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Roger Semmens
Doug Soo
Chris Vincent
Arran Walshe (absent)
Nancy Wickham (absent)

Visitors:

Barry Coulson
Gloria Swadden

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held on February 12, 2008

It was moved by G. Krause, seconded by W. Low

**THAT, the minutes of the Langara Council meeting held on February 12, 2008
be approved.**

Carried.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a) Discussion Regarding College Activities during 2010 Olympics

L. Holmes asked for any updates or reports from the Deans and Division Chairs (DDC) with regards to feedback they have received from their instructional areas regarding potential suspension of classes of the college.

M. Gerson distributed a document titled "DDC Recommendation re: Olympics" noting that the DDC discussed the Olympic impact on the college and the possible options. (A copy is attached to these minutes.) He highlighted two recommendations outlined in the document: "business as

usual through the Olympics” or “making an adjustment to the Academic Calendar to accommodate the Olympics” and noted that the DDC did not feel comfortable making recommendations or decisions to suspend classes. He further noted that students and the community would need to be notified of the college’s decision by no later than May 2009 so they could plan for that semester.

L. Holmes indicated to M. Gerson that the DDC should not be under any illusion that they have been asked to make a decision as they were asked only to gather data from their departments to get a feel for a blanket decision to suspend or elongate a study period to see if it would have a negative affect on some or all programs.

D. Soo noted that it would be very difficult to suspend classes for two weeks in Continuing Studies during its prime delivery time where intakes are back-to-back. The CS department has not had a final discussion regarding LEAP and STEP but to cancel these would result in a loss to the college of approximately \$400,000. He further noted that suspending daytime classes would create more opportunity for other CS programs since space would be available.

Much discussion ensued and the following points were noted:

- The Business and Community Programs Division is 100% in support of suspending classes as most of their students would have work opportunities within their field of study at the Olympics.
- To help determine the impact of the Olympics on the college L. Holmes agreed to investigate the impact and decisions made in Salt Lake City.
- W. Low questioned if students involved in clinical study would be penalized if they did not show up. L. Holmes noted that students need to be informed ahead of time that they would be penalized. This would also need to be discussed with the hospitals to see if the two weeks would have an impact on them as the Olympics may be a very busy time for them and students may be needed in clinical study.
- Areas need to look at each level of curriculum and determine the impact, and the solution does not have to be the same for everyone.
- Students need to know what is going to happen during that period.
- Consideration needs to be given when deciding to volunteer since commitment may be required for several months before and after the Olympics. A condition of volunteering for the Olympics is that volunteers also need to be available for the Paralympics.
- The likelihood that the decision will be made through caveats is extremely high. Some of the caveats could include CS remaining operational and Nursing continuing with their practicums.

The impact of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics and the 1976 Montreal Summer Olympics was discussed. It was noted that all areas of each city were impacted, from transit having to operate 24-hours a day to accommodate the events that occurred after each Olympic day, to the impact employees had on their employers by volunteering their services to the Olympics.

In response to a question, L. Holmes noted that VANOC’s initial request was to get as many regular commuters as possible off the streets due to the impact the Olympics would have on the transit system. VANOC would like colleges to be involved by making volunteer opportunities available to students and employees. They did not make any specific requests for utilization of space but the college may offer pay parking to anyone wanting to attend the events who would like to utilize the new Canada Line. L. Holmes noted that she has a meeting with VANOC within the next couple of days and more clarification will be forthcoming.

L. Holmes noted that an online survey would be developed for students and employees in order to obtain their opinion as to whether or not the college should suspend classes during the 2010 Olympics. Every area of the college should be reviewed and the possible impact on those areas should be considered in order to enable the college to make a decision in everyone's best interest and avoid putting the college in the position of having to make last-minute decisions during the Olympics.

b) 2008-09 Budget – Enhancement Voting Results

D. Douglas distributed the 2008-09 Enhancement Voting Results summary for information and provided members an opportunity for questions. (A copy is attached to these minutes.) She noted that the items would be addressed in order of priority in the event that funds are received beyond the \$1.5M budget shortfall.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1020 hours.

DDC Recommendation re. Olympics.

