

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 13:00
Room B141

Members:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Joshua Antonio
Patty Aroca-Ouellette
Sandy Atwal
Elizabeth Barbeau
Vanessa Brown
*Paula Burns**
Brisson Chursinoff
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns

Nora Franzova
Brent Kennedy
Qiyamah Li
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Pouyan Mahboubi
Prabhleen Madaan
James Nickason
Jonathan Steele
Ann Syme
Sunita Wiebe
Celeste Wu

Resource*:

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

Guests*: Darren Bernaerdt, Lenke Sifko,
Stewart MacGillivray

Minutes: Susan Smith*

Regrets: V Brown, P Burns, S Enns,
J Nickason, J Steele

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. upon declaration of a quorum. T MacMillan welcomed guests and introduced new student representative P Madaan. J Antonio was re-elected for another term.

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

A) Operational changes

a) STATISTICS and DATA ANALYTICS: Course Change

i) STAT 1100 – Introduction to Data Science using R

The title is changed to *Introduction to Data Science*. The course is modelled after a UBC course that has two streams, one of which uses R and the other Python programming language. The name change will improve transferability by allowing both systems to be used in this course.

IT WAS MOVED by E Barbeau, seconded by N Franzova, that the agenda/consent 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 A Syme, seconded by A Alves, that the minutes of the meeting held February 25, 2025 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) NURSING

a) Discontinued Program

- i) Certificate in Health Care Assistant

The Health Care Assistant Program was implemented at Langara College during the COVID pandemic in conjunction with the BC Health Care Access Program via the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and allied Health Authorities, but is no longer being funded as a sponsored program for the public at Langara College. The last cohort of students graduated in December of 2022, and applications have been suspended since January of 2023.

IT WAS MOVED by S Atwal, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that the discontinuation of the *Certificate in Health Care Assistant* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Discontinued Courses

- i) HCAS 1100, 1101, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1210, 1220, 1240, 1260

The proposal discontinues all courses that were part of the discontinued Certificate in Health Care Assistant.

IT WAS MOVED by S Atwal, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that the discontinuation of *HCAS 1100, 1101, 1110, 1120, 1130, 1140, 1210, 1220, 1240, and 1260* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) New Program

- i) Diploma in 2D Technologies for Film & Games
 - o Full Program Proposal
 - o Appendices

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by E Barbeau, that the new *Diploma in 2D Technologies for Film & Games* be approved by Education Council.

L Sifko explained that the new program was created out of the existing 2D Animation and Digital Art program which is licensed through the Centre for Arts & Technology since 2016. With the formal licensing agreement expiring in December 2025, Langara will deliver its own curriculum through this redesigned and updated program starting May 2025. The revisions incorporate recommendations from the QAPA review process and, as recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee, a living document will be created to support the commitment of Indigenization and EDI throughout the curriculum. The package presented at this meeting includes first term courses. Additional curriculum is to be presented at future meetings. The original program will be formally discontinued in January 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

- ii) Diploma in 3D Technologies for Film & Games
 - o Full Program Proposal
 - o Appendices

L Sifko presented the proposal for the new program, a redesigned version of the existing *3D Animation for Game, Film & Visual Effects* which is licensed through the Centre for Arts & Technology since 2016. With the formal licensing agreement expiring in December 2025, Langara will deliver its own curriculum through this redesigned and updated program, starting May 2025. The revised program incorporates recommendations from the QAPA review process and, as recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee, a living document will be created to support the commitment of Indigenization and EDI throughout the curriculum. The package presented at this meeting includes first term courses. Additional curriculum will be presented at future meetings. The original program will be formally discontinued in January 2026.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by E Barbeau, that the new *Diploma in 3D Technologies for Film & Games* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) New Course

- i) ADAP 1103 – Digital Animation: Fundamentals (*2D program*)

This course will be part of the new Diploma in 2D Technologies for Film & Games and is comprised of introductory material previously available in *Digital Character Animation – Level 1*. Students will learn to apply the fundamental concepts for good animation in the digital format and will develop skills to make basic special effects.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that the new course *ADAP 1103 – Digital Animation: Fundamentals* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Course Changes

All revisions are made for inclusion as part of the curriculum in the new *Diploma in 2D Technologies for Film & Games* and/or the *Diploma in 3D Technologies for Film & Games* and incorporate recommendations from the 2023-24 QAPA self-study and external review.

