

# EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018  
13:00 Room B141

**Attendees:**

Antonella Alves	Margaret Heldman	Lyndon Salas (a)
Jim Bowers	Ian Humphreys	Roger Semmens
Sarah Bowers (Vice-Chair)	Harmanpreet Kaur	Ishpreet Singh (a)
Steven Brouse	Tarunpreet Kaur (a)	Jan Smith* (a)
Patricia Cia	Gerda Krause (Chair)	Tomo Tanaka
Arnie Clark*	Tess MacMillan	Lane Trotter*
Laura Cullen	Robin Macqueen (a)	Ryan Vernon (a)
Prabhjeet Dhaliwal (a)	Ajay Patel	Lulin Zheng*

**Regrets:** R Macqueen, W Pierson, L Salas, R Vernon

**Minutes:** Susan Smith

**Guests:** F Bula, D Bernaerdt (a), R Cawsey (a),  
N Franzova, W Pierson (a)

\*non-voting  
(a) absent

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

G Krause called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Guest Frances Bula and new student members Harmanpreet Kaur and Prabhjeet Dhaliwal were welcomed.

**2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

G Krause acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ lələm*, *house of teachings*.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED** by R Semmens, seconded by L Cullen that the agenda be approved as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Bowers, seconded by P Cia that the minutes of the meeting of February 20, 2018 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 5. CURRICULUM

### A) JOURNALISM

The package of changes was presented by F Bula and T Tanaka. The revisions were developed by the Journalism department through the research gathered during its recent program review process, which included consultation with the news industry, the program advisory committee, Journalism students and Journalism alumni. Changes will update the program, simplify articulation, and give students more choices in career and study options. Some courses have been revised, while others have been discontinued and replaced with new courses designed to meet current advances in the field. The two program publications - campus newspaper *The Voice* and the journalism magazine *Langara Journalism Review (LJR)* - will be given more focus and better utilized for learning through assignments and instruction. The changes affect both the certificate and diploma programs. Transition plans are in place for any students affected by these revisions.

#### a) New Courses

- i) JOUR 1122 – Journalism Research Techniques
- ii) JOUR 1142 – Basics of Copy Editing
- iii) JOUR 1224 – Investigative Journalism
- iv) JOUR 1242 – Advanced Copy Editing
- v) JOUR 2330 – Magazine Journalism I
- vi) JOUR 2410 – Mobile Journalism
- vii) JOUR 2420 – Data Journalism
- viii) JOUR 2456 – Deadline Journalism
- ix) JOUR 2470 – Work Experience
- x) JOUR 2490 – Freelancing for Journalists

#### b) Course Changes

- i) JOUR 1168 – Photo Journalism
- ii) JOUR 1177 – Newspaper Design & Layout
- iii) JOUR 1178 – Multi-Media Production I
- iv) JOUR 1244 – Introduction to Online Journalism
- v) JOUR 1298- Broadcasting I
- vi) JOUR 2228 – Journalism Law
- vii) JOUR 2328 – Journalism Ethics
- viii) JOUR 2398 – Broadcasting II
- ix) JOUR 2430 – Magazine Production
- x) JOUR 2458 – Magazine Feature Writing

#### c) Program Changes

- i) Certificate in Journalism
- ii) Diploma in Journalism

#### d) Discontinued Courses

- i) JOUR 1120 – Journalism Research
- ii) JOUR 1140 – Copy Editing
- iii) JOUR 1188 – Media & Society I
- iv) JOUR 2459 – Fieldwork/Print
- v) JOUR 2467 – Special Print Project
- vi) JOUR 2468 – Special Broadcast Project
- vii) JOUR 2469 – Fieldwork/Broadcast
- viii) JOUR 2488 – Media and Society II

**IT WAS MOVED** by T Tanaka, seconded by A Alves, that the package of Journalism curriculum changes described above be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## B) WEB and MOBILE APP DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

- a) **Program Change**
  - i) PDD in Web and Mobile App Design & Development
- b) **New Course**
  - i) WMDD 4992 – Directed Studies

Since the program was developed in 2014, faculty have identified additional ways to respond to the needs of a rapidly evolving industry. The new Directed Studies course, to be offered as an option in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term of both the designer and developer program streams, will help students to become independent learners and to research recent design and development tools and methodologies. Other curriculum changes increase flexibility for students in focusing on their specific areas of interest.

