

**EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, October 12, 2004 in Room B201**

Membership:

Antonella Alves
Linda Arnold (a)
Eric Ball
Lynn Carter
Laura Cullen (Vice Chair)
Martin Gerson

Linda Holmes (a)
Marg Heldman
Terry Kornutiak
Gerda Krause
Judith Neamtan (non-voting)
Pam Novak-Cawley (Chair)

Lisa Randell
Penny Gallagher
Brian Pendleton
Roger Semmens
Dennis Steeves

Guest: Ardeshir Bagheri

Student Representatives:
(positions remain vacant)

Amy Kwan (notes)

Copy of minutes to be sent to: Doug Soo, Shirley Kamerling-Roberts

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1305 hours.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: That the agenda be adopted with the following amendments:

Additions:

- 4e) CRIM 1117 – Change to Course Prerequisite
- 6) EDCO Meeting Schedule – December 7, 2004
- 7) Haida Gwaii Field Studies Program

Correction:

- 4c) Computer Science
Change to Course Prerequisites
iv) CPSC (all courses)

Moved by D. Steeves/Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

MOTION: That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held on September 21, 2004, be approved.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. CURRICULUM

P. Novak-Cawley turned the chair to L. Cullen for the following presentation.

4a) NURSING

Change to Course Prerequisites

- i) **NURS 2250 – Healing I: Episodic Health Challenges**
- ii) **NURS 2140 – Nursing Practice III**

The Nursing department proposed adding ENGL 1129 and ENGL 1130 as prerequisites to NURS 2250 and NURS 2140 for Term 3 of the Nursing program.

MOTION: That this change to course prerequisites be approved as recommended.

Moved by P. Novak-Cawley/Seconded by E. Ball
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4b) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Minor Course Revision

- i) **BCAP 0012 – Computer Basics I**
- ii) **BCAP 1112 – Computer Bascis II**

The Business Management department proposed a change in the calendar description for BCAP 0012 and BCAP 1112 to reflect the updating of operating systems and software packages.

MOTION: That this minor course revision be approved as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by D. Steeves
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4c) COMPUTER SCIENCE

M. Heldman presented the changes to the offerings of Computer Science courses. A. Bagheri, chair of the Computer Science department, was invited to this meeting to answer any questions that might arise.

- iii) **Change to course prerequisites (all courses)**

The Computer Science department proposed removing the English language requirements from all Computer Science (CPSC) courses.

Considerable discussion followed. R. Semmens spoke against the motion citing its timing and the effect it would have on student literacy as significant concerns.

M. Heldman spoke to the motion. She advised the other prerequisites for the Computer Science courses are still in place. There are five departments in the Mathematics & Sciences division, and the majority of these departments do not have English prerequisites for their courses. The removal of the English prerequisites would bring the Computer Science department in line with the offerings in the division. She added that the Computer Science courses offered at SFU, UBC, Capilano College, Douglas College and Kwantlen College also do not have English prerequisites. In the department's experience, overriding students with appropriate Computer Science background into CPSC courses without the required English prerequisite, has been successful. Students are successful in completing Computer Science courses even though not all have the English prerequisite.

MOTION: That this change to course prerequisites be approved as recommended.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED
(3 Opposed)

Program Revision

i) ACST (includes Co-op option)

The department proposed the following changes to the ACST program:

- removing CPSC 1050 as an academic requirement for this two-year diploma program
- adding two Communications courses – CMNS 1115 or CMNS 1118 – to the English requirements in term 1
- adding two Communications courses – CMNS 1118 or CMNS 1115 – to the English requirements in term 3

It was suggested that the lines “*and less than 5 in English usage*” that appeared under “Note” on p. 17 of the agenda package be deleted.

MOTION: That this program revision be approved as recommended.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by D. Steeves
CARRIED
(2 Opposed)

Program Revision

ii) PCST

iii) ICSD

M. Heldman presented the program revisions for PCST and ICSD as a package. The department proposed the following changes to the PCST and ICSD programs:

- removing CPSC 1050 as an academic requirement
- reducing the English language requirement from LET 3 to LET 2

It was suggested that the lines “*and less than 5 in English usage*” that appeared on pages 23 and 29 of the agenda package be deleted.

MOTION: That the program revisions for PCST and ICSD be approved as presented.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED
(3 abstained)

4d) LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

New Course Proposal

i) LIBR 1395 – Special Topics: Creating & Managing Digital Collections

L. Cullen spoke to this topic. The Library & Information Technology department proposed adding this new course to keep their special topics offerings relevant by meeting the changing needs and demands in the library workplace.

MOTION: That the new course, LIBR 1395, be approved as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by D. Steeves
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Program Revision

ii) Library & Information Technology – Regular Program & Flexible Participation Option

The Library & Information Technology department proposed the following change in the Academic Elective requirements for the Library & Information Technology Diploma for students who already hold certain Bachelor's degrees:

“Students in the Library and Information Technology program holding a Bachelor of Arts or Sciences degree from an accredited Canadian University, with an overall minimum GPA of 2.0 in that degree, may transfer in from that degree any 9 credits in Arts or Science in which a minimum grade of C- was achieved, to meet the academic electives of the General or Technology Stream.”

MOTION: That this program revision be approved as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by L. Carter
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

iii) Library & Information Technology – All options

The Library & Information Technology department proposed the following change to the Library & Information Technology program requirements:

“Students in the Library and Information Technology program must achieve a minimum grade of C- (or S in S/U courses) in all courses required for the program in order to receive the Library & Information Technology diploma.”

MOTION: That this program revision be approved as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4e) CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Change to Course Prerequisites

i) CRIM 1117 – Introduction to Control Tactics

The Criminal Justice department proposed adding the following prerequisites for CJUS 1117: “CJUS 1217 with a S grade (may be taken concurrently with CJUS 1117) or proof of completion of Basic Security Training 1 (BST1).”

MOTION: That this change to course prerequisites be approved as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Policy “Educational Offerings”

M. Gerson spoke to this topic. The “Educational Offerings” policy was amended to include Baccalaureate Degree among the list of credentials that Langara College would offer in the future, as outlined on p. 58 of the agenda package. It was agreed that other proposed changes of the policy will further be discussed at DDC and will be revisited at a future Education Council meeting.

MOTION: That this amended policy “Educational Offerings” with the addition of the offering of Baccalaureate Degree in the list of credentials be approved by Education Council.

Moved by M. Gerson/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. EDCO Meeting Schedule – December 7, 2004

It was brought to P. Novak-Cawley’s attention that a divisional event, which a number of the Council members will attend, will be held on December 7, 2004, the same day as the next Education Council meeting. The Chair was concerned about the quorum and sought input from the members. It was agreed by consensus that the next Education Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 8, 2004**, at 1300 hours in B201.

7. Haida Gwaii Field Studies Program

R. Semmens reported that L. Arnold, he and K. Seveinson are working on a new field studies project in Haida Gwaii. Langara College received a grant from the Ministry of Advanced Education under the Aboriginal Special Project Fund for the Haida Gwaii Field Studies Program. This program will be launched in May 2005.

MOTION: That the Haida Gwaii Field Studies Program be approved by Education Council in principle.

Moved by L. Carter/Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1425 hours.