

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024
at 1300 hours in Boardroom B141

Participants:

Patricia Aroca-Ouellette	Graeme Joseph (regrets)	Suzanne Rackover
Pauline Greaves Aylward (regrets)	Susan Kelsall (regrets)	Melissa Roberts
Elizabeth Barbeau	Michael Koke	Debbie Schachter (regrets)
Darren Bernaerdt	Gerda Krause (regrets)	Jamie Spray (regrets)
Paula Burns, Chair	Gurbax Leelh	Ann Syme
Connie Chong	Julie Longo*	Kathy Tran
David Cresswell* (regrets)	Tess MacMillan (regrets)	Yusuf Varachia
Spencer Dane (regrets)	Pouyan Mahboubi (regrets)	Pablo Vargas (regrets)
Sandra Enns (regrets)	Jane Mason (regrets)	Joy Walcott-Francis
Nora Franzova	Stewart McGillivray*	Rosi Woodley (regrets)
Marianne Gianacopoulos	Wanda Pierson	

* non-voting

Guests:

Antonella Alves, Incoming Division Chair, Management Programs
Eileen Chin, Director, Financial Services
Eva Lau, Associate Director, Financial Planning & Analysis
Paula Obedkoff, Assistant Department Chair, Counselling Services
Joanne Rajotte, Manager, Records Management and Privacy, and Representative, LCAA

Recorder:

Alice Hsu, Executive Assistant to the President

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

P. Burns acknowledged that Langara College is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam people, introduced S. McGillivray (Advisor, Strategic Priorities, Office of the President), welcomed all the guests in attendance, and thanked the outgoing Division Chair of the Management Programs, M. Gianacopoulos, for her service to the Council.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on November 1, 2024
- b) IT Update
- c) Summary Report of the October 24, 2023 Education Council Meeting
- d) Summary Report of the November 21, 2023 Education Council Meeting
- e) Summary Report of the January 23, 2024 Education Council Meeting
- f) Summary Report of the February 27, 2024 Education Council Meeting

It was moved by E. Barbeau, seconded by S. Rackover:

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

Carried Unanimously.

3. BUSINESS ARISING

No items were raised.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) FY2024/25 Budget Presentation

E. Chin thanked all Council members and their team's work on the budget in the fall and for submitting their budget on time. She advised that a similar presentation was made at the Langara Leadership Team meeting held in February except that the budget is now balanced. The balanced budget was presented to the College Board Audit and Finance Committee last week, who recommended that the budget be brought forward to the Board for approval at the Board meeting scheduled for March 21, 2024.

E. Chin and E. Lau gave a presentation to provide highlights of the 2024/25 budget including the key budget principles, the proposed budget for FY2024-25, and an overview of the revenue, pay, and non-pay budget.

Discussions ensued. E. Chin, M. Koke, and P. Burns answered Council members' questions about interest on long-term debt, capital budget, budget related to the Workday Student Information System (SIS) project, the strategic enrolment and student success initiatives within SIS., budget addition requests, unallocated sections budget, and adaptive budget training for new department leaders.

P. Burns thanked E. Chin, E. Lau, M. Koke and the budget team for their work and for wrapping up the budget before March 31st.

E. Chin advised that the budget team hosted information sessions to present the approved budget last year and they planned to do the same this year. Further information will be provided through the Langara Post and the presentation at the information sessions will include the capital budget. She noted that the Board-approved budget will also be published on the College's website.

b) New Policy Review and Approval Process

In the absence of J. Mason, Vice-President, People & Culture, P. Burns advised that J. Mason and J. Rajotte have been working on the policy review and approval process. The overall goal is to streamline the process, avoid having to wait for scheduled committee meetings, and still allow everyone on the Council to be involved in the process.

J. Rajotte noted that the new policy review and approval process is for administrative policy only, not for the policies under the purview of the College Board and the Education Council. She provided a quick overview of the College Policy Governance Committee that has been in effect since 2019, its role, and the existing policy review process. She advised that, in the new process, the Policy Governance Committee will take on a little bit more responsibility and accountability for reviewing policies and ensuring that their respective constituent groups have a chance to review and comment on the policies. There will be a new College community consultation process. The Policy Governance Committee will also be responsible for making the final recommendation to the President for approval.

Discussions ensued about reviewing policies through other lenses including EDI, Indigenization, mental health, accessibility service, sustainability, etc. J. Rajotte advised that the existing policy development resources published on the College's public website will be moved to myLangara (employee) site with more information and tools.

5. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

P. Burns spoke on the following:

- The federal government's new cap on international students, its impact on Langara and our budget.
- Her recent business trip to Singapore with Y. Varachia (Vice-President, External Relations and Community Engagement) and C. Chong (Dean, Continuing Studies) to visit some universities particularly related to continuing education and stackable micro-credentials.
- She and three College Board members will be attending the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB)'s annual conference in the last week of March.
- As the existing Strategic Plan ends in 2025, she plans to speak to the Board at its May meeting about the process to create a new one. The goal is to launch the new strategic framework, the exact name to be determined, in May of 2025.

P. Burns and Y. Varachia answered Council members' questions about the new cap on international students and their trip in Singapore.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No items were raised.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.