

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Membership:

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

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

Brian Pendleton (Vice-Chair)
Lisa Randell (a)
Roger Semmens
Joyce Wong

Student Representatives:

Arran Walshe (a)
Gabriel Pelletier (a)

Notes:

Susan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 13:05 hours upon declaration of a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

L. Cullen noted the following additions to the agenda had been circulated by email prior to the meeting:

- 6) A. Schedule of Academic Dates for Spring 2009 to Fall 2009 (corrected version)
- C. Credentials Policy

MOTION:

That the agenda be approved with additions noted.

Moved by W. Low
CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held January 15, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Moved by R. Semmens /Seconded by A. Alves
CARRIED

4. Welcome new student representative

L. Cullen noted that G. Pelletier has been re-elected student representative, while A. Walshe is continuing the second half of his term. There are currently two student vacancies on Education Council.

5. CURRICULUM

A) MODERN LANGUAGES

a) New Course Proposal

- i) CHIN 2215 – Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing III
- ii) CHIN 2217 – Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing IV

R. Semmens presented these courses as a continuation of existing courses *CHIN 2211* and *CHIN 2213*, noting that Chinese language courses have proven popular among students wishing to gain communication skills for doing business in the Pacific Rim. The new courses are university transferable.

MOTION:

That the new courses *CHIN 2215 – Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing III* and *CHIN 2217- Intermediate Chinese Reading and Writing IV* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens /Seconded by P. Norwood

The motion was amended to include a slight correction to wording in the calendar description as it appeared in the agenda package.

CARRIED

- iii) CHIN 3381 – Chinese Literature in the 20th Century I
- iv) CHIN 3383 – Chinese Literature in the 20th Century II

The Modern Languages department proposes adding the above courses, which will introduce students to modern Chinese literature through fiction, prose and poetry from an analytical perspective, at the third year level. Experience gained from other institutions indicates this to be a popular subject.

MOTION:

That the new courses CHIN 3381 and CHIN 3383 be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens /Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

- B) IDS
 - a) **Program Revision**
 - i) Environmental Studies

The proposed revision adds *HIST 2260 - Environmental History* to the list of electives for the Arts and Science Diploma. *HIST 2260* has significant environmental studies content and as such will make a valuable contribution to the Environmental Studies Program.

MOTION:

That the above revision to the Environmental Studies program be approved by Education Council.

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

- b) **New Course Proposal**
 - i) ENVS 2100- Environmental Problems and Solutions

This multidisciplinary course is an improved version of ENVS 2390, which will enhance the Environmental Studies program by introducing environmental topics of regional, national and international importance, and will serve as a potential gateway to improve enrolment in the program. It is also open to students in other disciplines.

MOTION:

That the new course *ENVS 2100 – Environmental Problems and Solutions* be approved by Education Council.

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

- C) APPLIED URBAN and RURAL PLANNING
 - a) **Program Revision**
 - i) Applied Urban and Rural Planning

The proposed revision, as approved by the Applied Urban and Rural Planning Program Advisory Committee at its December 14, 2007 meeting, will change the Aboriginal Studies electives on the approved electives list from mandatory to optional.

MOTION:

That the revision to the *Applied Urban and Rural Planning Program* as described above be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton /Seconded by M. Gerson
CARRIED

L. Cullen turned the chair over to B. Pendleton.

D) LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

a) **Program Revision**

- i) Library & Information Technology program

The Library & Information Technology department proposes changing the name of its new First Nations Stream to the more inclusive *Aboriginal Stream*. The stream begins in the 200830 semester.

MOTION:

That the above revision to the *Library & Information Technology Program* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by L. Cullen /Seconded by K. Pawlak

CARRIED

B. Pendleton returned the chair to L. Cullen.

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

A) **Schedule of Academic Dates for Spring 2009 to Fall 2009**

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the schedule of dates for Spring 2009 through Fall 2009. The Registrar is empowered to correct any errors. The Deans of Instruction are empowered to make any adjustments necessary to compensate for unforeseen events. Any changes made to the approved dates will be reported to Education Council.

Moved by K. Paul /Seconded by J. Hooton

B. Pendleton observed that the Fall 2009 semester will have only eleven Mondays for classes rather than the usual twelve, which may be a concern for departments that have once per week Monday classes. Discussion followed. The Registrar's Office is able to produce a report to identify and allow Division Chairs to discuss in advance any scheduling concerns with affected departments. It was noted that any operational issues that arise can be managed by DDC.

CARRIED

B) **BC Grade 12 Provincial Examination**

L. Cullen referred to the motion passed by DDC for Langara College to adopt a similar approach as other colleges have done regarding the B.C. Grade 12 Province Examination. K. Paul noted that while some institutions have retained their original policy of requiring the exam, most have made it optional.

MOTION:

That Langara College will no longer require the B.C. Provincial Examinations (effective Fall 2008). When a student has written an optional Grade 12 provincial exam, the higher of the school mark or the blended grade (school and provincial exam marks combined) will be used for admission.

Moved by K. Paul /Seconded by L. Arnold

CARRIED

C) **Credentials Policy**

K. Paul introduced this revised policy, noting the correct policy number is F1001, not F1003 as indicated in the agenda package. The credentials policy needed updating to reflect the College's capacity to offer Bachelor degrees, and will describe and regulate credentials earned through Regular Studies. Continuing Studies will have a separate policy. In addition, the revised policy distinguishes between the credential as a qualification awarded by the College, and the parchment as the physical document that displays the credential. Other significant changes include clarification around the naming of credentials, minimum credits and the GPA required to achieve credentials. Appendices, as indicated in section 7.2, will allow for exceptions for specific programs or credentials as required, without necessitating further revision of the policy itself. Discussion followed.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the revised policy F1001: Credentials.

Moved by K. Paul/Seconded by L. Arnold

CARRIED

MOTION:

That the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) be listed in Appendix 3 of the Credentials Policy as having less than 40 courses. All other minimums are met.

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

L. Cullen informed members that Education Council Chair and Vice Chair elections are to be held at the April 2008 meeting.

MOTION:

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

Moved by W. Low
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1415 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.