- i) ADAP 1101 – Character Animation – Level 1 (*2D program*)

Learning outcomes and calendar description are updated, content and hours are adjusted, and the course name is changed to *Classical Animation Fundamentals*. L Sifko explained that the changed hours reflect a more realistic approach to spreading learning out among courses. Previous hours had included work that is normally considered homework rather than class time.

- ii) AVEP 1101 – 3D Animation & Modelling – Level 1 (*3D program*)

The proposed changes update learning outcomes, calendar description, hours and CEUs, and the title is changed to *3D Animation: Animation Fundamentals – Level 1*.

- iii) ADAP 1102 – Introduction to the Animation Industry (*2D & 3D programs*)

The proposal increases course hours and CEUs, learning outcomes are updated, calendar description is revised, and the course title is changed to *Animation History*.

- iv) SANI 1053 – Digital Paint (*2D & 3D programs*)

The proposal increases course hours and CEUs, learning outcomes are updated, calendar description is revised, and the course title is changed to *Illustration Fundamentals: Painting for Animation*.

- v) SANI 1055 – Life Drawing for Animation - Level 1 (*2D & 3D programs*)

The proposed changes include revised learning outcomes and calendar description, increased hours and CEUs, and changing the course title to *Life Drawing for Animation: Anatomy & Perspective*.

vi) SANI 1059 – Professional Development - Level 1 (2D & 3D programs)

Changes include revised calendar description and learning outcomes, increased hours and CEUs, and the course title is changed to *Professional Development for Animation*.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by P Aroca-Ouellette, that the revisions in the Continuing Studies' courses *ADAP 1101, 1VEP 1101, ADAP 1102, SANI 1053, SANI 1055, and SANI 1059* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. POLICY

A) POLICY REVISION

a) E2004 – Prior Learning and Assessment

- i) Policy
- i) Procedures

A working group has focused on updating college policies to create alignment between Regular Studies and Continuing Studies program areas throughout the College. For Policy E2004, the proposed updates are made to integrate CS-specific terms such as Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and to add CS instructors as PLAR assessors. PLAR allows students to receive credited recognition for competencies gained through prior life and work experiences.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by S Wiebe, that the proposed modifications in *Policy E2004 – Prior Learning and Assessment* be approved by Education Council.

D Ford explained that when first presented to EdCo February 25, 2005, this proposal was withdrawn in order to make the amendments that were recommended at that time, including a clear definition of “assessor.” Those amendments have since been made.

MOTION CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A) MEMORANDUM

a) Suspension of the Certificate in Journalism for Fall 2025

The memorandum explains that applications to this program have been declining for five years and the number of students registering has been insufficient to run the full range of courses for the cohort. Applicants and current students will be notified and can enroll in the courses that are scheduled for the Diploma in Journalism which will enable them to complete a Certificate.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by E Barbeau, that the memorandum from Darren Bernaerdt, Dean, Faculty of Arts regarding the *Suspension of the Certificate in Journalism for Fall 2025* be received for information.

In response to questions, it was noted that policy requires program suspensions to be reviewed within two years. This program may be revised as an online offering in 2026. Students will be informed of any updates on the Journalism web page.

MOTION CARRIED

B) ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

a) Process for advising Board of Governors of program suspensions

T MacMillan explained that while the relevant Langara policy and the College and Institute Act require that Education Council provide advice to the College Board regarding program suspensions, the mechanism for doing so is unclear. EdCo is notified of suspensions “for information” but does not vote on them. This process does not capture actual support or concerns from EdCo and therefore does not enable EdCo to provide clear advice to the Board.

T MacMillan circulated a draft form that could be used for this purpose. It was agreed to resume discussion at the next meeting. In the meantime, the Board will be consulted as to its preferences.

b) Education Council membership elections: faculty and staff positions

A call for nominations will be issued on March 27 for the May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2027 Education Council membership term.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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