**IT WAS MOVED** by T Tanaka, seconded by S Bowers, that the new course *WMDD 4992 – Directed Studies*, and the curriculum revisions in the *Post-Degree Diploma in Web and Mobile App Design and Development* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## C) IDS – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- a) **Course Change**
  - i) ENVS 2100 – Applied Environmental Studies: City Studio

Revisions change the calendar description to better reflect the relationship with Vancouver’s CityStudio, and prerequisites, except for English prerequisites, are eliminated to allow more students the opportunity to participate in this course.

**IT WAS MOVED** by R Semmens, seconded by L Cullen that the prerequisite and calendar description revisions in *ENVS 2100 – Applied Environmental Studies: CityStudio* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## D) SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION/PHILOSOPHY

- a) **New Program**
  - i) Diploma in Applied Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH)
- b) **New Course**
  - i) DASH 2000 – E-Portfolio
- a) **New Course**
  - ii) PHIL 1199 – Directions in Applied Social Sciences and Humanities

The DASSH program has been designed to deliver a foundational social sciences and humanities education and related technical training to provide graduates with knowledge and skills requested by employers, building on existing Langara courses, and the proposed new courses DASH 2000 and PHIL 1199. A third course, DASH 2199 will be developed as a capstone. The curriculum for this diploma draws from multiple disciplines and therefore will report to the Division Chair, Social Sciences, rather than be housed in a specific department.

**IT WAS MOVED** by L Cullen, seconded by S Bowers, that the new program *Diploma in Applied Social Sciences and Humanities (DASSH)*, and new courses *DASH 2000 – E-Portfolio* and *PHIL 1199 – Directions in Applied Social Sciences and Humanities* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## E) GEOGRAPHY

### a) Course Change

- i) GEOG 2210 – Introduction to Geographic Techniques

The proposal changes the course title, content and calendar description to reflect changes and methods within the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) field and improve the course's transferability to receiving institutions. Prerequisites are also changed so that students no longer require a Geography background to register, in response to the growing multidisciplinary applications of GIS in education and the current job market.

**IT WAS MOVED** by L Cullen, seconded by P Cia, that the proposal to change the course title of *GEOG 2210 to Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)*, revise the course content and calendar description, and change the prerequisites to *"successful completion of at least one university-transferable course (minimum 3 credits)"* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

G Krause turned the chair over to S Bowers.

## F) COMPUTING SCIENCE & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

### a) Course Change

- i) CPSC 1490 – Applications of Microcontrollers

The proposal will add information to clarify that a minimum "C" grade is required in CPSC 1155 or 1150 to be accepted as prerequisite for this course.

**IT WAS MOVED** by G Krause, seconded by L Cullen that the prerequisite revision in *CPSC 1490 – Application of Microcontrollers* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## G) MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS

### a) New Course

- i) STAT 3225 – Statistical Methods for Biological & Health Sciences

This course was created for the curriculum of the new Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics program, and will cover a variety of statistical methods commonly used for analysis of data from observational and experimental studies. The course will be offered starting Fall 2019.

**IT WAS MOVED** by G Krause, seconded by A Alves, that the new course *STAT 3225 – Statistical Methods for Biological & Health Sciences* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

The chair was returned to G Krause.

## H) HEALTH SCIENCES

### a) Global Change

- i) Prerequisite minimum grade in 2<sup>nd</sup> year HSCI courses, addition of BIOL 1111

Text is to be added to the information for 2<sup>nd</sup> year courses to clarify that a minimum grade of "C" is required in the prerequisite courses. BIOL 1111, which will replace BIOL 1116, is added to the list of prerequisites.

ii) HSCI 1195 as elective only

HSCI 1195 is a new course designed for the Gerontology program, and may be used as an elective by Health Science students, but will not receive transfer credit at SFU. A Program Option Note will be added to each of the HSCI programs to clarify that “HSCI 1195 may not be used as a required first year HSCI course”

**IT WAS MOVED** by M Heldman, seconded by J Bowers, that the global changes in Health Sciences programs regarding prerequisites and the elective course HSCI 1195 be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**I) SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**a) Program Change**

i) Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Advanced Placement)

The proposal updates admission requirements to reflect the change in level of CPR to “CPR-HCP (healthcare provider)” required in order to align with the generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and requirements of health authorities for practice settings.

