

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, April 17, 2007

Membership:

Antonella Alves
Fraser Archibald
Linda Arnold (a)
Noel Currie
Laura Cullen (Chair)
Martin Gerson
Margaret Heldman (Vice Chair)

Linda Holmes (a)
Jim Hooton
Gerda Krause
Wendy Low
Peter Norwood
Kevin Paul
Ken Pawlak

Brian Pendleton
Lisa Randell (a)
Roger Semmens (a)
Joyce Wong

Student Representatives

Alishams Hassam (a)
Sherese Johnson (a)
Gabriel Ratte (a)
Zuo, XinRu (a)

Guests:

Greg Blue
Wayne Declé

Susan Smith (notes)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1308 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the addition of an information item to be presented by B. Pendleton.

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held March 13, 2007 be approved as circulated.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by P. Norwood
CARRIED

4. CURRICULUM

A. CONTINUING STUDIES: Creative and Applied Arts

Certificate Program Revisions

i) Documentary Production Certificate

W. Declé explained that the program will have the same total number of hours, however has been extended from 12 to 16 weeks with less in-class time, to allow students more time for research and writing. This will also permit students to access more financial aid. One new course, Camera Lab, has been added to the program, and others have been modified to accommodate the changes.

ii) Advertising & Graphic Design

G. Blue described the revision as a replacement of GRPH 1037 - Studio Management with PHTG 1015 - Business Practices, already part of the Photography program, as a required course in Advertising & Graphic Design. PHTG 1015, which has been slightly modified to accommodate inclusion in the program, is considered more effective in teaching the business skills needed by designers. In addition, both design and photography students will benefit through the opportunity to collaborate and establish ties needed in the professional world.

L. Cullen acknowledged both items received by Education Council.

B. ANTHROPOLOGY

Prerequisite Change

i) ANTH 2260 – Gender in Cross-Cultural Perspective

B. Pendleton informed members that the department has recommended adding SOCI 1120 and SOCI 1121, both with a minimum "C" grade, to the existing prerequisites for this course.

MOTION:

That the above prerequisite change be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

C. ECONOMICS

Prerequisite Change

- i) ECON 2221 – Strategic Thinking

ECON 2221 has direct transfer equivalent to ECON 221 at UBC. B. Pendleton explained that the proposed addition of prerequisites ECON 1220 AND ECON 1221 is driven by UBC's requirement for this combination of courses.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the above prerequisite change as recommended.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by wendy
CARRIED

D. PACIFIC RIM

Program Revision/Credential/Title/Description Change/Prerequisite Change

- i) Name Change to Asian Studies

B. Pendleton presented this package of changes arising from the renaming of Pacific Rim Studies as "Asian Studies". The more contemporary name is expected to have better public appeal, and will make the program title consistent with those offered elsewhere. Proposed revisions affect course alpha codes only (PACR XXXX will become ASIA XXXX), and not program content or descriptions, except where Pacific Rim is replaced by Asia in course titles. All changes are effective Fall 2007.

MOTION:

That the above package of changes to the Pacific Rim program be approved as recommended.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

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

E. COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Course Description Change

- i) All current Cooperative Education courses

L. Cullen presented this recommendation to add wording to all Co-operative Education course descriptions to clarify that COOP 2310, COOP 2311, COOP 2312, COOP 2313, COOP 2510, COOP 2511, COOP 2512, and COOP 2513 may only be used towards a Cooperative Education credential and cannot be used to meet elective requirements.

MOTION:

That the above course wording description change be approved by Education Council.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED

Prerequisite Change

- i) BUSM 1310 Professional Employability Skills

This course is a prerequisite for students considering Co-operative Education. The department has determined that students without adequate English are strongly disadvantaged and often unable to complete the course successfully. It is therefore recommended that English skills be confirmed through any one of the following prerequisites: *LET, LPI with a score of 25, LPI with a score of 24 (with 5 English usage), BC English 12 with minimum 'A' grade, BC English Literature 12 with minimum 'A' grade, University Transfer English or Communications course with minimum 'C-' grade, or ENGL 1107, 1108 or 1110 with 'S' grade.*

MOTION:

That the above prerequisite change be approved by Education Council.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by P. Norwood
CARRIED

Discontinued Course

- i) COOP 1000/1500 Coop Internship Work Placement Report

L. Cullen described this item as a housekeeping item. The above courses, originally set up for non-program students, have become redundant with the renaming of all Co-op courses to generic ones.

