

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on November 17, 2020
via Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Participants:

Darren Bernaerdt	Kerri Janota	Dawn Palmer* (regrets)
Jim Bowers	Susan Kelsall	Wanda Pierson
Steven Brouse	Gerda Krause	Terri Rear
Patricia Cia	Gurbax Leelh	Viktor Sokha
Laura Cullen	Julie Longo	Ann Syme
Nora Franzova	Tess MacMillan	Lane Trotter (regrets)
Marianne Gianacopoulos	Robin Macqueen	Yusuf Varachia
Jody Gordon	Jane Mason (regrets)	Pablo Vargas
Margaret Heldman (Acting Chair)	Scott McLean	

* non-voting

Guests:

Brad Van Dam, Director, International Education
Sunita Wiebe, Director, Office of Academic Quality Assurance (AQA)

Recorder:

Alice Hsu, Executive Assistant to the President

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Draft Minutes of the Langara Council Meeting held on Oct. 20, 2020
- b) Workday@Langara Update
- c) IT Update
- d) Summary Report of the Education Council Meeting held on Oct. 20, 2020
- e) President's Report

In response to a request, V. Sokha walked through the memo on Workday Project Management Office (PMO) and Operational Excellence (OpEx) Update included in the consent agenda package and answered members' questions.

It was moved by R. Macqueen, seconded by A. Syme:

THAT, the Langara Council approve the agenda/consent agenda and acknowledge receipt of the consent agenda materials for information

Carried Unanimously.

2. FOR INFORMATION

a) Enrolment and Study Permit Update

S. Kelsall presented the weekly report on application numbers for the Spring 2021 term.
B. Van Dam then provided an update on the current study permit rules and the issues many schools and international students are experiencing with the current state of processing study permit overseas. He also presented the international student enrolment numbers and study

permit approval rates for the Spring 2020 term comparing to the same numbers for the Spring 2021 term as of mid-November to show how the issues are impacting the international student enrolment for the Spring 2021 semester.

[W. Pierson joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.]

Discussions ensued and B. Van Dam and Y. Varachia answered members' questions around the steps the College and the International Education department are taking to resolve the issues, improve the enrolment numbers, and keep the stakeholders informed to help with decision making as needed.

b) AQA Update

S. Wiebe gave a presentation to provide an update on the work the Office of Academic Quality Assurance has been doing in the past several months including deferring the Quality Assurance Process Audit from 2020 to 2021 as requested by the Ministry due to COVID-19; and the program reviews that have had some milestones or completed in 2020, and the ones that have been scheduled for 2021 and beyond. She took the opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work and contributions from involved Department Chairs and faculty, Deans and Division Chairs, Institutional Research, Quality Assurance Steering Committee, Teaching and Curriculum Development Centre (TCDC), and AQA Managers for achieving many milestones in 2020.

M. Heldman added that another important work the Office of Academic Quality Assurance does is to support the departments who have baccalaureates in their programming profile to comply with the Ministry's expectations, and she would like to thank S. Wiebe and her team for doing this significant piece of work in addition to those S. Wiebe has mentioned in her presentation.

c) VPA Portfolio Update

M. Heldman announced that P. Cia is intended to retire by the end of April 2021. The Academic Innovation portfolio P. Cia has been leading works closely with many other areas in the College. M. Heldman congratulated P. Cia on her retirement plan and thanked her for her service to the College.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.