

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 13:00
Meeting held online via Zoom conference

Attendees:

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| Darren Bernaerdt (Chair) | <i>Amanjot Kaur (a)</i> | <i>Udesh Sharma (a)</i> |
| Jim Bowers | <i>Pavneet Kaur (a)</i> | Anmol Singh |
| Ben Cecil | Tess Khan | Jan Smith* |
| Patricia Cia | Gerda Krause | Lane Trotter* |
| Arnie Clark* | <i>Carmen Larsen (a)</i> | Yusuf Varachia |
| Sandra Enns | Tanya Lewis | <i>Ryan Vernon*(a)</i> |
| Nora Franzova | Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair) | Sunita Wiebe* |
| Marianne Gianacopoulos | Ben Park | Peter Warren* |
| | Wanda Pierson | Lulin Zheng |

Regrets: C Larsen

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: --

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum. Thanks were given to Registrar and Enrolment Services for their work in ensuring the college continues to function during the Covid-19 situation.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Education Council bylaws (Sec.5), Council members were provided an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest related to any item on the meeting agenda. No conflict was declared by any member present.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by B Cecil, that the agenda be approved as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED

5. COVID-19 Urgent Items

A) REGISTRAR and ENROLMENT SERVICES

a) Duolingo as English Assessment Test

J Smith explained that due to COVID-19, most IELTS and TOEFL testing centres around the world have suspended their test sittings. As a result, applicants struggle to submit proof of English Language Proficiency, both for admission purposes and for registration into first year English courses. Many institutions in North America have introduced the Duolingo online English language test as an alternative way for applicants to meet the English language admission and registration requirements.

Research by Langara's Registrar and Enrolment Services has found the Duolingo online test to be a suitable alternative for Langara College.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by B Cecil, that Education Council approve the proposal to have Langara College temporarily accept a Duolingo score of 110 as equivalent to IELTS 6.5; to have this test be implemented for registration purposes for Summer 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021, and for admission purposes for Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021; and to have Continuing Studies similarly recognize the Duolingo test, as per the standard of equivalency used in Regular Studies, for administration and registration purposes through Summer 2021.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Temporarily remove IELTS band requirements due to COVID-19

J Smith noted that some Langara programs use specific band requirements for IELTS scores. As the Duolingo test which will temporarily be used as an alternative to IELTS (above) does not have bands for reading, writing, speaking, and listening, it is only possible to use the Duolingo score of 110 to equate to IELTS 6.5. As a result, it is necessary to waive all band requirements related to IELTS on a temporary basis, while Duolingo is in use.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by J Bowers, that Education Council approve the proposal to temporarily remove IELTS band requirements for Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021 for all program admissions and registrations for Regular Studies and Continuing Studies programming. This change will affect the prerequisites for HSCI 1130, and the following programs:

- Health Care Assistant Certificate
- Diploma in Design Formation
- Diploma in Digital and Print Publishing
- Diploma in Nutrition and Food Service Management
- Post Degree Diploma in Web and Mobile Design and Development
- Post Degree Diploma in Accounting
- Post Degree Diploma in Business Administration
- Post Degree Diploma in Marketing
- Diploma in Library and Information Technology (including Flexible Participation)
- Diploma and Certificate in Early Childhood Education
- Diploma in Gerontology
- Diploma in Recreation Leadership
- Supply Chain and Logistics Post Degree Diploma
- Diploma in Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance
- Diploma in Advanced 3D Animation

- Diploma in Advanced Game Design
- Diploma in Advanced Visual Effects
- Diploma in Advanced Accounting in Canada

MOTION CARRIED

c) Temporary admissions adjustments Fall 2020 and Spring 2021

J Smith explained that certain programs have admission requirements such as work or volunteer experience that may not be possible for students to achieve due to the current limitations resulting from COVID-19. Through consultation with the departments, alternative admission requirements have been put into place for these programs.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by J Bowers, that Education Council approve the proposed temporary admissions adjustments for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters for the following programs.

- Diploma in Nutrition & Food Service Management
- Diploma in Food, Nutrition, Health Transfer
- Diploma and Certificate in Early Childhood Education
- Certificate in Education Assistant
- Diploma in Gerontology
- Certificate in Social Service Worker
- Certificate and Diploma in Journalism

MOTION CARRIED

d) English prerequisites

T MacMillan referred to a global change that was approved by Education Council in February 2020, which updated the prerequisites for ENGL 1100, 1125, 1129, 1130, 1135, 1181, 1191 and 1395, as well as CMNS 1118 and 1122. While making this change, three ENGL course were inadvertently dropped as prerequisites for other first-year ENGL and CMNS courses. This proposal requests an urgent temporary accommodation to reinstate ENGL 1100, 1127 and 1129 as prerequisites for ENGL 1129 and 1130, so that the prerequisites read as follows:

One of the following: LET 4 (or LET 3 with a strong recommendation of concurrent registration in ENGL 1121); a minimum 70% in one of English Studies 12, Literary Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12, or equivalent; a C- or higher in ENGL 1100, 1127, or 1128; ENGL 1120 with a minimum "C" grade; or one of ENGL 1107, 1108, or 1110 with an "S" grade.

A global change will be submitted to request a permanent correction, effective for Spring 2021.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by T Lewis, that the temporary correction in the prerequisite statement for ENGL 1129 and ENGL 1130 be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

6. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by T Lewis, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.