

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 13:00
Meeting held online via Zoom conference

Attendees:

Darren Bernaerdt (Chair)	<i>Amanjot Kaur (a)</i>	Udesh Sharma
Jim Bowers	Pavneet Kaur	Anmol Singh
Ben Cecil	Tasneem Khan	Jan Smith*
Patricia Cia	Gerda Krause	Lane Trotter*
Arnie Clark*	Carmen Larsen	Yusuf Varachia
Sandra Enns	Tanya Lewis	Ryan Vernon*
Nora Franzova	Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair)	Sunita Wiebe*
Marianne Gianacopoulos	Ben Park	Peter Warren*
	Wanda Pierson	Lulin Zheng

Regrets: --

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: ---

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerdt acknowledged that this virtual meeting was hosted on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyəł̓ leləm̓*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by P Cia , seconded by J Bowers , that the agenda be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Education Council bylaws (Sec.5), Council members were provided an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest related to any item on the meeting agenda. No conflict was declared by any member in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the minutes of the Education Council meeting held April 21, 2020 and the extraordinary meetings held April 15, 2020 and April 30, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION

A) Registrar and Enrolment Services memo re IELTS band requirements – REVISED

This revision deletes the *Health Care Assistant Certificate* from the list of programs that have temporarily removed IELTS band requirements in order to allow the Duolingo English proficiency test to be used as an alternative to IELTS. P Warren explained that this change is made in accordance with the BC Health Care Assistant Registry which does not support the use of Duolingo testing. It was noted that this limitation may affect admission to the Health Care Assistant Certificate program for students who are unable to complete IELTS testing due to COVID-19 limitations.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that Education Council approve the removal of the *Health Care Assistant Certificate* from the list of programs which have temporarily removed IELTS band requirements for Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021 admissions and registrations.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Langara College Admission & English Language Proficiency Requirements

J Smith presented a document which summarizes the result of an initiative to standardize Langara's program admissions pathways and English language proficiency requirements. On November 27, 2019, the Deans, Directors and Division Chairs (DDDC) endorsed the *Langara College Admission & English Language Proficiency Requirement Consistency Project* and tasked Jan Smith and Troy Hanschen with investigating options, consulting with stakeholders, and creating a college-wide proposal to bring consistency to Langara's Admission and English Language Proficiency Requirements. Changes affect Langara's Associate Degree, Diploma, Certificate, Citation and Post-Degree credentials. Thorough consultation took place with the following stakeholders: DDDC, Division Chairs, Department Chairs/Coordinators/Faculty, Registrar and Enrolment Services representatives, International Education representatives, TCDC representatives, and Communications and Marketing representatives. J Smith noted that certain adjustments resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic may temporarily supersede the requirements in the document.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by B Cecil, that the changes to the Langara College Admission and English Language Proficiency Requirements for the Spring 2021 (202110) term be approved as proposed and that all website and calendar information be updated appropriately to reflect the changes.

MOTION CARRIED

D Bernaerdt thanked J Smith and her team for their work in carrying out this project.

C) QAPA update

S Wiebe informed Council that the Quality Assurance Process Audit, originally scheduled to launch in April 2020 with on-site visits to take place in Fall 2020, has been delayed until Spring 2021 at the request of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills & Training, due to the difficulty in conducting the audit during the COVID-19 pandemic.

D Bernaerdt turned the chair over to T MacMillan.

D) Proposal to add TCDC deadline in EdCo submission schedule

D Bernaerdt explained that there is not always adequate time for TCDC's curriculum development consultants to review proposals, and therefore proposed that this consultation be formally added to the EdCo Submission Deadlines Schedule. The revised schedule will add deadlines for TCDC consultation (when consultation is required) two weeks ahead of the RES review date, beginning with the 2021 schedule.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by N Franzova, that the proposal to add TCDC consultation deadlines to the 2021 EdCo Submission Deadlines schedule be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan returned the chair to D Bernaerd.

D Bernaerd confirmed his and T MacMillan's re-election as Chair and Vice Chair, and thanked Council members for their support.

D Bernaerd noted that B Cecil would be leaving Langara College, and this was followed by thanks and well wishes from Council members.

7. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by M Gianacopoulos, seconded by N Franzova, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.