**IT WAS MOVED** by M Heldman, seconded by L Cullen, that the revised admission requirements in the *Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Advanced Placement)* program be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**J) CO-OP and CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

**a) New Course**

i) COOP 4800 – Co-operative Work Placement - PDD

This course was created as an option for a post-degree diploma programs to incorporate a co-op work placement term, as opposed to a work experience term, in the curriculum.

**IT WAS MOVED** by J Bowers, seconded by A Alves, that the new course *COOP 4800 – Co-operative Work Placement – PDD* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**K) RECREATION STUDIES**

**a) Program Change**

i) Diploma in Recreation Leadership

The proposal streamlines admission and eliminates some application requirements such as interview and letters of reference, which had become more of a barrier than effective screening tool. All program applicants must still complete a supplemental Recreation Program Application which is sufficient for capturing the necessary information.

**IT WAS MOVED** by J Bowers, seconded by R Semmens, that the revised admission requirements for the *Diploma in Recreation Leadership* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**L) SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER**

**a) New Course**

i) GERO 1400 – Special Topics in Aging I

This 1-credit seminar course was created for the new Gerontology program to give students the opportunity to explore topics in gerontology with experts in the field, and to participate in field trips when appropriate. The course will be offered three times per semester (total 6 hours) and is required for completion of the Gerontology diploma.

**IT WAS MOVED** by J Bowers, seconded by A Alves, that the new course *GERO 1400 – Special Topics in Aging I* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 6. OTHER BUSINESS

### A) Notice of Motion

- a) **Education Council bylaws revision**
  - i) Appendix B “Education Council Membership”

This item was withdrawn.

### B) Board Policies

- a) Policy 440 – Evaluation of Programs and Educational Services
- b) Policy 450 – Environmental Responsibility
- c) Policy 455 – Policy Development and Management

The policies were presented to Education Council for consultation and feedback. L Trotter noted that the Langara Board of Governors is conducting a comprehensive review of all of its policies and requests feedback from affected areas of the Langara community.

It was noted that all Langara departmental policies must be consistent with approved bylaws and policies.

P Cia will request input from program review facilitators. Any feedback to be reported at the next meeting of Education Council.

**IT WAS MOVED** by P Cia, seconded by L Cullen, that the Board of Governors policies 440, 450 and 455 be received by Education Council for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### C) Academic Dates - revision

- a) Spring 2019 and Spring 2020

A Clark noted that the provincial government decision to move the BC Family Day holiday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in February necessitates a revision in the spring 2019 and 2020 Academic Dates previously approved by Education Council at its January 2018 meeting.

**IT WAS MOVED** by R Semmens, seconded by T Tanaka, that the revised Academic Dates for 2019 and 2020 be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 7. FOR INFORMATION

### A. CONTINUING STUDIES

#### a) Memo re CS PDD in Health, Safety & Environmental Compliance

The memo responds to questions raised at the previous meeting and confirms the number of program courses, entrance and completion requirements, that the program does not meet student loan eligibility requirements, and that WHMIS training is included in one of the courses.

#### b) Program Revisions

- i) Continuing Studies Diploma in Advanced Accounting

One course is deleted from the program as not needed for students pursuing the CPA designation. Total hours are reduced from 753 to 723.

- ii) General Business Management Certificate

Six elective course options are removed due to lack of interest, and one course is added. Total elective options are reduced from 10 to 5.

iii) Image Consultant Certificate

Curriculum changes include increasing hours in two courses, deletion of a required course, and course title changes. Total number of required courses is reduced from 7 to 6.

iv) Small Business Management & Ownership Certificate

Several courses are replaced in the curriculum and total program hours are decreased from 162 to 138.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Bowers, seconded by A Alves, that the Continuing Studies program revisions be received by Education Council for information.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B. EdCo 101**

G Krause informed Council that the 2018 EdCo 101 orientation event will be held on May 8, and will feature a guest speaker, lunch and other activities.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.