MOTION:

That the discontinuation of the course described above be approved as recommended.

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

F. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Program Revision

- i) Accounting Diploma/Accounting Cooperative Education Diploma

This revision gives students the option of taking an elective in lieu of FMGT 2423 which maintains consistency between diploma and BBA degree requirements.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the above program revision as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by P. Norwood
CARRIED

M. Heldman returned the chair to L. Cullen

G. IDS: Environmental Studies

Course Title Change/Course Description Change

- i) ENVS 2390 – Environmental Issues Seminar

K. Pawlak presented this item on behalf of R. Semmens. The department proposed changing the title to “Environmental Issues” because it is not a seminar course as the title suggests.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the above course title change as recommended and remove the word “seminar” from the course description.

Moved by K. Pawlak/Seconded by M. Gerson
CARRIED

Course Description Change

- i) ENVS 1105 – Environmental Studies Program Seminar
ii) ENVS 2390 – Environmental Issues Seminar (see above)
iii) ENVS 2410 – Environmental Law
iv) ENVS 2470 – Field School

Course descriptions have been updated to reflect current teaching practices and subject areas.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the above course description changes.

Moved by K. Pawlak /Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

Prerequisite Change

- i) ENVS 2390 – Environmental Issues Seminar

Changes give students more options, with 35 possible combinations of electives. Proposed prerequisites are: *Any four of the following courses: GEOG 1155, BIOL 1115, BIOL 1215, BIOL 1118, BIOL 1218, CHEM 1117, CHEM 1217, or permission of the coordinator.*

- ii) ENVS 2391 – Appropriate Technology for International Aid

By adding “permission of the coordinator” this course is brought in line with other ENVS courses which have this option. Proposed prerequisites are: *BIOL 1118 and BIOL 1218; or BIOL 1115 and BIOL 1215; and ENVS 2390 and 2470 or permission of the coordinator.*

- iii) ENVS 2410 – Environmental Law

Proposed prerequisites include more courses to expand options for students, as follows: *ENGL 1127 or ENGL 1128, and one of the following: ENVS 2390 or GEOG 1155 or BIOL 1118 or BIOL 1218 or CHEM 1117 or CHEM 1120 or with permission of the coordinator.*

- iv) ENVS 2470 – Field School

Changes add courses providing students with more options while still ensuring they have the required learning and experience. There are 126 possible combinations of electives for this course. Proposed prerequisites are: *Any four of the following courses: BIOL 1118, BIOL 1218, BIOL 1115, BIOL 1215, CHEM 1117, CHEM 1217, CHEM 1120, GEOG 1155, EITHER GEOG 1190 or GEOL 1110 or with permission of the coordinator.*

MOTION:

That the above prerequisite changes be approved by Education Council.

Moved by K. Pawlak /Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Research Ethics Committee Members

M. Gerson presented this topic with the suggestion that it be viewed as an information item only, as further development is needed before a motion can be made. In June 2003, Education Council adopted a policy which ensured compliance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement on ethical research. To date research done by Langara College has been carried out under the auspices of other institutions. However with Langara faculty now wishing to carry out independent research, it has become necessary to fully implement our own policy, the guidelines of which call for the establishment of a Research Ethics Committee. This committee is to consist of at least five members, with at least one member having no current affiliation with this institution, and one member knowledgeable in ethics. M. Gerson welcomes suggestions for committee membership, and hopes to bring a list of nominees to the next meeting of Education Council.

The president has appointed M. Gerson to the position of “Director of Research Ethics”.

- b) Elections: Education Council Chair and Vice-Chair

K. Paul explained the voting procedure, clarifying that only voting members elected in the last ballot are eligible to participate.

Following a call for nominees for the position of Chair, L. Cullen was nominated by W. Low.

L. Cullen accepted the nomination and was declared elected by acclamation.

Following a call for nominees for the position of Vice-Chair, M. Heldman was nominated by K. Pawlak.

M. Heldman accepted the nomination and was declared elected by acclamation.

6. INFORMATION ITEM

B. Pendleton informed members of the opportunity to have items presented at a B.C. Transfer meeting taking place on April 20, 2007.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

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

Moved by W. Low
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1352 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007.