



EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, June 16, 2009

Membership:

Fraser Archibald
Linda Arnold
Jacqueline Bradshaw
Mollien Cue
Laura Cullen (Chair)
Martin Gerson
Margaret Heldman

Gerda Krause (a)
Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)
Ian McBain
Yvonne Ohara
Therese Paradis
Kevin Paul
Thor Paulson (a)

Ken Pawlak
Brian Pendleton
David Ross (a)
Emily Scarlett (a)
Roger Semmens
Joyce Wong

Guests: Stefan Haag

Notes:

Susan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours, upon declaration of a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting held May 19, 2009 be approved as circulated.
Moved by J. Bradshaw /Seconded by M. Heldman
CARRIED

4. CURRICULUM

A) MODERN LANGUAGES

- a) **Prerequisite change**
 - i) FREN 1205- French Conversation Skills

The Modern Languages department recommends changing the prerequisites to allow beginner students with only French 9 or 10 to benefit from this basic conversational skills course. The proposed prerequisite statement is: *A minimum C-grade in one of the following: French 9 or 10, French 1115, French 1215 or French 1117; or permission from the department. Students with French 9 or 10 must contact the department for a prerequisite override. Overqualified students will not be given credit for this course.*

MOTION: That the prerequisite change in *FREN 1205 – French Conversational Skills* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

B) ENGLISH

- a) **Discontinued Course**
- b) **Global Change**
 - i) ENGL 1126 – Introduction to Essay Writing

After considerable debate, the English Department has decided that it is in the best interests of the English Department and Langara students to cancel *ENGL 1126*. Students will be encouraged to take the alternative *ENGL 1127 - Essay Writing and Short Prose Selections*, which introduces literature in addition to helping students master their writing skills. It was noted that *ENGL 1126* has run only two times.

MOTION: That the discontinuation of *ENGL 1126 – Introduction to Essay Writing* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by L. Arnold

S. Haag responded to questions on behalf of the English Department. Considerable discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- Lack of writing skills in students is a widespread concern
- Essay-writing skills are an important way to assess student learning
- Students should have the option to choose between literature-based and other essay-writing courses
- Both ENGL 1126 and ENGL 1127 teach essay-writing skills; both courses had full enrolment
- Content of ENGL 1126 better suits needs of career programs and many other departments
- Emphasis is changing at other institutions (e.g. UBC's new research-based writing course); requirements of transfer institutions affect course offerings
- Most other institutions already offer courses similar to ENGL 1126
- ENGL 1127 provides a literature component and is fully transferable
- English Department had considered ENGL 1126 to be experimental; its decision to cancel is based on arguments made during debate; statistics alone (regarding success rate of students without exposure to literature) were inconclusive
- Exposure to literature is valuable for students, even if they don't recognize that at the outset
- English faculty members prefer teaching literature; there is fear of attrition in ENGL 1127 if ENGL 1126 competes as an alternative
- Keeping the course on the books retains it as an option; reinstating a deleted course is more difficult
- Decision to run ENGL 1126 remains with English Department even if the course is not deleted
- Education Council may recommend review of objectives in writing courses, as appropriate
- The degree of contention indicates a need for further discussion before the motion can be decided

MOTION: That the motion be tabled to allow the opportunity for broader discussion.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by K. Paul
CARRIED

Guest S. Haag departed at 1358 hours.

C) COMPUTING SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

a) Course Description Change

- i) CPSC 1000 – Essential Computer Application

Course content has evolved in order to stay current. Accordingly the department proposes changing the calendar description to better describe the material now taught in this course, as follows: *This course is intended for students who have no previous (or limited) experience with computers. It provides an introduction to concepts in computer science as well as hands-on computer experience using many computer applications, including word processing, presentation software, spreadsheets and databases. The Windows operating system, file management, electronic mail, internet browsing, and the use of graphic images are integrated into the classroom and laboratory.*

MOTION: That the revision to the calendar description of *CPSC 1000 – Essential Computer Application* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by M. Cue
CARRIED

D) HEALTH SCIENCES

a) New Course

- i) HSCI 1120 – Introduction to Human Sexuality and Behaviour

This new course is designed to provide introductory information about human sexuality across a broad spectrum of topic areas, and will be offered as one of the first-year electives for students in the Arts streams of the new Health Sciences diploma and associate degree programs. The course will transfer as an equivalent to SFU's HSCI 120.

MOTION: That the new course *HSCI 1120 – Introduction to Human Sexuality and Behaviour* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by I. McBain
CARRIED

E) NUTRITION & FOOD MANAGEMENT

- a) **Program Change**
 - i) Nutrition & Food Service Management

Proposed revisions to this program will allow *CMNS 2228* to be taken, with permission of the Department Chair, as an online substitute for either *CMNS 1115* or *BUSM 1500*.

MOTION: That this revision in the *Nutrition and Food Service Management Program* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by T. Paradis/Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED

- ii) Associate of Science (Area of Concentration: Dietetics) Degree

Proposed changes will improve transferability. Chem 2250 is not required in the UBC program and is therefore removed from the curriculum, and the existing specific Math requirement is changed to "*6 credits of university transferable Math which shall include at least 3 credits in Calculus.*" Other changes reflect recent course and subject code changes in existing courses.

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the *Associate of Science (Area of Concentration: Dietetics) Degree* program be approved by Education Council.

Moved by T. Paradis/Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

- i) Arts and Science (Dietetics) Diploma

Proposed changes are similar to those noted for the Associate Degree, but without the Math requirement: Chem 2250 is deleted, and course number and alpha code changes are now reflected in the curriculum.

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the *Arts and Science (Dietetics) Diploma* program be approved by Education Council.

Moved by T. Paradis/Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Education Council elections procedure

The revised procedure, which conforms to the College and Institute Act, will provide a timeline and process for election of Education Council members, and Education Council Chair and Vice Chair. This schedule will allow time for new members to become oriented and, if they wish, to put forward their names for Chair and Vice Chair positions. The schedule also coincides with Langara's semester calendar and the cycle of other appointments that normally begin on May 1.

It was noted that while this procedure would take effect in 2010 for election of Chair and Vice Chair, (and 2011 for elections of Council members), an interim election of Chair and Vice Chair will proceed in September 2009, as decided at the Education Council meeting of April 21, 2009.

MOTION: That Education Council adopt the revised Procedure for Education Council Elections.

Moved by T. Paradis/Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A) Continuing Studies

a) New Program Proposal

- i) Communication and Ideation Design Certificate Program

b) Program Revision

- i) Photography Certificate Program

L. Cullen presented these items on behalf of Continuing Studies.

The Communication and Ideation Design Certificate Program replaces the Advertising and Graphic Design Certificate Program, which was cancelled due to low enrolment. The CID curriculum is more current and will provide students with a broad range of design-related skills.

Changes to the Photography Certificate Program include the addition of two new required courses, as well as changes to the list of elective courses. The total number of program hours will increase from 540 to 576.

B) Education Council Enhancement Request for 2010/11

A request will be put forward this fall through the enhancement process to provide a budget for Education Council consistent with those of other colleges similar in size and scope.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by M. Cue
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1424 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2009, in Room C408.