



EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Membership:

Fraser Archibald	Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)	Brian Pendleton
Linda Arnold	Ian McBain	David Ross (a)
Jacqueline Bradshaw	Yvonne Ohara	Emily Scarlett
Mollien Cue	Therese Paradis	Roger Semmens (a)
Laura Cullen (Chair)	Kevin Paul	Joyce Wong
Margaret Heldman	Thor Paulson	Jianfei (Sally) Ye
Gerda Krause	Ken Pawlak	Te (Tina) Zhang

Guests: Martin Gerson (a)

Minutes: Susan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1302 hours, upon declaration of a quorum.

2. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

L. Cullen welcomed new student representatives J. Ye and T. Zhang. Roundtable introductions followed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At the request of D. Ross, the following amendment was proposed:

6. D) EdCo Strategic Plan – draft; *deferred to a future meeting.*

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as amended.

**Moved by M. Heldman
CARRIED**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held June 16, 2009 be approved.

**Moved by Y. OHara /Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED**

5. CURRICULUM

A) BIOLOGY

a. Course Changes

- i) BIOL 1190 – Health Sciences I – Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- ii) BIOL 1191 – Health Sciences II – Anatomy and Physiology II
- iii) BIOL 2290 – Health Science III: Pathophysiology I

The proposed changes correspond to the planned adjustment of requirements in the Nursing Program. Nursing students in BIOL 1190 and 1191 must achieve a minimum “C+” grade in both courses to meet Nursing Program progression requirements. BIOL 2290, a course that is restricted to Nursing students, will now require a minimum “C+” grade in prerequisite courses BIOL 1190 and 1191, as well as adjusted English requirements.

MOTION: That the proposed changes in *BIOL 1190*, *BIOL 1191* and *BIOL 2290* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by G. Krause /Seconded by W. Low

It was noted that while these changes are based on revisions to the Nursing Program which have not yet been approved by Education Council, full consultation between Biology and Nursing has taken place. The Nursing proposal, to be presented at the next meeting of Education Council, will amend the Nursing program progression requirements and provide a transition plan for current and waitlisted students.

CARRIED

B) PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY

a. Course Change

- i) PHYS 2424 – Modern Physics

Proposed revisions will change the course title to *“Relativity and Quanta”* and will remove the 2nd year calculus prerequisite. The proposed prerequisite statement is *“PHYS 1225; and MATH 1271 or 1273; or permission of the department”*.

MOTION: That the proposed course changes in PHYS 2424 be approved by Education Council.

Moved by G. Krause /Seconded by Y. Ohara

CARRIED

C) MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

a. Course Change

- i) STAT 3223 – Intermediate Quantitative Methods

Based on experience which indicates the requirements were set too high, the Mathematics & Statistics department recommends lowering the required minimum grade in the prerequisite courses from “B” in Stat 1123 or “C+” in Stat 1181 to *“A minimum “C+” grade in one of Stat 1123 or 1124; or a minimum “C” grade in Stat 1181”*.

MOTION: That the course prerequisite changes be approved by Education Council as recommended.

Moved by G. Krause /Seconded by M. Heldman

CARRIED

b. Discontinued Courses

- i) STAT 1125, STAT 1126, STAT 1127/1128, STAT 2290

The department is requesting that these courses, which have not been offered in many years, be formally deleted from the books.

MOTION: That Education Council approve the discontinuation of the courses *STAT 1125, STAT 1126, STAT 1127/1128 and STAT 2290.*

Moved by G. Krause /Seconded by W. Low

CARRIED

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

D) HUMAN KINETICS

a. Program change

- i) Human Kinetics Program

The course HKIN 2261 had been inadvertently left off the list of core program courses, and is now being added. This will increase the minimum number of credit hours in core courses from 27 to 30, and reduce the credit hours from the elective list from 27 to 24. The total number of credits required to complete the program remains the same at 60.

The Human Kinetics Department also recommends instituting a repeat limit of two times for each course, except with permission of the department, to ensure that new students are not prevented from enrolling due to a lack of seats.

MOTION: That the program changes described above be approved by Education Council.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by G. Krause

CARRIED

b. Course Change

- i) HKIN 1151 – Biomechanics I

Because a strong math background is a known indicator of student success in this course, and following consultation with the Mathematics Department, Human Kinetics recommends adding the following statement to the course description: “NOTE: HKIN 1151 relies on a basic knowledge of high school math principles (basic algebra, trigonometry). Students without a “B” in Principles of Math 11 (PM11) or a “C+” in PM12, or a score of 70 on the Langara Math Diagnostic Test, should strongly consider taking MATH 1150 prior to this course.”

MOTION: That the course change described above be approved by Education Council.

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

E) BACHELOR OF RECREATION MANAGEMENT

a. Program Change

- i) BRM

Through the process of formally approving and admitting students, a further refining of the program is indicated to streamline and reduce barriers to admission. The department proposes reducing the admission categories to two: one for people who have a recreation diploma from Langara or elsewhere, and the other for people with 60 UT credits and work experience, and will reduce the number of bridging courses required for this group. HKIN 1161 would be added as an equivalent alternative to RECR 1160, and English requirements will be better clarified. The proposal also includes changing the statement regarding the third-year residency requirement to allow for greater flexibility. The Recreation Program Advisory committee was consulted about the proposed changes.

MOTION: That the proposed revisions in the Bachelor of Recreation Management Program be approved by Education Council.

