

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 13:00
via videoconference

Attendees:

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

Regrets: --

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: Jody Gordon, Pablo Vargas

*non-voting
(a) *absent*

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm 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 snəwəyət̓ leləm̓, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by T MacMillan, that the agenda be approved as distributed.

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 W Pierson, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the minutes of the Education Council meeting held December 15, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) REGISTRAR and ENROLMENT SERVICES

i) Use of Duolingo for Spring 2022 admissions

A Clark noted that Education Council had previously approved the emergency measures that allow the online English test implemented by Duolingo to be used temporarily as an equivalent of IELTS for the purposes of admission and registration, and explained that the current proposal will extend these measures to the Spring 2022 semester, for which Langara will begin accepting admissions applications on February 1, 2021.

IT WAS MOVED by M Gianacopoulos, seconded by W Pierson, that Education Council approve the proposal to

- (1) extend the usage of a Duolingo score of 110 as an equivalent to IELTS 6.5 for the purposes of all program admissions and registration for Regular Studies and Continuing Studies programming for Spring Semester 2022, and
- (2) temporarily remove IELTS band requirements for all program admissions and registrations for Regular Studies and Continuing Studies programming for Spring Semester 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Curriculum Reference Guide

C Larsen presented the *Reference Guide for Curriculum Development and Renewal (January 2021)* which was created to provide support for faculty who are revising or developing new curriculum, and will also serve as a reference for those involved in curriculum review such as Curriculum Development Consultants, the new Curriculum Review Committee, and Education Council. The guide was developed through actual experiences with faculty, and is the first edition of what is intended to function as a living document that will evolve with feedback from users, and will be available to all Langara employees.

IT WAS MOVED by C Larsen, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the *Reference Guide for Curriculum Development and Renewal* be approved by Education Council.

Suggestions made during discussion:

- Add references for Continuing Studies.
- Add clarification that the EdCo forms are also used for purposes other than those in the samples given.
- Make the Guide available via Langara's employee pages and the TCDC website.

C Larsen confirmed that she will continue to track feedback until a process can be established by the new Curriculum Review Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

C) New Program Definition

S Wiebe observed that Langara's curriculum development processes do not currently specify which types of program revisions, e.g. program title, number of credits, learning outcomes, effectively produce a new program instead of a revised program.

IT WAS MOVED by M Gianacopoulos, seconded by J Bowers, that a working group be struck to recommend criteria for determining when changes in an existing program constitute a new program.

MOTION CARRIED

The following members responded to a call for volunteers:

P Vargas, J Bowers, N Franzova, P Warren, C Larsen

7. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by J Bowers, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.