

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Tuesday, November 1, 2016
Room C408 at 0930 hours

Members:

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

Guests:

Arnie Clark, Associate Registrar, Records, Registration, and International
Jag Madan, Chief Information Officer

Recorder:

Alice Hsu, Executive Assistant to the President

Prior to the meeting, L. Trotter introduced new member D. Rodenbour, General Manager of Langara Students' Union, and welcomed guests A. Clark and J. Madan.

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 20, 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on September 20, 2016 were accepted.

3. STANDING ITEMS

a) Building Update

In the absence of V. Sokha, who was on a vacation, L. Trotter advised that there was no further update to report on the new Science and Technology Building. Since the Building had been officially opened on October 12, 2016, the Building Update will be removed from the Langara Council meeting agenda as a standing item from now on.

b) IT Update

In the absence of V. Sokha, J. Madan shared some positive feedback he received from employees and students about the new Science and Technology Building prior to giving

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an update on some IT projects. He thanked everyone's work on making the new building a success for all.

J. Madan then gave a presentation on the progress of some IT key program initiatives, Leapfrog program initiatives, Ministry Capital Projects for 2016-107 and Business Transformation Initiatives.

Discussions ensued and members' questions were answered.

In response to a request, J. Madan advised that his presentation slides will be circulated after the meeting.

ACTION: A. Hsu

4. CURRICULUM ITEMS

a) Education Council Meeting held on September 20, 2016

G. Krause referred to the summary report attached to the agenda for the Education Council meeting held on September 20, 2016 and highlighted the following:

- Continuing Studies has a new program – Therapeutic Yoga for Pain Management Certificate, made revisions to its Diploma in Registered Massage Therapy and discontinued Corporate Readiness Training Program.

The Education Council summary report for September 20, 2016 was received for information.

b) Education Council Meeting held on October 18, 2016

G. Krause referred to the summary report attached to the agenda for the Education Council meeting held on October 18, 2016 and highlighted the following:

- NURS 4265 – Nursing Practice IX: Transition to Professional Nursing Practice is a new course replacing two previous courses – NURS 4261 and NURS 4263.
- Revised Policy E2002 – Citizenship: Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student was approved at the meeting.
- Continuing Studies got a new program – Health Care Assistant Certificate Program which was created in partnership with and specifically designed for the Musqueam Nation to deliver culturally-sensitive health-care training. The program is not open to the general public.

The Education Council summary report for October 18, 2016 was received for information.

5. FOR INFORMATION

a) **Policy E2002 – Citizenship: Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student**

C. Munro advised that the existing Policy E2002 was very outdated and the revised version had been approved by the Education Council at its meeting held on October 18, 2016. He introduced A. Clark to go over the revised version attached to the agenda.

Taking the advice from the legal and referring to the official government definitions when possible, A. Clark advised that the policy was streamlined to make it easier to define and categorize international students who may be considered and eligible for enrolment as domestic students at Langara.

Discussions ensued and members' questions were answered.

It was moved by C. Munro and seconded by L. Carter

THAT, Policy E2002 – Citizenship: Eligibility for Enrolment as a Domestic Student be recommended to the President for approval.

Carried Unanimously.

b) **Submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services**

I. Humphreys advised that he and V. Sokha made a submission to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services on September 21, 2016 to take part in the Committee's annual budget consultation process. The submission document was distributed at the table and I. Humphreys noted that our submission this year was focused on three areas where we felt the government could provide us with assistance:

(1) Allow the College to raise our tuition fees: Currently, out of the 25 public funded post-secondary institutions in BC, Langara receives the lowest funding from the government as we are the lowest FTE funded and have the second lowest tuition cost.

(2) Support to our Aboriginal learners: A number of institutions in BC receive funding through the Aboriginal Service Plan (ASP) but thirteen institutions, Langara included, do not receive funding through ASP. In light of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, all institutions should be funded to provide increased services to aboriginal students. Langara has been investing heavily in supporting aboriginal students and new initiatives and we believe that it is the government's responsibility to fund all institutions equally.

(3) Safety and security of our students relative to our building infrastructure – particularly the 'A' Building, which is indicated in a government's engineering report that it is beyond its useful life, will likely suffer significant damages in the event of an earthquake and does need to be replaced. We asked for the government's support of the College acquiring Emily Carr University's South Building on the Granville Island when they leave the premises. It will help the College decant part of the 'A' Building by relocating some of our Arts programs.

Aside from the above three key areas, the submission also pointed out that the College seriously needs to upgrade our IT infrastructure, particularly our ERP system. Many BC post-secondary institutions are in the same situation and we urge the government to assist the sector in general in this large scale of IT project.

Discussions ensued and members' questions were answered.

c) BC Post-Secondary Truth and Reconciliation Summit

L. Trotter advised that on October 19th and 20th, Provost I. Humphreys, Dean C. Munro and he attended the BC Post-Secondary Truth and Reconciliation Summit primarily organized by the president of Nicola Valley Institute of Technology with assistance from the president of Vancouver Island University. Based on the recommendations made by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) around education, the Summit looked at how the post-secondary education sector can better support the First Nations with higher education. It was stressed repeatedly during the Summit that it is very important to take time to build the trust and linkages with elders first before making assumptions about what are the needs of any First Nations community.

C. Munro added that speakers at the Summit included a Langara graduate, Mavis Benson, who delivered an inspirational speech by sharing her personal experience, and Justin Wilson, Coordinator of Aboriginal Studies, who also represented Langara talking about things we can do on our campuses.

I. Humphreys added that the Summit reinforced that the sector still has a long way to go in this area. Although there were no concrete actions came out of the Summit, it was certainly a powerful awareness-raising event.

Discussions ensued and members' questions were answered.

d) President's Report

L. Trotter referred to the President's Report attached to the agenda and highlighted the following:

- Studio 58 held a recognition dinner event on September 28, 2016 to celebrate the success of its fundraising campaign that was tied to their 50th anniversary in 2015. It raised a total of \$272K and was the College's largest fundraising campaign to date.
- Langara participated in the third annual 100 Year Journey Gala held on October 1, 2016. This annual event celebrates and recognizes the accomplishments of the Indo-Canadian community in the province of British Columbia over the last 100 years.
- On October 11th, L. Trotter, as the Chair of BC Colleges, joined the Chair of the BC Association of Institutes and Universities (BCAIU) and the Research Universities Council of BC (RUCBC), representing the 25 post-secondary presidents in BC, to make a presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government

Services on what the group sees as the priorities for the government to move forward. The joint submission document and the government's transcripts of the presentation session were distributed at the table for information.

- Langara's retired faculty member Rob Dykstra was recognized for his outstanding contribution to the field of journalism education at this year's Jack Webster Awards dinner held on October 20th.
- Federal Minister of National Defence, also the Member of Parliament - Vancouver South, the Hon. Harjit Sajjan, came on campus on October 21st to announce the \$1M in federal government funding under the Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) to help the College install a new HVAC system for our Building 'A'. The provincial Minister of Advanced Education the Hon. Andrew Wilkinson was also in attendance. The BC government and the College will also contribute \$584K and \$610K respectively to this project. Langara was the only college in the lower mainland who received any funding from the SIF.

Other

L. Dawson advised that the College was hosting a University and College Career Planning Expo today, November 1st, at the Building 'A' main foyer between 10 am and 3 pm. The event was organized by our Career Development Center. About a dozen universities and colleges participated in the Expo for students to explore their options for higher education.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.