

# EDUCATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

13:00 Room C408

### Membership:

|                              |                      |                        |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Jacqueline Bradshaw          | Martin Gerson (a)    | Emma Munro             |
| Lynn Carter (Vice-Chair) (a) | Margaret Heldman     | Ajay Patel (a)         |
| Kai Kui Chen                 | Ian Humphreys (a)    | Christine Peterson (a) |
| Patricia Cia*                | Gerda Krause (Chair) | Kathleen Piovesan (a)  |
| Agustina Coccaro             | Julie Longo (a)      | David Ross* (a)        |
| Julia Denholm                | Ian McBain           | Tomo Tanaka            |
| Diljit Dial (a)              | Cheryl McKeeman      | Gayleen Wren           |
| Charlotte French*            |                      |                        |

**Guests:** J Lennox, S Ronaldson

**Minutes:** Susan Smith

\*non-voting

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1300 hours upon declaration of a quorum. G Krause welcomed new student members A Coccaro and E Munro.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus with the following revision:  
M Heldman to present item 4. C)

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded by M Heldman, that the minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2012 be adopted.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### 4. CURRICULUM

#### A) NURSING

##### a. BSN Program Renewal

Guest S Ronaldson (Curriculum Coordinator, Nursing) presented an overview of revisions for renewal of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, which have taken into consideration the recommendations made by the CRNBC and by students. A key change has taken 7 required non-Nursing courses out of the program curriculum and added them to the admission prerequisite criteria, and allowing the program to change from 10 to 9 semesters. The program is driven by 22 core concepts and 6 major philosophies which are streamed to ensure students progress at the appropriate level. Many changes in the field will be integrated, including international opportunities, such as the recent INSCOL partnership for which Innovation Funding has been granted. Total practice hours will decrease from 2000 (approx.) to 1600, which remains above the Canadian average. Other changes include splitting multi-component courses into separate courses, which will allow students to better

progress in the program. A number of other courses will be added, including Biology, Nursing Skills, Community Health, and Global Health. Specific proposals related to these revisions will be presented to Education Council in stages, beginning with the next meeting.

**B) NUTRITION & FOOD SERVICE MGMT**

**a. Discontinued Program**

- i) Diploma in Arts and Science (Dietetics)

This diploma program has limited value to students interested in pursuing a career in Dietetics, as it does not provide the prerequisite sciences courses they need to apply to 3<sup>rd</sup> year Dietetics at UBC.

IT WAS MOVED by G Wren, seconded by J Bradshaw, that Education Council approve the discontinuation of the *Diploma in Arts and Science (Dietetics)* program.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b. Course Change**

- i) FSRV 4323 – Financial Management of Foodservice Operations
- ii) FSRV 4324 – Quality Food Management
- iii) FSRV 4444 – Management of Facilities and Support Services

In each of these courses, specific course requirements and advising notes are removed from prerequisites information and replaced with the number of credits required for course admission.

IT WAS MOVED by G Wren, seconded by M Heldman that the prerequisite changes in *FSRV 4323*, *FSRV 4324* and *FSRV 4444* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C) BIOLOGY/COMPUTING SCIENCE**

**a. New Programs**

- i) Diploma in Bioinformatics
- ii) Diploma in Bioinformatics Co-operative Education

Bioinformatics is the application of computer technology to the gathering, storing, analysis, and dissemination of biological information. M Heldman noted the tremendous growth of Bioinformatics is transforming biological and medical sciences, and that there is a strong demand for qualified people in this field. Students completing a Diploma in Bioinformatics will be well prepared to complete their BSc at any university in BC, while the Co-op program enables students to integrate academic studies with related, practical work experience.

IT WAS MOVED by M Heldman, seconded by G Wren, that the *Diploma in Bioinformatics* and the *Diploma in Bioinformatics Co-operative Education* programs be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- iii) Associate of Science Degree in Bioinformatics
- iv) Associate of Science Degree in Bioinformatics Co-operative Education

Students completing an Associate of Science Degree in Bioinformatics will be well prepared to complete their BSc at any university in BC, including transfer to the bioinformatics program at SFU.

IT WAS MOVED by M Heldman, seconded by G Wren, that the *Associate of Science Degree in Bioinformatics* and the *Associate of Sciences Degree in Bioinformatics Co-operative Education* programs be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a. Course Load Maximum Policy**

G French recommended that the wording of this policy be changed, noting that the existing rule refers to both the total number of credit hours and total number of courses, which allows consideration for courses worth more than 3 credit hours. Since students were not attached to a specific program within the Arts and Science open enrolment programs, using the credit hour limitation alone could not be implemented. Under the system starting in the Summer 2012 semester, students will select their attachment to a specific program or faculty, which will enable the system to set credit hour limits by program for all students.

IT WAS MOVED by J Denholm, seconded by T Tanaka, that Education Council approve the proposed Course Load Maximum rule: *“The usual maximum course load for most programs in the Faculties of Arts and Social Science and Business is 16 credit hours per semester. In the Faculty of Science the usual maximum course load for most programs is 18 credit hours per semester. Course load maximums that differ from the above are listed with the program or faculty information. Students who have maintained a grade point average of 3.5 or higher in a full course load (i.e. 15 credits or more in one semester) may register for additional credits (overload) with the approval of the Registrar’s Office.”*

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. FOR INFORMATION**

**A) Nurse Transition Program Admission Requirements**

The term “full-scope” used to describe Licensed Practical Nurses will be removed from the wording in the NTP admission requirements, as recommended by the College of Licensed Practical Nurses.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

IT WAS MOVED by I McBain that the meeting be adjourned.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours.