

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 13:00
Room B141

Membership:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Vanessa Brown
Paula Burns*
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns
Maisa Doris Ferlin
Nora Franzova
Brent Kennedy
Gerda Krause

Minutes: Susan Smith*

Regrets: V Brown, S Sverdrup-Phillips

Qiyamah Li
Kaitlin Lovering
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Pouyan Mahboubi
James Nickason
Wanda Pierson
John Sapalaran
Harman Sidhu
Susan Sverdrup-Phillips
Ann Syme
Arman Thakur
Sunita Wiebe

Resource*:

Patricia Aroca-Ouellette
Connie Chong
Arnie Clark
Dwayne Ford
Debbie Schachter
Emily Scarlett
Alli Sullivan
Pauline Vallee

Guests*: Phuoi-Linh To

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. T MacMillan welcomed new Education Council member P Mahboubi, resource attendee P Vallee, and guest P To. Student representatives A Thakur and H Sidhu were thanked for contributions during their terms.

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

a) MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

- i) Course Change
 - MATH 1271 – Calculus II

The minimum grade required for the prerequisite courses has been raised from "C-" to "C" to improve student success in this course.

b) WEB and MOBILE APP DESIGN and DEVELOPMENT

- i) Course Change
 - WMDD 4940 – Native Android App Development

The proposal removes the discontinued course WMDD 4845 from the prerequisites. WMDD 4845 has been replaced by WMDD 4930.

IT WAS MOVED by A Syme, seconded by W Pierson, that the agenda/consent agenda be approved.

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.

A Thakur raised a concern about the attendance record of student members on Education Council and suggested that requirements such as a limit on the number of absences be implemented to improve attendance and provide better opportunities for those who would like to participate. T MacMillan acknowledged that this is an issue and that the attendance record is considered when providing references for members.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by Alves, that the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2023 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

a) Program Change

- i) Certificate in Early Childhood Education

The proposal adds PSYC 2324 as an optional substitute for ECED 1102 in the program curriculum, and the Program Notes are updated to remove ambiguity regarding the five-year time limit for completing the program.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by S Dane, that the revisions in the *Certificate in Childhood Education* be approved by Education Council.

During discussion it was agreed that the statement in the Program Notes should be modified to clarify that the five-year limit for completing the program begins with the student's term of entry into the program.

MOTION CARRIED

B) LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

a) Global Change

- i) PLAR eligibility for LIBR courses

The proposal formalizes the existing Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition eligibility for LIBR courses, effective 202410.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Syme, that the global change to formalize PLAR in *LIBR 1111, LIBR 1118, LIBR 1219, LIBR 2315, LIBR 2418* and *LIBR 2419* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) RECREATION STUDIES

a) Global Change

- i) PLAR for RECR 1170 and RECR 1270

This proposal formalizes the existing Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition eligibility for RECR 1170 and RECR 1270, effective 202410.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by W Pierson, that the global change to formalize PLAR in *RECR 1170* and *RECR 1270* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

a) Program Change

- i) Diploma in Leisure Studies

The proposal replaces KINS 1161 – Leisure & Sport in Society with *KINS 1160 – Leisure and Sport in Society* in the program curriculum. KINS 1160 was created several years ago to align with UBC's equivalent course, and KINS 1161 is no longer offered at Langara.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, that the revision in the *Diploma in Leisure Studies* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) PSYCHOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) PSYC 2320 – Research Methods in Psychology
ii) PSYC 2321 – Data Analysis for Psychology

In both proposals the course description has been updated through consultation with TCDC to better outline the purpose and content of the course.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by G Krause, that the revised course descriptions for *PSYC 2320 – Research Methods in Psychology* and *PSYC 2321 – Data Analysis for Psychology* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) ASIAN STUDIES/REGISTRAR and ENROLMENT SERVICES

a) Correction to ASIA 1145 approved May 2023

- i) Memorandum
ii) New Course: ASIA 1155 (previously submitted as ASIA 1145)

D Ford explained that the new course *ASIA 1145 – Introduction to East Asia - Korea* which was approved by Education Council in May 2023 had been inadvertently assigned a course number that had been used previously for another course that has since been discontinued, and the same code cannot be used again. Therefore a revised New Course Form was now submitted to establish the approved course as ASIA 1155, with no other changes. It was noted that a discontinuation form was not required to cancel ASIA 1145 since a discontinuation was previously submitted for that course code. The course *ASIA 1155 – Introduction to East Asia - Korea* will be implemented for the 202410 semester as planned.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by W Pierson, that the corrected *ASIA 1155 – Introduction to East Asia – Korea*, originally submitted as ASIA 1145, be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A) 2024 EDCO SUBMISSION SCHEDULE (Revised)

The 2024 schedule presented at the last meeting was resubmitted with revised dates for the June 2024 and January 2025 timelines.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by B Kennedy, that the *2024 EDCO Submission Schedule* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Continuing Studies: New Micro-Credential Approval Process

S Wiebe explained that this is the fourth in a series of process outlines for micro-credentials, and that the document presented describes the process for creating Continuing Studies micro-credentials when using new rather than existing curriculum content. She noted that while micro-credentials are intended to be flexible, they still require a vigorous approval process.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by G Krause, that the *Continuing Studies: New Micro-Credential Approval Process* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Academic Dates 2025-26 and Spring/Summer 2024 Revision

A Clark presented the proposed dates for 2025-26 along with a revision for the Spring 2024 schedule that had been approved in the fall of 2021. In the original version, the first day of Spring 2024 registration had fallen on Saturday, November 18 and the revision changes this to Monday, November 20. A second correction removes a typographical error which had shown a study day on August 6 in the Summer 2024.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by A Alves, that the proposed *Academic Dates for 2025 and 2026 and the revisions in the Spring and Summer dates for 2024* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Graduation Advisory Committee (GAC) Summary

P Vallee presented a report to summarize the 58 approved graduation exemption requests during the period of May 2022 to August 2023. She noted many exemptions were unique, 7 resulted in curriculum changes, and all were reviewed on a case by case basis.

IT WAS MOVED by A Thakur, seconded by N Franzova, that the *Graduation Advisory Committee Summary – May 2022 to August 2023* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

E) Report: Academic Governance Council (AGC) meeting

T MacMillan provided a brief verbal report on the meeting of the AGC, a group that represents the Education Councils of colleges throughout British Columbia, which took place on June 19, 2023 after a 2-year interval. Themes discussed included the resumption of AGC meetings, Indigenization, EDI principles, and the process for reviewing bylaws.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by A Alves, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm.