

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, February 27, 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: P Burns, G Krause,
K Lovering, P Mahboubi

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 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

No operational changes were presented.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by W Pierson, 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 A Alves, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that the minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2024 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) ENGINEERING

a) Program Change

- i) Diploma in Applied Science for Engineering

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by B Kennedy, that Education Council approve the proposed change in the *Diploma in Applied Science for Engineering*.

P Aroca-Ouellette explained that because UBC is no longer accepting CMNS 2228, two alternatives have been added (*ENGL 1129* and *three credits of university-transferable English*) for meeting the English requirement in the program curriculum. CMNS 2228 will remain as an option since it is accepted by other transfer institutions.

During discussion, two amendments were recommended and accepted: to remove ENGL 1127 from the curriculum because it is no longer offered and to move ENGL 1123 into the list of required courses.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan turned the chair over to A Alves.

B) ENGLISH

a) Program Change

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Creative Writing
- ii) Associate of Arts Degree in English

For both programs, new learning outcomes were added based on the recommendations of a recent program review.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by W Pierson, that the proposed learning outcomes in both the *Associate of Arts Degree in Creative Writing* and the *Associate of Arts Degree in English* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) New Course

- i) ENGL 2226 – Writing Lives I
- ii) ENGL 2286 – Writing Lives II

T MacMillan explained that the English department has offered the Writing Lives program for several years via existing courses. The program has focused on survivors of the Holocaust and, more recently, on survivors of Canada's Residential School system. It is expected that future iterations of the program will involve other survivor groups that are interested in participating. ENGL 2226 and ENGL 2286 were created as flexible shell courses dedicated to this program and can be adapted to various community groups. Students will study the literature, history, and culture of the survivors they will interview in the second part of the program and will collaborate to produce and present their memoirs.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by S Dane, that the new courses *ENGL 2226 – Writing Lives I*, and *ENGL 2286 – Writing Lives II* be approved by Education Council.

During discussion it was noted there is no direct articulation since there are no similar offerings in BC and that transfer credit is determined by the receiving institutions.

In response to a question from A Clark, T MacMillan said she will ask the English department to consider allowing students to receive credit for repeating the courses when a different survivor group is covered.

It was noted that the reference to the land in the list of learning outcomes is intended to apply to future iterations of the course as well as the current one.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) ENGL 2258 – Indigenous Literature

This course has been created from the previously-offered Part 1 of the Writing Lives program in order to provide a permanent stand-alone course on Indigenous literature and is expected to receive transfer credit as such. Students will examine Indigenous literature in a variety of genres from different historical periods. The course is open to all students with an English prerequisite.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by N Franzova, that the new course *ENGL 2258 – Indigenous Literature* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

A Alves returned the chair to T MacMillan.

C) NUTRITION & FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT

a) Program Change

i) Diploma in Nutrition and Food Service Management

The proposal would add “*three credits of university-transferable biology*” to the program’s existing list of courses accepted for meeting the program’s biology requirement. A Alves explained that student requests for biology substitutions have been approved in the past. This change will formalize the acceptance of alternatives to the recommended BIOL courses and ensure transparency for all students.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by S Dane, that the proposed curriculum change in the *Diploma in Nutrition and Food Service Management* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) DESIGN FORMATION

a) Course Change

i) DSGN 2354 – Work Experience

The proposal would revise the contact hours to accurately reflect the intentions of the course. The weekly contact hours are updated to show 6.15 hours of field experience, and the number of hours of formal work experience is clarified.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by W Pierson, the revised contact hours in *DSGN 2354 – Work Experience* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.