



EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Membership:

Antonella Alves
Fraser Archibald (a)
Linda Arnold
Mollien Cue (a)
Noel Currie (a)
Laura Cullen (Chair)
Martin Gerson

Margaret Heldman
Gerda Krause
Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)
Peter Norwood
Therese Paradis (a)
Kevin Paul
Ken Pawlak

Brian Pendleton
Lisa Randell (a)
David Ross
Roger Semmens
Joyce Wong

Notes:

Susan Smith

Guests: Shelley Gruendler,
Wayne Declé

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 13:04 hours upon declaration of a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Education Council meeting held November 4, 2008 were approved by consensus.

4. CURRICULUM

A) NURSING

a) Evaluation Criteria

- i) NURS 2250 – Healing I: Episodic Health Challenges
- ii) NURS 2251 – Healing II: Complex Episodic Health Challenges

Both courses consist of two components – nursing skills and theoretical concepts – falling under one course number. The nursing skills component has a final exam valued at 20%, and faculty have recommended adding a final exam also valued at 20% for the theoretical component. At 40% for the final, these courses are approved exceptions to the Examinations Policy.

MOTION:

That the evaluation criteria changes for *NURS 2250 – Healing I: Episodic Health Challenges* and *NURS 2251 – Healing II: Complex Episodic Health* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by W. Low /Seconded by K. Pawlak
CARRIED

B) ENGLISH

a) New Course Proposal

- i) ENGL 2530 – Studies in Film Genre or Period

This proposed new course will expand the film offerings of the English department, and will focus on one or more specific periods, regions or genres, such as Indian cinema or film noir. Other departments consulted include Film Arts, which has approved the course.

MOTION:

That the new course *ENGL 2530 – Studies in Film Genre or Period* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

- C) MODERN LANGUAGES
 - a) **Course Number Change**
 - i) CHIN 1125 to CHIN 2221
 - ii) CHIN 1225 to CHIN 2223

The Modern Languages department recommends renumbering CHIN 1125 and CHIN 1225 to correspond with the existing numbering system, which will better reflect that both courses transfer to other institutions as 2nd year courses.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the course number changes for CHIN 1125 and CHIN 1225 as described.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED

- D) PHILOSOPHY
 - a) **New Program Proposal**
 - i) Concentration in Philosophy for Associate of Arts Degree

The proposed concentration aims to define a curriculum that will satisfy entry requirements for most philosophy majors programs at B.C. universities. SFU's second year requirements include a course in metaphysics and one in epistemology and a course in history of philosophy. This concentration requires only one of these second year courses but recommends both the metaphysics and epistemology courses and a course in ancient philosophy for those who are planning to major in philosophy.

MOTION:

That the new *Concentration in Philosophy for Associate of Arts Degree* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by M. Gerson

The motion was amended to require a correction in the number of credits specified on page 27 of the agenda package.

CARRIED

- E) BIOLOGY
 - a) **New Program Proposal**
 - i) Citation in Ecology

G. Krause noted that some students working towards a credential postpone some subjects until later, and leave without receiving any recognition for their achievements. This Citation in Ecology will recognize students who have completed a number of ecology-related biology courses while working toward an Associate of Science Degree, an Arts and Science Diploma, or university transfer. The Environmental Studies coordinator has been consulted and supports this citation.

MOTION:

That the new *Citation in Ecology* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by G. Krause/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Policy Revision: Policy E2006 Appeal of Final Grade

K. Paul noted additional amendments to the draft policy as it appears in the agenda package: Section 8.3 is to specify “..no later than ten (10) working days...” while section 9 will indicate responsibility lies with the Dean, Student Support Services.

Substantive changes proposed for the revision of this policy include section 5.4, which will require the student to provide credible evidence of grounds for appeal, and section 8.1, c. which requires the Division Chair to determine if the student meets the criteria set out in 5.4, before the student is permitted to submit a Formal Appeal. Section 8.9 allows the option, rather than the requirement, of a meeting with the Department Appeals Committee and the student and the instructor if further clarification is needed. As well, the timeline for the student's initiation of the Formal Appeal has been tightened to ten working days, as noted. It is recommended that the revised policy be put into effect this semester. Discussion followed.

MOTION:

That Education Council adopt the revised *Policy E2006: Appeal of Final Grade*, with noted amendments.

Moved by K. Paul/Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

K. Pawlak expressed thanks for the efforts of those who worked on this policy revision.

B) Policy E2009: Withdrawal from Courses

The creation of this new policy was prompted by earlier changes made to the Academic Standing policy regarding withdrawals, and is a compilation of existing rules and guidelines. Policy E2009 will change the deadline for withdrawal from courses to the eighth week of the semester, bringing Langara in line with a number of other institutions. Effective date is Fall 2009. Students registering online will be notified of the change by way of a pop-up message.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the new *Policy E2009: Withdrawal from Courses*.

Moved by K. Paul/Seconded by P. Norwood
CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A) 2009 Academic Dates – Graduation

K. Paul recalled that the March 11, 2008 motion for Education Council's approval of 2009 Academic Dates stipulated that any changes to the schedule do not require further approval but are to be reported to Education Council. Accordingly, the following was presented to Council for information:

Due to the increased numbers of students expected to graduate from degree programs, the registrar's office has extended graduation ceremonies to two days, June 4 and June 5. The President's Installation Ceremony will be held on June 4.

- B) Continuing Studies**
- a) Program Revision**
- i) Wellness Spa Practitioner

Revisions include changing the name of the program to *Spa Therapy and Holistic Massage Certificate Program*. Some course titles will change, and hours will be rearranged, but total course hours remain the same.

- ii) Digital Film Program Part Time Certificate

Revisions add a practicum as course #9, will change the total number of elective hours, and renumber the elective courses.

- b) New Program Proposal & CS Certificate Program Summary**
- i) Advanced Typography Certificate Program

The new program will teach a comprehensive program of professional intermediate to advanced typography. Total number of course hours required for certificate is 384.

L. Cullen acknowledged receipt of the above items by Education Council.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by W. Low
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 13:36 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009.