

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 13:00
meeting held via videoconference

Attendees:

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

Regrets: --

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guest: Andrea Bouska

*non-voting
(a) *absent*

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum. Student representatives Anmol Singh and Pavneet Kaur were thanked for their contributions to Council during their term.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerdt acknowledged that this virtual meeting was hosted 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

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by N Franzova, that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. 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 in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by N Franzova, that the minutes of the Education Council meetings held on June 3, 2020, June 10, 2020, and June 23, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) COMPUTING SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

a) Program Changes

N Franzova noted that the following proposals are the outcome of a recent program review.

i) Associate of Science Degree in Computer Science

The proposal will update the learning outcomes and program description, and create a minor change in the curriculum which allows students to take CPSC 1155 as an alternative to CPSC 1150.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by G Krause, that the revisions in the *Associate of Science Degree in Computer Science* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

ii) Diploma in Computer Studies

The proposal updates the program description and learning outcomes.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by W Pierson, that the revisions in the *Diploma in Computer Studies* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) Certificate in Internet and Web Technology

Learning outcomes will be updated and a minor change in the curriculum allows students to take CPSC 2600 as an alternative to CPSC 2261.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the proposed revisions in the *Certificate in Internet and Web Technology* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Course Changes

i) CPSC 1150 – Program Design

ii) CPSC 1155 – Program Design for Engineers

In CPSC 1150, the course description and learning outcomes are updated. Because the two courses have similar learning outcomes, the proposals will ensure students may receive credit for only one of CPSC 1150 or CPSC 1155.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the proposed changes in *CPSC 1150* and *CPSC 1155* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) CPSC 1160 – Algorithms and Data Structures I

iv) CPSC 2150 – Algorithms and Data Structures II

v) CPSC 1181 – Object-oriented Computing

For each course, the proposals would update the calendar description and learning outcomes.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the updated course descriptions and learning outcomes in *CPSC 1160*, *CPSC 2150*, and *CPSC 1181* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

a) Course Changes

- i) MATH 1274 – Calculus II with Economic and Business Applications
- ii) MATH 2310 – Quantitative Methods in Business

For both courses, the proposals add the new course MATH 1175 to the list of potential prerequisites.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded W Pierson, that the revised prerequisites for *MATH 1274* and *MATH 2310* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) MATH 2362 – Linear Algebra

The proposal adds the new course MATH 1275 to the list of potential prerequisites for this course.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded W Pierson, that the revised prerequisites for *MATH 2362* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- iv) MATH 2365 – Mathematical Modelling

The proposal adds MATH 1274 and the new course MATH 1275 to the list of potential prerequisites for this course.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded T Lewis, that the revised prerequisites for *MATH 2365* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- v) MATH 2373 – Real Analysis

The proposal adds the new course MATH 1275 to the list of potential prerequisites for this course, and increases the minimum grade requirement for prerequisites from “C-” to “C+” to ensure that students are better prepared to complete this course.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by W Pierson, that the revised prerequisites for *MATH 2373* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- vi) MATH 2485 – Numerical Analysis
- vii) STAT 1181 – Descriptive and Elementary Inferential Statistics
- viii) STAT 2281 – Probability and Elementary Mathematical Statistics

The proposals add the new course MATH 1275 to the list of prerequisites for MATH 2485 and STAT 2281, and MATH 1175 is added to the prerequisites for STAT 1181.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by W Pierson, that the revised prerequisites for *MATH 2485*, *STAT 1181* and *STAT 2281* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) PSYCHOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) PSYC 3200 – Industrial Psychology: Personnel Selection

The proposal adds the learning outcomes that were developed during the recent Psychology program review.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by T Lewis that the updated learning outcomes for *PSYC 3200* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) ART HISTORY & RELIGIOUS STUDIES

a) New Course

- i) AHIS 2250 – Introduction to Critical and Cultural Theory

This course has previously been offered by the Fine Arts department as FINA 2250, and taught by an Art History instructor. As AHIS 2250, the course will move to the department of Art History and Religious Studies starting in the Fall 2021 semester, and FINA 2250 will be discontinued. The course will remain a required part of the Fine Arts Diploma.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by T Lewis, that the new course *AHIS 2250 – Introduction to Critical and Cultural Theory* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D Bernaerdt turned the chair over to T MacMillan.

