

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 13:00
Room B141

Membership:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Patricia Aroca-Ouellette
Vanessa Brown
Paula Burns*
Ankit Choudhary
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns
Maisa Doris Ferlin
Nora Franzova
Brent Kennedy

Gerda Krause
Qiyamah Li
Kaitlin Lovering
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Pouyan Mahboubi
James Nickason
Wanda Pierson
John Sapalaran
Sukhmeet Singh
Ann Syme
Sunita Wiebe

Resource*:

Connie Chong
Arnie Clark
Dwayne Ford
Debbie Schachter
Emily Scarlett
Alli Sullivan
Pauline Vallee

Guests*: -

Minutes: Susan Smith*

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Regrets: K Lovering

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First People, who have given Langara College the name snəwəyət̓ leləm̓, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

A) Operational changes

a) BIOINFORMATICS

- i) Course Change
 - BINF 4290 - Bioinformatics

CPSC 4160 is removed as a prerequisite, and is replaced by lower-level CPSC, STAT, and MATH courses.

IT WAS MOVED by A Syme, seconded by W Pierson, that the agenda/consent agenda be approved with the following amendment: CHEMISTRY course changes moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda for revision and discussion.

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 G Krause, seconded by N Franzova, that the minutes of the meeting of November 21, 2023 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) CHEMISTRY

a) Course Change

- i) CHEM 1118 – Intermediate Chemistry
- ii) CHEM 1120 – General Chemistry I

In both courses, Precalculus 12 and MATH 1152, 1170, 1171, 1173, 1174, and 1175 are added to the list of prerequisites. N Franzova explained that a previous change had added Precalculus 11 as a prerequisite; however, the system requires that the higher-level alternatives be individually identified as well.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that Education Council approve the proposed prerequisite changes for CHEM 1118 – Intermediate Chemistry and CHEM 1120 – General Chemistry I.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan turned the chair over to A Alves.

B) PHILOSOPHY

a) Temporary Change (for information)

- i) PHIL 2295 – Special Topics II

T MacMillan explained that this course will be used for a Berlin field school in Summer 2024; however, an unnecessary prerequisite (PHIL 2225 – Existentialism) is preventing students from enrolling. The emergency change will temporarily remove the prerequisite in time for summer enrolment, and the permanent change is expected to be presented at the next Education Council meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by A Syme, that the temporary change for *PHIL 2295 – Special Topics II* be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

A Alves returned the chair to T MacMillan.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A) MEMORANDUM

a) Suspension of BBA Intakes Effective January 2025

A Syme presented a memorandum to inform Education Council of the suspension of intakes for the Bachelor of Business Administration program beginning January 2025. Langara had committed to submitting a new program proposal by Fall 2023 in response to the January 2022 determination made by the Degree Quality Assessment Board; however, Langara was not able to meet that deadline. In December 2023, the College informed DQAB that a new program proposal was not ready for submission and therefore admissions to the BBA would be suspended from January 1, 2025 until a new Full Program Proposal is submitted and approved. This timeline prevents disruption to the students who have already applied for 2024 admission. It is anticipated that work on the BBA program proposal will resume in 2024-2025.

A Alves expressed concern on behalf of the Langara School of Management about the policy process that prevents faculty from being formally notified of the decision to suspend intakes until after the information has been presented to Education Council, and recommended that the policy and/or procedures be revised to allow faculty to be informed sooner.

b) Education Council Implementation Pause

T MacMillan presented a memorandum that was recently distributed to the Langara community regarding the need to suspend implementation of curriculum proposals from Spring 2025 (June 2024 Education Council meeting) until Fall 2026 (December 2025/January 2026 Education Council meeting) during the transition from Banner to the Workday Student System. Education Council will continue to meet and review proposals during this period. Implementation is likely to continue for certain types of proposals such as mandated changes, program and course learning outcomes, changes necessary for Workday Student, policies, and micro-credentials. Other proposals such as new courses, new programs, program and course name changes, prerequisite changes, and departmental restructuring can be reviewed and approved during the transition period, but implementation will be delayed. Additional information will be shared by the Registrar and the Education Council Chair as it becomes available. A new EdCo submission schedule will be created to reflect the revised implementation dates. If warranted, a July 2024 Education Council meeting may be added to the schedule before the pause takes effect.

C Chong noted Continuing Studies proposals require shorter development time and may need to be considered separately.

P Burns noted the importance of continuing curriculum development work during the transition period.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.