

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Membership:

Antonella Alves

Linda Arnold

Lynn Carter

Laura Cullen (Chair)

Martin Gerson

Margaret Heldman (Vice Chair)

Linda Holmes (a)

Jim Hooton

Terry Kornutiak

Gerda Krause

Wendy Low

Peter Norwood

Kevin Paul

Ken Pawlak

Brian Pendleton

Lisa Randell

Roger Semmens

Joyce Wong (a)

Student Representatives

Zuo, XinRu

Susan Smith (notes)

Guests: Wayne Declé
Ian Humphreys
Doug Soo (a)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1303 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

That the agenda be adopted with the addition of the following items:

New Business:

- i) Adjustment to Examination Dates for 200710

Information Items:

- i) Repeat Course Registration
- ii) Nursing Division memo re: Course Credit: Special Consideration

Moved by L. Cullen /Seconded by M. Gerson
CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held November 14, 2006 be approved as circulated.

Moved by R Semmens/Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED

4. CURRICULUM

A) CONTINUING STUDIES

Certificate Programs

- i) Airline and Travel Service Agent Certificate
 - a) Airport Check-in Agent stream
 - b) Travel and Tourism stream

I. Humphreys gave a brief description of this new program, which will provide students with the skills needed to obtain careers in the airline and travel service industry. He noted that the Airport Check-in stream is already full with 20 students enrolled.

MOTION:

That this new Certificate Program be received by Education Council.

Moved by M. Gerson /Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

- B) CONTINUING STUDIES
 - Certificate Programs (continued)**
 - ii) Documentary Film Production

W. Declé explained that this revision adds codes for FTE counting, and that there were no changes to the actual program.

MOTION:

That this Certificate program revision be received by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens /Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

(The guests departed the meeting at 1307 hours)

L. Cullen turned the chair over to M. Heldman.

- B) BUSINESS & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
 - a) **Financial Management**
 - Prerequisite Change**
 - i) FMGT 4225 – Advanced Taxation

L. Cullen explained that this change was being presented as an amendment to incorrectly listed prerequisites, which should be FMGT 1321 with a minimum C- grade and FMGT 2325 with minimum C- grade.

MOTION:

That this prerequisite change be approved by Education Council as presented.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by M. Gerson
CARRIED

M. Heldman returned the chair to L. Cullen.

- D) HUMANITIES
 - a) **IDS**
 - Program Revision**
 - i) Environmental Studies

R. Semmens explained that most changes are a matter of housekeeping with a total of 7 courses removed from the list either because the course number had been changed or because the course was deemed inappropriate for the program. In addition, certain new courses have been added, including Aboriginal Studies. Care was taken to ensure there is a good transition plan in place for current students. Changes are to become effective 200710, with the exception of the course deletions, which will come into effect 200730.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve this program revision as presented.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by K. Pawlak
CARRIED

5. BUSINESS ARISING

- i) Course Credit: Special Consideration

J. Hooton noted that when this document was originally presented to Education Council on September 19, 2006, there had been concern raised over Paragraph 5.4, relating to a student's ineligibility to receive this type of credit in clinical placements, practica, etc. The statement has now been revised to address those concerns. There was a brief discussion regarding the timeline for implementation of the policy.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the Course Credit: Special Consideration policy as presented in the agenda package, to be implemented no earlier than 200710.

Moved by J. Hooton/Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

i) B.C. Provincial Exams

K. Paul presented this topic, explaining that the provincial government's 2004 graduation program making provincial examinations optional will come into effect with the Grade 12 students graduating in 2007. At the Deans and Division Chairs meeting of November 8, 2006 a memo was circulated entitled "B.C. Grade 12 Provincial Examinations" which contained an analysis of Langara's current admission requirements as well as the implications and options available to Langara as a result of this policy. It was determined that retaining current admissions practices would not cause significant operational changes, however will demonstrate a certain standard worth preserving. Thus a motion was passed stating **"that provincial exams are required to support a particular grade when that grade is being used toward satisfying an admission requirement or prerequisite."**

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the motion passed by the November 8, 2006 meeting of Deans and Division Chairs, as stated above.

Moved by K. Paul/Seconded by M. Heldman
CARRIED

ii) Adjustment to Examination Dates for 200710

K. Paul explained that the original schedule contained only 6 examination days instead of the usual 7. The proposed change requires the elimination of one formal study day, but allows the additional day for examinations, with the timing of the Easter holiday ensuring there are still 5 days between the final day of classes and the proposed first day of examinations.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the adjustment of examination dates for the 200710 term from April 12 - 19, 2007 to April 11 - 19, 2007.

Moved by K. Paul/Seconded by J. Hooton
CARRIED

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

i) Report on Co-Education Council Meeting

L. Cullen referred to the notes of the November 18th, 2006 CoEdCo meeting.

ii) Repeat Course Registration

B. Pendleton explained that the Geography department has requested to be included among those departments listed in the College Calendar which place restrictions on the number of times a student may re-register for a course without special approval. This request was approved at the December 6, 2006 meeting of Deans and Division Chairs.

iii) Nursing Division memo re: Course Credit: Special Consideration

W. Low circulated copies of this memorandum addressed to Deans and Division Chairs which requests that, in relation to the Course Credit: Special Consideration policy presented at today's meeting of Education Council, and in consideration of the high quality of competency and safety skills required in nursing, an addition to the Calendar be made stating that Nursing **"students are not eligible to receive Deferred Standing for any practice placement experiences or for any course where skills or competencies are continually evaluated throughout the course and/or where regular attendance is required."**

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

That, there being no other business, the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by L. Carter
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1337 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007.