

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, September 17, 2019
13:00 Room B141

Attendees:

Darren Bernaerdt (Chair)	Marianne Gianacopoulos	Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair)
Jim Bowers	<i>Ishant Goyal (a)</i>	Wanda Pierson
Ben Cecil	Purunika Goyal	<i>Navjot Singh (a)</i>
Patricia Cia	<i>Ramandeep Kaur (a)</i>	Jan Smith*
<i>Arnie Clark* (a)</i>	Tasneem Khan	Lane Trotter*
Sandra Enns	Gerda Krause	Ryan Vernon*
Nora Franzova	Carmen Larsen	Peter Warren*
	Tanya Lewis	Lulin Zheng

Regrets: A Clark, R Kaur, R Macqueen

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: *Nina Heir (a), Robin Macqueen (a), Sunita Wiebe*

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME/MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and made the following announcements regarding membership:

- Carmen Larsen was welcomed as new faculty representative;
- Peter Warren was introduced as a new attendee (non-voting) for Registrar and Enrolment Services;
- Student representatives Purunika Goyal and Ishant Goyal were recognized for their contributions to Council;
- Elections are underway for two student representatives and to fill a vacant support staff position following the resignation of Tracy Han;
- An appointment is expected soon to fill the vacant academic administrator position.

D Bernaerdt declared the presence of a quorum.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerdt acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ leləm̓*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An updated document was circulated to replace page 31 in the agenda package.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by P Cia, that the agenda be approved as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED G Krause, seconded by P Cia, that the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2019 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

5. CURRICULUM

A) PSYCHOLOGY

a) Course change

- i) PSYC 2326 – Psychological Disorders

The proposal would change the course title to *Psychological Disorders and Mental Health* to better represent the course content.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by G Krause, that the proposal to rename PSYC 2326 to *Psychological Disorders and Mental Health* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) SOCIOLOGY

a) Course Changes

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

The proposals update calendar descriptions and learning outcomes in each course, and change the exam status from examinable to non-examinable, to allow more diversity in assessment criteria which is better suited to this discipline. The revision also adds a note to clarify that these courses may be taken in any order, or concurrently.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by N Franzova, that the proposals to update the calendar descriptions, add an informational note and learning outcomes, and to change the exam status to non-examinable in *SOCI 1120* and *SOCI 1121* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) SOCIAL SERVICES

a) Course Change

- i) SSRV 1219 – Community Response to Individual, Family & Social Problems

The proposal will add learning outcomes, update the calendar description and change the course title to better reflect the course content.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by T Lewis, that the proposal to add learning outcomes, update the calendar description and change the course title to *Responding to Trauma* in *SSRV 1219* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) APPLIED PLANNING

a) Course Changes

- i) APPL 5310 – Advanced Planning Methods

This is a course in the third term of the Post Degree Diploma in Applied Planning which requires students to complete projects that replicate the technical studies typically required for a community plan. The proposal would change the evaluation method to non-examinable, so that assessments are appropriately based on project assignments and quizzes rather than a final exam.

- ii) APPL 5330 – Planning Studio: Sustainability

The original documentation for this course contained an error indicating that the course requires a final exam, however the course is intended to have students prepare a capstone project as a major outcome and assessment of their learning. This revision will make the course non-examinable and change the weighting of other assessments accordingly.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by W Pierson, that the proposed course revisions in *APPL 5310 – Advanced Planning Methods* and *APPL 5330 – Planning Studio: Sustainability* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) NURSING

a) Program Changes

- i) Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- ii) Advanced Entry to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The proposals add *PSYC 2321 – Data Analysis for Psychology* as an entrance requirement in both programs. W Pierson noted that the course had been inadvertently dropped when the entrance requirements were recently amended and needs to be reinstated.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by T MacMillan, that the proposals to add *PSYC 2321 with a minimum “C+” grade (and a 5 year stale date)* as an admission requirement in both the *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* and the *Advanced Entry to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Countries that Meet Langara English Language Standards for UT Arts & Science Programs

The proposal will officially recognize that students who have completed at least four years of full-time secondary or post-secondary education in any one of a list of identified English-speaking countries will meet Langara’s general English language admission requirement, and will make this information readily available to student applicants.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by T MacMillan, that Education Council approve the proposal to publish a list of countries that satisfy the English language admission standard on the Langara website and in the Langara College Calendar.

MOTION CARRIED

B) NOTICE OF MOTION: Education Council Bylaws Revisions

T MacMillan presented the proposed revisions which will be brought for consideration of approval at the October 22, 2019 meeting. She noted that while each of the thirteen amendments are to be considered separately, some revisions will have an effect on others in the proposal. While most amendments are considered housekeeping, e.g. remove outdated references, the proposal also includes sections on the procedures for election of officers and a proposal for removing gender restrictions for student representative positions on Council.

Action: J Smith will provide example(s) of flexible gender nomenclature.

7. FOR INFORMATION

A) EDCO 101

D Bernaerdt announced that this year’s “EdCo 101” event is being planned for October 29, 2019 and will feature guest speaker Todd Rowlett, Chair of VCC’s Review and Renewal Committee and former Education Council Chair, who will share insights from his institution’s experience with the QAPA process. Any specific questions can be submitted in advance to D Bernaerdt or S Smith. The event will also include lunch and other activities.

S Wiebe noted that this event will coincide with Quality Week at Langara, which begins on October 28, 2019.

8. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by M Gianacopoulos that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.