

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015
Room C408 at 0930 hours

Members:

Jim Bowers	Gerda Krause	Pamela Robertson
Jacqueline Bradshaw (regrets)	Gurbax Leelh (regrets)	Roger Semmens
Lynn Carter	Julie Longo	Viktor Sokha
Patricia Cia	Robin Macqueen	Tomo Tanaka
Leelah Dawson (regrets)	Clayton Munro	Stefanie Thomas (regrets)
Margaret Heldman	Kristine Nellis (regrets)	Daniel Thorpe (regrets)
Ian Humphreys (regrets)	Dawn Palmer (regrets)	Lane Trotter, Chair
	Ajay Patel	

Guests:

Joe Cordingley, Manager, Budgets Analysis & Planning, Financial Services
Vivian Lee, Director, Financial Services
Annie Mullins, Representative, CUPE Local 15
Linda Turner, Program Manager, Health & Human Services, Continuing Studies
Lulin Zheng, Counsellor/Interim Assistant Department Chair, Counselling

Recorder:

Alice Hsu, Executive Assistant to the President

Prior to the start of the meeting, L. Trotter welcomed new Council Member P. Robertson, Chair and representative of the Langara College Administrators' Association, and guests A. Mullins - attending on K. Nellis' behalf, L. Turner - attending on D. Thorpe's behalf, L. Zheng - attending on S. Thomas' behalf, J. Cordingley, and V. Lee.

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as distributed.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on September 23, 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on September 23, 2015 were accepted with one correction to item 2 a). Where names were mentioned to be thanked for their help to create Policy B3006 - Intellectual Property, it should read "J. Russell thanked L. Carter, B. O'Hara, M. Heldman, the Steering Committee, and the lawyers for their help throughout the process."

b) Business Arising - Flood Update

V. Sokha provided an update on the flood occurred on September 22, 2015 and advised that all areas affected by the flood had been remediated. He noted the following:

- Classroom A210 was already open for classes. Computers in Mac Lab A110 had been in place and the lab would be opening soon.
- While the faculty offices were vacant, it provided an opportunity to have the offices repainted and some older carpets replaced.
- A110 and A212 also had new carpet installed at the College's, not the insurers', expense.
- The total cost of the insurance claim for this flood incident was still unknown but should come in soon. The deductible is \$10,000 dollars.
- To avoid future incidents, the Facilities department will be installing cages over sprinkler heads in all faculty offices that were affected by this flood incident. All other areas where ceiling heights are below nine feet will also be reviewed to determine if cages should be installed for sprinkler heads.
- Recovery status of the instructor's personal belongings found at where the flood was originated was still unknown.

P. Cia added that the Library had one PC lab back and open for students.

L. Trotter thanked the team who had done the work in a very timely manner to minimise classroom disruption and helped avoid any missed class.

3. STANDING ITEMS

a) Building Update

V. Sokha advised that the new Science and Technology Building project remained on track for the opening in September 2016 although the schedule for completion had been delayed to the end of July 2016 partially due to change orders. While the project remained on budget, another round of cost savings would be done.

Discussions ensued and members' questions were answered.

b) IT Update

On behalf of I. Humphreys, L. Trotter advised that the IT Department had no update to report since the last Langara Council meeting.

4. CURRICULUM ITEMS

a) Education Council Meeting held on September 22, 2015

G. Krause referred to the summary report of the Education Council meeting held on September 22, 2015 attached to the agenda and noted that there were many course changes, which originated from one or two issues. She highlighted the following:

- The program change to the Nursing department involved moving an English course and a Biology course out of the program and into admission requirements. As a result, prerequisites for many courses were changed, and 20 Nursing courses and 3 Biology courses were affected.

- Mathematics & Statistics started updating their prerequisites as a result of high schools had their Math course names changed three years ago. The department had to accept both old names and new names in the past three years while the prerequisites stood. The time was up and the department took the opportunity to review and fix the prerequisite requirements for 16 of their courses.
- New Policy E4004: Library Collection Development replaced rescinded Policy 6.1.2.1. Selection and Preservation of Library Materials and had been posted on to the College's website.
- Continuing Studies got 5 new certificate programs and made revisions to some other certificate programs.

The Education Council summary report for September 22, 2015 was received for information.

5. FOR INFORMATION

a) 2015/16 Budget Update

V. Sokha referred to the 2015-16 Budget Changes document distributed at the table and advised that the budget was in a healthy condition. Comparing to the budget update given at August 25, 2015 special Langara Council meeting, V. Sokha noted that the projected decrease in domestic tuition was smaller than what was predicted in August 2015 and international tuition was higher than expected. As well, the contingency was increased by nearly \$1.1 M. He noted though that the data was still coming in and so the budget figures could change later on. He would report back to the Langara Council when the Finance department got more reliable data.

Discussions ensued and members' questions were answered.

b) President's Report

L. Trotter referred to the Memo on President's Report distributed at the table and highlighted the following:

- He attended a signing ceremony that formalized the pilot UBC - Langara Aboriginal Transfer Program. In attendance were UBC President Piper and Langara graduate Nicole Cardinal, who gave a speech about her experience at Langara. L. Trotter thanked Aboriginal Studies Program, Aboriginal Gathering Space, J. Wilson, C. Munro and his team, and faculty who made this happen.
- He attended a Vancouver Board of Trade event where the National Chief Perry Bellegarde of the Assembly of First Nations gave a powerful speech on Closing the Gap between First Nations and Canada.
- He had a trip to Victoria on October 7, 2015 and met with the Deputy Minister Carroll, and Assistant Deputy Minister Mihlar and Avison from AVED. He and V. Sokha also met Assistant Deputy Minister Brewster of AVED.

- The College is hosting 27 senior administrators, who were from various universities in Yunnan province of China and were taking a 3-month Higher Education in Canada Certificate Program offered through Continuing Studies. He was invited to give a presentation on a comparative review of education systems in Europe, the USA, and Canada.
- He advised that Davies Park had been selected as the search firm for the search of the College's next Provost and Vice President Academics and Students. The Search Committee had met twice. The intent was to have the job posting out right after the Search Committee's next meeting that had been scheduled for the beginning of November. Depending on the long list of candidates, interviews could begin in January or February 2016.
- He would be attending a BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) and the BC Ministry of Education's annual meeting as a facilitator to review the new K-12 curriculum. Over 200 participants were expected.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.