



**Members:**

Antonella Alves	Jim Hooton
Linda Arnold	Ken Jillings
Remona Charlie	Terry Kornutiak
Alan Cooper	Wendy Low
Laura Cullen	Kevin Paul
Deanna Douglas (absent)	Ken Pawlak (absent)
Martin Gerson	Brian Pendleton
Jim Goard (absent)	David Pepper
Ali Hassam (0950 hours)	Roger Semmens
Marg Heldman	Doug Soo
Linda Holmes, Chair	Nancy Wickham (absent)

**Guest:**

Andrew Webster, "Voice" Newspaper

**1. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

The following item was added to the agenda:

5a) Multimedia Presentation L. Holmes

The agenda was accepted as circulated with the above-noted addition.

**2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING**

**a. Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on March 6, 2007**

It was moved by L. Cullen, seconded by L. Arnold

**THAT, the minutes of the Langara Council meeting held on  
March 6, 2007 be approved.**

**Carried.**

**3. CURRICULUM ITEMS**

**a. Education Council Meeting held March 13, 2007**

L. Cullen introduced the Summary Report of the Education Council meeting held March 13, 2007, noting that the Display + Design department has changed its admission requirements regarding screening methodology for entry into the program.

L. Cullen noted that the report contained no items with financial implications.

It was moved by L. Cullen; seconded by W. Low

**THAT, the Summary Report for the Education Council  
meeting held March 13, 2007 be received.**

**Carried.**

#### **4. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **a. Revision to Policy E2003 – Registration Fee Payment and Refund**

J. Hooton introduced a revision to Policy E2003 – Registration and Fee Payment, noting that the major change to the policy is the removal of a commitment fee charge to domestic students in career and limited enrolment programs, to be effective September 2007.

J. Hooton noted that the purpose of the \$350 commitment fee for career programs as implemented in 2004 was to lower the walk-away rate in the first year of career programs. A review of data back to 1999 when a commitment fee was \$100 shows that the walk-away rate has not improved. Additionally, the commitment fee differentiates between two groups of students, Arts and Science as compared to Career, with the former group not paying a commitment fee upon acceptance to the College.

It was noted that with the agreement of the International Education (IE) department, a decision has been made to make no changes to the commitment fee charge to IE students. The present fee, known as the International Student Semester Fee which includes the commitment fee, course fees, Building Legacy Fee and Students' Union Fee is charged for the first three terms that an IE student enrolls at the College. In response to a question, it was noted that data has not been gathered on the effect if any, between the non-refundable commitment fee charge of \$500 and IE student walk-away rates.

A question was raised about the possible downside to removing the fee, and it was noted that although it generates revenue, that was not the purpose of the non-refundable, non-transferable fee.

It was moved by L. Cullen; seconded by M. Gerson

**THAT, the revisions to Policy E2003 – Registration Fee Payment  
and Refund be approved as described.**

**Carried.**

#### **5. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**a. Multimedia Presentation**

L. Holmes announced that Andrea Reimer will be making a multimedia presentation on Wednesday, March 21, 2007 at 1230 hour, Room A130 on global warming and what we can do about it. It was noted that A. Reimer was one of the only 18 Canadians invited to be trained by Al Gore to deliver this presentation about global warming.

Council members were encouraged to relay this announcement to their colleagues and students.

**Other**

L. Holmes welcomed Ali Hassam as the new LSU Representative, replacing N. Pinter.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 0955 hours.