Moved by L. Cullen /Seconded by J. Bradshaw
CARRIED

F) NUTRITION and FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

a) Course Change

- i) NUTR 2322/2422 – Advanced Nutrition I & II

This department would like to formally add BIOL 1175, an online Biology course which is ideal for the students in the online Nutrition program, to the list of possible prerequisites. In addition, the department wishes to remove registration restrictions in order to allow students outside of the program to take these courses.

MOTION: That the proposed course changes in *NUTR 2322* and *2422* be approved by Education Council.

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

W. Low returned the chair to L. Cullen.

G) NURSING

a) Evaluation Criteria

- i) NURS 1100 – Nursing Practice I

This course currently has three quizzes spread over the semester, which limits time spent exploring theoretical concepts. The Nursing Department proposes eliminating one quiz and having a final exam, which will allow more time in the classrooms, and will also permit better assessment of learning. The value of the two quizzes will be 30 and 35%, with the final exam weighted at 35%.

- ii) NURS 1109 – Health I

This course is evaluated through assignments including three quizzes spread out over the semester. The department recommends altering the evaluation criteria to add a final exam, worth 20% of the total grade, reducing the number of quizzes to two, and adjusting the weighting of other assignments.

MOTION: That the evaluation criteria proposals for *NURS 1100* and *NURS 1109* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by W. Low/Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

H) SOCIOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) SOCI 1120 – Introduction to Sociology: Models and Concepts
- ii) SOCI 1121 – Introduction to Sociology: Structures and Process

The Sociology Department proposes new calendar descriptions for both courses, to better describe course content. This will also help to clarify that neither course is a prerequisite for other SOCI 11xx courses.

MOTION: That the proposed calendar description changes for *SOCI 1120* and *SOCI 1121* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by J. Bradshaw
CARRIED

I) HISTORY

a) New courses

- i) HIST 1117 – Outsiders: History of Exclusion

This proposed new first year course, which will investigate groups considered to be “outsiders” at various points in Western history, will be offered effective Spring 2010, and will be open to all students.

MOTION: That the new course *HIST 1117-Outsiders: History of Exclusion* be approved by Education Council.

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

- ii) HIST 1118 - Journeys in the History of Ideas

This course, designed to broaden first year History offerings, will investigate the concept of “Just War” and the idea of Poverty from the Middle Ages to the Present, and will trace how these concepts have evolved over time. The course, developed in consultation with Inter-Disciplinary Studies, will be offered in the spring term beginning 201010, and will be open to all students.

MOTION: That the new course *HIST 1118 - Journeys in the History of Ideas* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by K. Paul
CARRIED

J) PSYCHOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) PSYC 2321 – Data Analysis for Psychology

The Psychology Department wishes to “de-sequence” PSYC 2320 – *Research Methods* and PSYC 2321 – *Data Analysis for Psychology* by removing PSYC 2320 as a prerequisite for PSYC 2321. Knowledge of research methods is not essential to success in the data analysis course, and the courses can be taken in either order.

MOTION: That the prerequisite change in *PSYC 2321* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by I. McBain
CARRIED

K) JOURNALISM

a) Course Change

- i) JOUR 1100 – Introduction to the Media

Course requirements include three written essay-style assignments which have proven too difficult for some students, particularly those with ESL, who may be able to understand course material but have difficulty expressing themselves in written English in order to confirm this. Therefore the department wishes to add a minimum English requirement as a prerequisite for this course.

MOTION: That the prerequisite change for *JOUR 1100* be approved by Education Council.

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

- ii) JOUR 1178 – Newspaper Production I
- iii) JOUR 2278 – Newspaper Production II

Students in these courses produce the newspaper *The Voice*, as writers in one course, and as editors in the other. Both proposals involve updating the course descriptions to reflect current multimedia production methods taught in the classroom and widely used in news production.

MOTION: That the course changes for *JOUR 1178* and *JOUR 2278* be approved by Education Council.
Moved by K. Pawlak /Seconded by L. Arnold
CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A) F1001-Credentials Policy (revision)

K. Paul presented this item in M. Gerson's absence. Revisions include adding references to the new Post-Graduate Certificate credential where required throughout the document. Rewording of section 5.11 stipulates that in order to qualify for a credential from Langara College, students are required to complete the last 40% of the credential requirements at Langara College. As well, the definition of "core course" has been deleted, multiple credentials is addressed in section 5.14, as are dating of credential completion in 5.15, and date of conferral in section 5.20.

MOTION: That the revised policy *F1001: Credentials* be approved by Education Council.
Moved by K. Paul/Seconded by W. Low

It was noted that allowing Education Council members more time before meetings to review and consider complex documents would be valuable.

It was agreed a slight revision will be made on the first page of Appendix 1, so that the Post-Graduate Certificate is first in the list of credentials.

CARRIED

B) Framework for Post-Graduate Certificate programs

The Framework for Post-Graduate Certificates will provide guidelines for developing programs leading to this credential, which requires a baccalaureate degree from a recognized academic institution as a normal requirement for admission. All Post-Graduate certificates will conform to the requirements specified in policy F1001: Credentials.

Moved by T. Paradis /Seconded by Y Ohara
CARRIED

C) 2010 Education Council meeting dates

MOTION: That the proposed Education Council meeting dates and submission deadlines for 2010 be approved by Education Council.

Moved by K. Pawlak /Seconded by E. Scarlett
CARRIED

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented for information.

- A) Report on May 9, 2009 Council of Education Councils meeting
- B) Summary of Release for Education Councils
- C) Globe and Mail article regarding Continuing Studies programs

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by W. Low
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1425 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009.