E) FINE ARTS

a) Program Change

- i) Diploma in Fine Arts

D Bernaerdt noted that a large number of Langara Fine Arts students transfer to Emily Carr University after completing the Fine Arts diploma. This proposal is made in order to satisfy the requirements of Langara's block transfer agreement with Emily Carr by updating the curriculum with an additional 3 credits of English. The revision also replaces FINA 2250 with the new course AHIS 2250 as a required course and removes the requirement for certain pairs of AHIS courses, which will give students more flexibility in selecting from the additional required 6 credits of AHIS courses.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by W Pierson, that the proposed revisions in the *Diploma in Fine Arts* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Discontinued Course

- i) FINA 2250 – Cultural Theory and Arts

This course will be discontinued after the Spring 2021 semester, and is to be replaced by the new course AHIS 2250.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by W Pierson, that the discontinuation of *FINA 2250* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

F) PUBLISHING

a) Course Change

- i) PUBL 1220 – Web Design Fundamentals

The proposal removes the registration restrictions and prerequisites in order to make PUBL 1220 accessible to students who are not in the Publishing program. The calendar description is also updated.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the proposed revisions in *PUBL 1220* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan returned the chair to D Bernaerdt.

7. CONTINUING STUDIES

A) FOR INFORMATION

a) Program Change

- i) Continuing Studies PDD in Supply Chain and Logistics

The revisions include changing SCLP 1401 from a required course to an elective course, and adding a new method of practicum via the elective capstone course SCLP 1402. A Bouska provided information on the methodology and applied learning opportunity afforded by this addition.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by P Cia, that the revisions in the *Continuing Studies Post Degree Diploma in Supply Chain and Logistics* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A) REGISTRAR and ENROLMENT SERVICES

a) Memorandum – Extension of the Use of Duolingo

P Warren explained that the proposal contained in this memo would extend the use of the Duolingo online English testing, initially approved as an emergency measure in April 2020, to continue through the Fall 2021 semester. Programs affected are all Regular Studies programs using English Language Proficiency requirement Category 3 for the purposes of admissions (IELTS 6.5 no bands); all Regular Studies programs using English Language Proficiency requirement Category 2 for the purposes of admissions (IELTS 6.5 bands temporarily suspended per EDCO approval); and all Continuing Studies program which accept IELTS 6.5 (or lower) for the purposes of admissions or registration.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by P Cia, that Education Council approve the proposal to extend the usage of a Duolingo score of 110 as an equivalent to IELTS 6.5 for Fall 2021 for the purposes of all program admissions and registrations for Regular Studies and Continuing Studies programming, and to temporarily remove IELTS band requirements for Fall 2021 for all program admissions and registrations for Regular Studies and Continuing Studies programming.

MOTION CARRIED

B) FOR INFORMATION

a) Faculty of Social Sciences & Community Programs (memorandum)

- i) Suspension of Admissions to the Diploma in Gerontology

J Bowers presented a memorandum from Jacqueline Bradshaw, Dean, Social Sciences and Community Programs, as formal notice that Langara College will suspend admissions for the Fall 2020 intake (only) of the Diploma in Gerontology. There are plans to advise and direct any affected students and applicants, and the department will work with all current students to ensure they are able to complete their credential.

IT WAS MOVED by J Bowers, seconded by T MacMillan, that the memorandum regarding temporary suspension of admissions to the Diploma in Gerontology program be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

D Bernaerdt turned the chair over to T MacMillan.

b) Data Analytics Programs

- i) Emergency change to add DANA to list of programs using Duolingo (approved July 2020)

D Bernaerdt informed Council of the emergency change approved July 27, 2020 to temporarily add the Data Analytics post-degree diploma and post-degree certificate to the list of programs using adjusted IELTS requirements to allow a Duolingo score of 110 to function as an equivalent of IELTS 6.5 for program admission requirements. These programs are now covered by the extension of the use of Duolingo presented above.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the emergency change approved on July 27, 2020 for the Data Analytics Programs be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan returned the chair to D Bernaerdt.

c) Student elections procedures – Revision

J Smith explained that nominations for student representative candidates currently require 15 supporting signatures for each candidate. Other institutions surveyed require between 3 and 5 signatures. Due to the difficulty in obtaining signatures, especially during the current pandemic restrictions, the required number of supporting signatures will be changed to 5, and the elections procedures will be updated accordingly.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by T MacMillan, that the notice of the change in election procedures for Education Council student representatives be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Nursing

- i) Deferral of Admissions to Health Care Assistant Certificate
ii) Deferral of Admissions to Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice

W Pierson presented notification from Anne Syme, Dean, Faculty of Nursing, that due to the significant challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, admissions to the Health Care Assistant Certificate and Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice will be cancelled for Fall 2020 and any admitted students in either program will be deferred to the Spring 2021 semester. There are plans in place to advise and direct the impacted students and applicants.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the notices regarding deferral of Fall 2020 admissions in the *Health Care Assistant Certificate* and the *Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by M Gianacopoulos, seconded by J Bowers, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.