



**EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**Tuesday, February 17, 2009**

**Membership:**

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

Margaret Heldman  
Gerda Krause  
Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)  
Peter Norwood  
Therese Paradis  
Kevin Paul  
Thor Paulson

Ken Pawlak  
Brian Pendleton (a)  
Lisa Randell (a)  
David Ross  
Roger Semmens  
Joyce Wong

**Notes:**

Susan Smith

**Guests:** --

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 1304 hours upon declaration of a quorum. L. Cullen welcomed new student representative T. Paulson, and roundtable introductions followed.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by consensus.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting held November 4, 2008 be approved with the following amendment (in bold typeface):

Item 5. B) ...That Education Council approve the new *Policy E2009: **Withdrawal from Courses.***

**Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by R. Semmens**  
**CARRIED**

**4. CURRICULUM**

**A) ENGLISH**

**a) Program Admission Requirements**

**b) Prerequisite Change**

- i) APPL 1110 & 1130
- ii) FINA 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1160, 1170 & 1210
- iii) FMGT 2293 & 2294

T. Paradis introduced the proposed global change to English admission requirements, submitted on behalf of the Registrar's Office after consultation with each program's chair or coordinator. The proposed changes will affect all career and limited enrolment programs (except for Nursing, Nursing Transition, and Publishing), and will also require changes to the prerequisite requirements of the specific courses listed above. These changes correspond to recent changes made to English proficiency standards for LET, LPI and English 12. The following statement will apply to the program admission requirements and prerequisites for the above courses:

*"One of the following: LET with a minimum level 3; LPI with a minimum 26 on the Essay and one of 5 in English Usage, 5 in Sentence Structure, or 10 in Reading Comprehension; BC English 12 or equivalent with a minimum 80%; BC English Literature 12 with a minimum 80%; a university-level English or Communications course for which Langara awards transfer credit, with a minimum 'C-'; or an 'S' in one of ENGL 1107, 1108 or 1110."*

**MOTION: That** Education Council approve the English proficiency requirements changes for the programs and courses indicated.

**Moved by** T. Paradis/Seconded by R. Semmens  
**CARRIED**

**B) ARTS & SCIENCE DIPLOMA**

**a) Program Revision**

- i) Arts & Science (including all concentrations)

The requirements for an Arts and Science Diploma have not changed in over 35 years. The courses that are currently listed as meeting the requirements of the diploma were identified using the academic organization of the College that existed when the diploma was first introduced. The proposed changes will remove restrictive definitions and will allow many students who have a variety of Arts or Science courses not currently specified in the diploma course list to be recognized with a credential.

**MOTION: That** Education Council approve changes to the Arts and Science diploma requirements as outlined in the agenda package.

**Moved by** T. Paradis/Seconded by W. Low  
**CARRIED**

L. Cullen turned the chair over to W. Low.

**C) RECREATION**

**a) Program Revision**

- ii) Bachelor of Recreation Management

L. Cullen noted that substantial changes have been made to the Recreation program curriculum over the years. Students who completed their Recreation Diploma at Langara prior to 2000 are missing foundation courses in business, such as Marketing and Financial Management. In order to ensure success in the BRM, it is proposed that FMGT 1116 be added as a bridging requirement, and that a corresponding revision be made to the admission requirements statement regarding bridging courses.

**MOTION: That** Education Council approve the above revision to the Bachelor of Recreation Management degree program.

**Moved by** L. Cullen/Seconded by G. Krause  
**CARRIED**

W. Low returned the chair to L. Cullen.

**D) IDS**

**a) Program Revision**

- ii) Environmental Studies Citation

The program revision will increase breadth by adding a number of courses, including three new courses, to the program list, and the following statement will apply: "*Students may count only one of GEOG 1190 or GEOG 1110 towards the citation.*"

J. Wong noted a typographical error in which BIOL 1215 was omitted from the list of courses appearing on page 28 of the agenda package.

**MOTION: That** Education Council approve the revision to the Environmental Studies Citation, with amendment to include BIOL 1215 in the list of courses as noted.

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

iii) Environmental Studies

The proposed revision will add three new Langara College courses to the program.