DDC recommends that Langara Council decide between two options:

1. Business as usual through the Olympics.

2. Making an adjustment to our Academic Calendar to accommodate the Olympics, as follows:

- the College will not be closed during the Olympics, but the Academic Calendar will be adjusted so that most Regular Studies classes scheduled to meet on campus are suspended for the two weeks of the Olympics.
- The 201010 semester will begin earlier and end later than it would otherwise, so that even with the suspension during the Olympics, the number of actual class days in the 201010 semester will fall within the normal range. The 201020 semester will also be adjusted to both start and end a little later than normal while still maintaining the normal number of class days. The inter-semester periods in April/May and August/September both will be shortened somewhat.
- The period of the class suspension during the Olympics will be much like periods between semesters: most normal classes will not be meeting; it will be a duty period for all employees; employees who wish to be free of college responsibilities for any reason may apply to take vacation and such requests will be assessed for approval based on the operational needs of the College, as such requests always are.
- Some accommodations with respect to the above will be necessary on a program by program basis. For example, some programs are involved in activities (practica, etc.) that either involve outside agencies and that will have to continue through that period; some programs may have structured activities that must continue (such as rehearsals or performances); some programs will be taking advantage of the Olympics to integrate Olympics-related activities into their curriculum (e.g. HKIN or RECR arranging for their students to work as Olympic volunteers and integrating such activities into their curriculum. Programs that will require or expect their students to carry on with such college-connected activities through the Olympics must announce that by May 2009 at the latest so that their students can plan ahead and avoid making other commitments during the Olympics thinking that their college work is suspended.
- Instructors should be encouraged to make every attempt to make accommodations for students who are involved in Olympic events or activities and will have to miss some classes as a consequence.

Ranking			2008/09							Sum of Weighted Votes	Rank		
			Total Request	General	Sections	Evergreen	Capital	High	Medium			Low	
1	Capital	Ten enhanced classrooms	150,000				150,000	16	2		18	170	1
2	IETS	Enhanced classroom support	25,000	25,000				12	5	1	18	146	2
3	Geography	Lab Demonstrator 0.25 FTE	16,058	16,058				11	5	2	18	137	3
4	Library, Media & Bookstore Services	Acquisitions	32,600				32,600	10	7	1	18	136	4
5	Biology	Increase Lab Demonstrator position by 0.2 FTE	15,141	15,141				11	4	3	18	133	5
6	Film Arts	Instructional Assistant	22,240	22,240				10	4	4	18	124	6
7	Ed Tech	Increase advisors from 1.25 to 1.75 FTE	48,612	48,612				9	4	5	18	115	7
8	Facilities & Purchasing	Junior Buyer	35,473	35,473				6	9	3	18	108	8
8	Geography	Lab Demonstrator 0.25 FTE	16,058	16,058				6	9	3	18	108	8
10	English	Department Services Assistant	56,057	56,057				7	5	6	18	101	10
11	Fine Arts	Student Exhibition Catalogue	4,000	4,000				7	4	7	18	97	11
12	IETS	Programmer/Analyst Finance/HR/Payroll	66,892	66,892				2	11	5	18	80	12
13	Disability Services	Para professional position	51,529	51,529				4	5	9	18	74	13
14	Institutional Research	Jr. Research Analyst 0.5 fte, PG 22 Step 1 + benefits	28,647	28,647				1	10	7	18	67	14
15	Human Resources	HR Receptionist - increase from 0.77 to 1.0 FTE	10,087	10,087				4	3	11	18	66	15
16	Human Resources	Manager, HR Development + Support	171,913	171,913				3	4	11	18	61	16
17	Human Resources	Testing Software	10,000				10,000	3	3	12	18	57	17
18	Communications	Counsellors Lunch Add second event on-site	6,200	6,200				3	2	13	18	53	18
19	Communications	Counsellors Lunch Fund existing lunch at a higher cost	1,800	1,800				2	4	12	18	52	19
20	Communications	1 digital productions assistant	53,473	53,473				3	1	14	18	49	20
			821,780	629,180			192,600						

Note: Salary enhancement requests have been adjusted to reflect the new fringe rate.

Ranking is based on weighted sum of votes:
 =10*(# of high)+5*(# of medium)+(# of low)