

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 13:00
Room B141

Membership:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Patricia Aroca-Ouellette
Sam Bawa
Vanessa Brown
Paula Burns*
Ankit Choudhary
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns
Nora Franzova
Brent Kennedy

Gerda Krause
Qiyamah Li
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Pouyan Mahboubi
James Nickason
Wanda Pierson
Garibul Singh
Sukhmeet Singh
Ann Syme
Sunita Wiebe

Resource*:

Connie Chong
Arnie Clark
Dwayne Ford
Debbie Schachter
Emily Scarlett
Alli Sullivan
Pauline Vallee

Guests*: Stewart McGillivray

Minutes: Susan Smith*

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Regrets: P Aroca-Ouellette, V Brown,
G Krause, W Pierson, A Syme

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First People, who have given Langara College the name snəwəyət̓ leləm̓, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

A) Operational changes

No operational changes were presented.

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by S Dane, 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 S Dane, seconded by N Franzova, that the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2024 be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) GEOGRAPHY

a) New Course

- i) GEOG 1111 – Introduction to Physical Geography

This course was created to fill a gap in the department’s current offerings by providing a first-year physical geography lab science course that will transfer directly to SFU. The course has no prerequisites and is open to all students.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, that the new course *GEOG 1111 – Introduction to Physical Geography* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) GEOG 2500 – Food, Place, and People

Food geographies is an expanding area of geographical study. This 2nd year course will transfer directly to other institutions and will provide a humanities/social science complement to related offerings from other Langara departments such as Anthropology and Health Sciences.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by S Dane, that the new course *GEOG 2500 – Food, Place, and People* be approved by Education Council.

In response to questions, it was noted that the lack of prerequisites is intended to help remove barriers to 2nd year courses and that the Geography department consulted with Anthropology on the development of this course.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Course Change

- i) GEOG 1180 – Physical Geography: Meteorology, Climatology, and Biogeography

The proposal changes the course title to *Our Changing Environment: Climate and Ecosystems*.

- ii) GEOG 1190 – Physical Geography: Geomorphology

The proposal changes the course title to *Our Changing Environment: Water and Landscapes*.

- iii) GEOG 2250 – Economic Geographies

The proposal changes the course title to *Geographies of Money and Power*.

All new titles are intended to reflect an increased focus on contemporary global issues, and will be more meaningful to students. These course names match those of equivalent courses at transfer institutions.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by S Dane, that the title changes for *GEOG 1180*, *GEOG 1190*, and *GEOG 2250* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- iv) GEOG 2290 – Advanced Geomorphology

- v) GEOL 2207 – Natural Hazards

The proposal adds the new first-year lab science course GEOG 1111 as an acceptable prerequisite for both courses.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, the prerequisite revisions in *GEOG 2290* and *GEOL 2207* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Program Change

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Geography

The proposal incorporates the two new elective courses GEOG 1111 and GEOG 2500 and updates the curriculum to reflect the title changes for GEOG 1180, 1190, and 2250.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by S Dane, that the program revision for the *Associate of Arts Degree in Geography* be approved by Education Council

MOTION CARRIED

B) EDUCATION ASSISTANT

a) Program Change

- i) Certificate in Education Assistant
ii) Certificate in Education Assistant (Part-time)

The proposal adds “three credits of university-transferable English” to the list of options for satisfying the program’s English requirement, and ENGL 1128 is removed from the list because it has not been offered for a number of years.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, that the revisions in the *Certificate in Education Assistant* and the *Certificate in Education Assistant (Part-time)* be approved by Education Council.

It was noted that the list of specific ENGL courses remains in order to direct students towards preferred courses, while the addition of three credits of UT English allows alternatives to be accepted. This change is an outcome of successful appeals made through the Graduation Advisory Committee (GAC).

MOTION CARRIED

C) LIBRARY and INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) LIBR 3210 – Online Research and Analysis

Learning outcomes are being updated for improved relevance and to use language that is more accessible for students.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by J Nickason, that the revised learning outcomes for *LIBR 3210 – Online Research and Analysis* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) CRIMINAL JUSTICE

a) Program Change

- i) Diploma in Criminology

A recent change replaced SOCI 2205 with the newer CRIM 2104 as a required course in the Criminology diploma. This proposal will add SOCI 2205 back into the program as an elective so that students have the option of taking and receiving credit for both courses.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by N Franzova, that the curriculum change in the *Diploma in Criminology* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) SOCIOLOGY and ANTHROPOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) ANTH 1224 - Ethnoarchaeology

The current course title is considered outmoded. The proposal updates the name of the course to *Archaeology and Living Traditions*.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, that the proposal to change the title of ANTH 1224 to *Archaeology and Living Traditions* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

F) DESIGN FORMATION

a) New Micro-course

- i) DSGN 1121 – User Experience I – Research and Definition
- ii) DSGN 1122 – User Experience II – Ideation and Wireframes
- iii) DSGN 1123 – User Experience III – Prototyping

Each 1-credit course focuses on the different phases of learning for the new micro-credential *User Experience Fundamentals*. Approval was granted for expedited implementation in the 202420 semester.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by B Kennedy, that the new micro-courses *DSGN 1121*, *DSGN 1122*, and *DSGN 1123* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) New Micro-Credential Program

- i) User Experience Fundamentals

This micro-credential will provide students with a foundation in digital design fundamentals, a basic knowledge of User Interface (UI) and User Experience (UX), and the knowledge to apply the overlapping principles of collaboration, design thinking, and prototyping. Learning outcomes were derived from an existing WMDD course and split into 3 sections. The credential is supported by the Program Advisory Committee and will enable block transfer for Design Formation students.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by A Alves, that the new micro-credential program *User Experience Fundamentals* be approved by Education Council.

S Dane explained that the three micro-courses are equivalent to one course which is not currently part of Langara’s Design Formation diploma but is required for block transfer to Capilano University.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

T MacMillan expressed thanks for the contributions of G Krause, who will be retiring from Langara College after 21 years as a member of Education Council, including 7 years as Education Council Chair (2011-2018).

The annual election for Chair and Vice-Chair will start with a call for nominations on April 24, 2024.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.