

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023
at 0930 hours in Boardroom B141

Participants:

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| Patricia Aroca-Ouellette | Marianne Gianacopoulos | Jane Mason (regrets) |
| Pauline Greaves Aylward | Margaret Heldman | Wanda Pierson |
| Elizabeth Barbeau (regrets) | Kerri Janota | Melissa Roberts |
| Darren Bernaerdt | Graeme Joseph | Debbie Schachter |
| Steven Brouse | Susan Kelsall (regrets) | Ann Syme |
| Paula Burns, Chair | Michael Koke | Yusuf Varachia (regrets) |
| David Cresswell* | Gerda Krause (regrets) | Pablo Vargas |
| Spencer Dane | Gurbax Leelh | Joy Walcott-Francis |
| Sandra Enns | Julie Longo* (regrets) | Rosi Woodley |
| Nora Franzova (regrets) | Tess MacMillan | |

* non-voting

Guests:

Eileen Chin, Interim Director, Financial Services
Eva Lau, Associate Director, Budgets

Recorder:

Alice Hsu, Executive Assistant to the President

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

P. Burns acknowledged that Langara College is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam people, and introduced new Council members: D. Bernaerdt (returned to the role of Acting Dean, Faculty of Arts), M. Roberts (new Division Chair, Community Programs), and S. Dane (new Creative Arts & Industries Division Chair Pro Tem), and guests.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on November 15, 2022
- b) IT Update
- c) Summary Report of the October 18, 2022 Education Council Meeting
- d) Summary Report of the November 22, 2022 Education Council Meeting

It was moved by D. Bernaerdt, seconded by A. Syme:

**THAT, the Langara Council approve the agenda/consent agenda
and acknowledge receipt of the consent agenda materials for information.**

Carried Unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

No items were raised.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Update on the FY23 Forecast

E. Chin and E. Lau provided a brief update on the forecast for the fiscal year 2023 including the process, the assumptions used, and things the budget team reviewed and took into

consideration when working on the forecast, and they advised that a balanced budget is expected for FY2023. E. Chin thanked all area managers for being mindful of their budget this year and noted that, although we are projecting breakeven, there will not be additional funds to start new initiatives.

Discussions ensued and E. Chin and M. Koke answered members' questions around the expense item that had the most impact on the budget, financial deadlines for the current fiscal year, and the implications of breakeven, and noted down members' suggestions about the amount of information to provide and the language to use when communicating about breakeven. M. Koke noted that breakeven, not absolutely at zero but getting as close to breakeven as possible, will be our goal each year moving forward assuming the estimate for large capital projects, etc. will not change.

P. Burns thanked the Finance team for their work.

[It was noted that E. Chin and E. Lau left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.]

5. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE AND STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

P. Burns advised that she continues to learn more about the College through its annual cycle, and provided an update on some of the strategic discussions she recently had at an Executive Leadership Retreat and what has been happening in the Province particularly related to the B.C.'s Economic Plan released in 2022 and the Future Ready: Skills for the Jobs of Tomorrow plan the government is working on.

P. Burns then went through the College's 2022/2023 Strategic Priorities document and invited area leaders including G. Joseph, D. Schachter, J. Walcott-Francis, M. Heldman, D. Cresswell, and M. Koke to provide an update on the progress in each of their respective area related to the seven major priorities listed in the document. In the absence of J. Mason and Y. Varachia, P. Burns talked about the work that has been undergoing for Talent Management and Community Engagement and Partnerships.

The Council members then broke out into small groups to discuss and share their thoughts on the opportunities they see for Langara with the Future Ready plan, and how they would like to see Langara Council involved in the strategic priorities discussion.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.