepares students for their work term, but allows better flexibility for students and reduces scheduling difficulties. The curriculum is adjusted accordingly and a transition plan will accommodate affected students.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by S Dane, that the revision in the *Post Degree Diploma in Accounting (Co-operative Education)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) EDUCATION ASSISTANT

a) Program Change

i) Certificate in Education Assistant

ii) Certificate in Education Assistant (Part-time)

Admission requirements and program notes are updated to match the current application process. Interview with a program faculty member is added as a formal admission requirement and new Applicant Notes explain that students must demonstrate emotional maturity, independence, and an affinity for working with people as assessed through reference letters and an admission interview. The Notes also clarify that the program is competitive and meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee acceptance.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by T Lewis, that the revisions in the *Certificate in Education Assistant* and the *Certificate in Education Assistant (Part-time)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

F) THEATRE ARTS

a) Global Change

i) Update registration restrictions for THEA courses

The proposal restricts registration in THEA 1150 and THEA 1250 to students in the *Diploma in Theatre Arts at Studio 58 (Theatre Production)* program, as originally intended. When these courses were introduced in 202210 for the revised program, priority registration was inadvertently assigned to the old program.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by W Pierson, that the *Global Change to update registration restrictions for THEA courses* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan turned the chair over to A Alves.

G) IDS – CLASSICAL STUDIES

a) Program Change

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

In both proposals, revisions include the addition of ENGL 1100 to the English requirements and a number of specific courses in AHIS, ANTH, CLST, ENGL, HIST, and PHIL to the list of elective options; the removal of HIST 2237 as an elective, as the course is no longer offered; and deletion of the explanatory note for CLST 1105. Other deletions remove the option 'and other such relevant courses that may be offered from time to time' from the electives, as it unclear and not possible to implement, and the section designation for ENGL 1181. Curriculum notes are added to provide information for students regarding designated sections of courses.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by W Pierson, that the revisions in the *Associate of Arts Degree in Classical Studies* and the *Diploma in Arts and Science (Classical Studies)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

A Alves returned the chair to T MacMillan.

7. POLICY

A) NEW POLICY

a) F1012 – Program Renewal

Development of this policy was a recommendation of Langara's most recent Quality Assurance Process Audit. The college does not currently have a policy on program renewal. The new policy defines the principles and requirements that will guide renewal of established programs at the college.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by A Alves, that the new policy *F1012 - Program Renewal* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) REVISED POLICY

a) F1007 – Final Examinations: Procedures (for information)

This policy was revised in November 2022 and the procedures are now also updated in sections 2, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 16, mainly to clarify procedures for additional and emergency invigilators during final examinations.

IT WAS MOVED by J Macedo Araujo, seconded by W Pierson, that the revised Procedures document for *Policy F1007 – Final Examinations* be received for information by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

8. OTHER ITEMS

A) REGISTRAR and ENROLMENT

a) Academic Dates 2023-2024 (revised)

C Truong explained that the dates have been adjusted to accommodate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation holiday. It was possible to add an extra instructional day in Fall 2023 but not in Fall 2024 because of the timing of the holiday.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by S Wiebe, that the revised *Academic Dates for Fall 2023 and Fall 2024* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) EDCO ELECTIONS (for information)

T MacMillan informed Council that the call for nominations for the May 1, 2023-April 30, 2025 membership term will begin March 22, 2023.

Annual elections for the Chair and Vice-Chair will take place the following month.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A Thakur congratulated Langara College for its long history and achievements, and led a round of applause from Council members.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. **BY CONSENSUS**