



Members:

Linda Arnold	Reba Noel
Alan Cooper	Pam Novak-Cawley (absent)
Laura Cullen	Brian Pendleton
Deanna Douglas	David Pepper
Penny Gallagher	Christine Peterson
Martin Gerson	Lynn Scarborough
Marg Heldman	Roger Semmens
Linda Holmes, Chair	Doug Soo
Jim Hooton	Dennis Steeves
Ken Jillings	Gloria Swadden
Charles Latimer	Nancy Wickham

Guests:

Wendy Low
Ken Pawlak

L. Holmes welcomed Charles Latimer to the membership of Langara Council as one of the LSU representatives and introductions were made around the table.

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

5e) LSU Referendum L. Scarborough

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a. Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on March 8, 2005

It was moved by L. Cullen, seconded by M. Gerson
**THAT, the minutes of the Langara Council meeting held on
March 8, 2005, be approved.**

Carried.

3. CURRICULUM ITEMS

a. Education Council Meeting held February 15, 2005

L. Cullen introduced the Summary Report of the Education Council meeting held February 15, 2005 and noted there were no items with financial implications.

Attention was brought to item H and it was noted that two study days will be

scheduled in each semester beginning Fall 2005 through Fall 2006. Clarification was sought to confirm that this is an increase from the one study day that is currently scheduled.

The summary report was accepted as circulated.

4. ACTION ITEMS

Nil.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Budget - Update

D. Douglas reported that the College Board approved the 2005-06 Budget and Operating Plan at its meeting held March 31, 2005, and that the budget has been entered into the Banner system. Copies of the final document were made available to Council members.

b. Facilities Development – Update

L. Holmes noted that the design of the Library Classroom building has been successfully reviewed by the City of Vancouver's Urban Design Panel with little impact beyond "this is a great proposal." The membership of the Panel is made up primarily of architects. She reported that the building consultants for the College have indicated they were pleased to have such positive feedback on the design, which is typically not the case at such meetings, and that as a result, the College may be able to by-pass one of the additional requirements which will save some money.

D. Douglas noted that work on the parkade will commence upon the completion of final exams for the Spring 2005 term.

c. Recognition and Achievement Awards

L. Holmes reminded Council members of the Employee Recognition and Achievement Awards, noting that nominations close at 1200 hours on April 6, 2005.

d. All-College Forum

L. Holmes reminded Council members of the All-College Forum to be held on Friday, April 29, 2005. The theme of this year's forum will be "Learning is Fun" and will include a company picnic at lunch with food, music and games. It was noted that the idea of a picnic arose from the Support Staff PD day where participants were asked to suggest events to promote a sense of community throughout the College.

All members were asked remind their department members of the event and encourage their attendance.

e. LSU Referendum

L. Scarborough announced that voting is currently underway for the LSU referendum on a health and dental plan for students at an annual cost of \$216, and asked that instructors encourage their students to vote. It was noted that voting is being conducted in person and by mail-in ballot.

In response to queries, it was noted that if passed, the referendum will result in the implementation of an extended health and dental plan, effective September 1, 2005, for students registered in a minimum of one course. Complete details are available on the LSU website.

L. Scarborough noted that the insurance carrier, Student Works, also provides insurance for students at UBC and Douglas College. It is hoped that student response will result in a 60% majority turnout with a 60% majority vote. A forum will be held in the LSU at 1430 hours today, April 5, 2005, for those wishing additional information.

It was confirmed that the College would be responsible for collecting the associated fees on behalf of the LSU.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 0953 hours.