*ENVS 2100-Environmental Problems and Solutions* will be added as a core course in the Associate of Science (Environmental Studies), Associate of Arts (Environmental Studies) and the Arts and Science (Environmental Studies) Diploma. Students will be required to take either *ENVS 2100* or *ENVS 2390*.

*PHIL 1120-Environmental Ethics* and *SOCI 1126-Introduction to Environmental Sociology* are to be included as electives for the Associate of Arts (Environmental Studies) and the Arts and Science (Environmental Studies) Diploma.

**MOTION:** That Education Council approve the revision to the Environmental Studies program as described.

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

**E) PUBLISHING**

**a) Evaluation Criteria**

ii) PUBL 1124 – Adobe Photoshop

The Publishing Department proposes making PUBL 1124 non-examinable, which will make this course consistent with all other courses in the program. The final projects are substantial in scope and students need to spend time on these to demonstrate the skills they have learned, rather than study for a final exam. The proposed breakdown of evaluation criteria is:

Small projects/assignments: 65%

Quizzes: 20%

Final project: 15%

**MOTION:** That Education Council approve the change to evaluation criteria for *PUBL 1124-Adobe Photoshop* as described.

Moved by K. Pawlak/Seconded by L. Arnold  
**CARRIED**

**F) FINE ARTS**

**a) New Course Proposal**

ii) FINA 2261 - Public Art Studio Practice

This course was developed in consultation with the Steering Committee and Curriculum Committee of the Langara College Centre for Art in Public Spaces. The course is expected to address the interest of a large number of student and professional artists who would like to learn about the design, fabrication and installation of art that is intended for interior or exterior public locations. The proposed start date is May 2009.

**MOTION:** That Education Council approve the new course *FINA 2261 –Public Art Studio Practice*.

Moved by K. Pawlak/Seconded by M.Cue  
**CARRIED**

**G) HEALTH SCIENCES**

**a) New Program Proposal**

M. Heldman presented proposals for four new credentials in health sciences. These credentials were designed to allow students to transfer smoothly into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of SFU's recently established Faculty of Health Sciences programs, which offer baccalaureates in arts and in sciences. The majority of equivalent courses required for the programs are already offered at Langara. In addition, six new courses are in the process of development and will be brought to Education Council for approval before the end of the current term. Employment opportunities for Health Sciences graduates include careers in science, global health, and public policy.

- ii) Associate of Arts Degree in Health Sciences
- iii) Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences

**MOTION:** That Education Council approve in principle the new *Associate of Arts Degree in Health Sciences* and *Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences*.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by G. Krause  
**CARRIED**

- iv) Arts & Science (Health Sciences: Arts) Diploma
- v) Arts & Science (Health Sciences: Science) Diploma

**MOTION:** That Education Council approve in principle the *Arts & Science (Health Sciences: Arts) Diploma* and the *Arts & Science (Health Sciences: Science) Diploma*.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by G. Krause  
**CARRIED**

L. Cullen acknowledged the efforts of M. Heldman, G. Krause, G. Chong and others involved in developing the above proposals.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### A) Policy Revision

- a) F1004 Academic Conduct

Revisions made to this policy include some reorganizing and rewording of text in certain sections to aid comprehension, while maintaining the intent of the original. K. Paul noted that the significant change made in section 8.20, which permits decisions of the Academic Conduct Appeal Panel to be based on written submissions, will make the process less court-like, and allow respondents a better opportunity to consider and prepare their appeal. Additional steps in sections 8.25 and 8.26 ensure the process and penalty have been fully reviewed and endorsed by a senior administrator before a recommendation for suspension or expulsion is forwarded to the President.

**MOTION:**

That Education Council approve the revised *Policy F1004: Academic Conduct*.

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

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A) First day of classes September 2009 (Revision: Academic Dates)

After review by the Registrar's Office, the start date of the Fall 2009 semester has been changed from September 1 to September 8. The change requires the last day of classes to be moved to December 4, resulting in the total number of instructional days being reduced from 64 to 62, but this remains within the normal number of instructional days for a semester. All other institutions in the Lower Mainland have a September 8 start date.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by M. Cue  
**CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 1353 hours.

***The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009.***