

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Room C408 at 0930 hours

Members:

Fraser Archibald
Linda Arnold
John Belshaw
Lynn Carter (absent)
Julia Denholm
Deanna Douglas, Chair
Charlotte French
Martin Gerson
Margaret Heldman
Ian Humphreys
Ken Jillings
Gerda Krause
Julie Longo

Grace Makarewicz (absent)
Ian McBain
Gordon McNeil
Clayton Munro
Ajay Patel
Joanne Rajotte
David Ross (absent)
Pierre André-Santin
Roger Semmens
Doug Soo
Tomo Tanaka
Wendy Watson
Gayleen Wren (absent)
LSU (2 Representatives – vacant)

Guests:

Noel Currie, Representative, Langara Faculty Association
Roy Daykin, Associate Vice-President, Administration and Finance
and Acting Executive Director, College Advancement
Korena Jang, Manager, Executive and Board Operations
Larry Xiong, Director, Institutional Research

Recorder:

Diana Falcon, Administrative Assistant, Executive Office

D. Douglas chaired the meeting in the absence of D. Ross.

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following change:
Move Information Item 5. b) to an Approval Item under 4. b).

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held March 29, 2011

The Minutes of the Meeting held on March 29, 2011 were accepted.

3. CURRICULUM ITEMS

a) Education Council Meeting held on April 19, 2011

G. Krause highlighted the minutes of the Education Council meeting held on April 19, 2011 noting a number of program and course changes, and a change to a Continuing Studies program. She highlighted a Memorandum of Understanding between Langara and Simon Fraser University and noted the following correction:

H) Other Business

b) Memorandum of Understanding – Simon Fraser University and Langara College
Remove “the Langara College Board of Governors” and replace with “Senior Management.”

There were no items with financial implications.

The Education Council Summary Report for April 19, 2011 was received for information.

4. FOR APPROVAL

a) Accountability Plan and Report 2011/12 – 2013/14

D. Douglas presented the Accountability Plan and Report 2011/12 – 2013/14 attached to the agenda.

In response to member’s questions, L. Xiong noted the following:

- Langara goals and associated performance measures are linked to the Ministry’s Accountability Framework Key Criteria and are identified on pages 14-18 of the agenda.
- Following through on a process initiated last year, the Ministry has revised the formula to measure targets related to awarded credentials.
- Goals and objectives for scholarly activity references will be reviewed for inclusion next year. It was agreed that a sentence on scholarly activity be added into the document to reflect the scholarly activities at the College.

It was moved by L. Arnold, seconded by G. Krause

THAT, the 2011/12-2013/14 Accountability Plan and Report be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval with the noted change.

Once approved, this document will be forwarded to the Ministry of Advanced Education and posted on the College’s website as a public report on the College’s achievements of services to students and the community.

b) Scholarly Activity Steering Committee Preliminary Research Plan

M. Gerson presented the Scholarly Activity Steering Committee Preliminary Research Plan attached to the agenda noting that the document was created to provide an official college statement that formalizes scholarly activity and research as a mainstream activity. He noted that the item was moved for approval on the agenda so that it could be included as part of the application process to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). It will also assist in the revision of three policies that need to be included with the application.

In response to a question regarding the use of “The scholarship of teaching and learning” (fourth bullet point on page 22), J. Belshaw advised that the wording is coincidental and is not associated with the “Scholarship of Teaching and Learning” movement in post-secondary education established in 2004. It was agreed that “policy” in the last sentence of the last page of the document be changed to “plan”.

It was moved by M. Gerson, seconded by J. Denholm

THAT, the Scholarly Activity Steering Committee Preliminary Research Plan be approved in principle with the noted change.

Carried Unanimously.

5. FOR INFORMATION

a) Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost - Update

M. Gerson advised of his intention to retire by the end of 2012 after 36 years of service at Langara. K. Jillings provided an overview of the next steps in the process that will be implemented to begin the search to hire the next Vice-President, Academic and Provost. He advised that the College has engaged the services of an executive search firm to assist in the search and selection process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 0958 hours.