

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025 at 13:00
Room B141

Members:

Antonella Alves (Vice-Chair)
Joshua Antonio
Patty Aroca-Ouellette
Darren Bernaerd
Vanessa Brown
Paula Burns*
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns
Nora Franzova

Brent Kennedy
Bhumika Laller
Tanya Lewis
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Prabhleen Madaan
Debbie Schachter
Allison Sullivan
Ann Syme
Sunita Wiebe
Caden Wong

Resource*:

Connie Chong
Arnie Clark
Sam Issari
James Nickason
Emily Scarlett

Guests*: Stewart McGillivray

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Minutes: Avery Lafortune*

Regrets: Darren Bernaerd, Arnie Clark, Bhumika Laller, James Nickason,
Allison Sullivan, Ann Syme, Sunita Wiebe

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. upon declaration of a quorum.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan acknowledged the meeting's location on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First People, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ leləm̓*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by A Alves, seconded by T Lewis, that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- P Aroca-Ouellette will present for N Franzova.
- The Health Science items will be reordered with the New Course as item 6. B) a), followed by the Global Change as item 6. B) b) and the Program Change as item 6. B) c).

MOTION CARRIED

4. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Education Council bylaws (Sec.5), Council members were provided an opportunity to declare a conflict of interest related to any item on the meeting agenda. No conflict was declared by any member in attendance.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED by V Brown, seconded by D Schachter, that the minutes of the meeting held November 18, 2025 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) CRIMINAL JUSTICE

a) Program Change

- i) Diploma in Criminology
- ii) Diploma in Criminal Justice

The program learning outcomes were updated to more accurately reflect student learning. The curriculum has been adjusted to reflect that the new course, CRIM 2220, is replacing CRIM 1220.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by T Lewis, that the program changes to the *Diploma in Criminology* and the *Diploma in Criminal Justice* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Course Change

- i) CRIM 2416 – Law, Youth and Young Offenders

The course learning outcomes and calendar description have been updated in response to the Program Review for the *Diploma in Criminal Justice*.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, that the course change to *CRIM 2416 – Law, Youth and Young Offenders* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to change the implementation date to 202620.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Discontinued Course

- i) CRIM 1220 – Research Methods in Criminology

CRIM 1220 is being replaced with CRIM 2220 which has already been approved by Education Council. During the curriculum review, it was determined that CRIM 1220 should be a second-year course.

T MacMillan positively noted the transition plan. E Scarlett recommended updating the final semester offered to 202720 in order to bridge the gap before CRIM 2220 is implemented.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by A Alves, that the discontinuation of the course *CRIM 1220 – Research Methods in Criminology* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to change the final semester offered to 202720.

MOTION CARRIED

B) HEALTH SCIENCE

a) New Course

- i) HSCI 2204 – Perspectives on Human Health and Environment

HSCI 2204 was created to avoid any gaps in transfer pathways that came from changes to SFU's HSCI curriculum. HSCI 2204 is now required for Langara students transferring into the B.A. in Health Sciences. It is also an option to meet second-year requirements for the Life Sciences Concentration and the Public Health and Data Concentration for the BSc in Health Sciences.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by T Lewis, that the new course *HSCI 2204 – Perspectives on Human Health and Environment* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- i) HSCI 2220 – Determinants and Experiences of Indigenous Peoples' Health

This course was created to meet a gap in student knowledge around the complex historical, political and social factors that contribute to Indigenous Peoples' health in Canada. It builds off of the Reconciliation of Commission of Canada's 94 Calls to Action and Langara's Strategic priorities of Indigenization and supports student transfer to SFU. The potential interest in this course is broad, including students outside a HSCI credential.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by D Schachter, that the new course *HSCI 2220 – Determinants and Experiences of Indigenous Peoples' Health* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Global Change

- i) Updates to prerequisites and curriculum notes for HSCI courses

Prerequisites have been updated to maintain alignment with SFU transfer.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by P Madaan, that the global change to HSCI courses be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Program Change

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Health Sciences
- ii) Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences
- iii) Diploma in Arts and Science (Health Sciences: Arts)
- iv) Diploma in Arts and Science (Health Sciences: Science)

The changes incorporate the two new courses, HSCI 2204 and HSCI 2220, into the associate degrees and as options for the diplomas. Courses that are no longer offered have been removed as well as BIOL 1175 which is no longer a requirement for the transfer to SFU.

E Scarlett recommended the removal of HSCI 2220 from the transition plan of the Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences as it is not part of the curriculum and was included in error.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by A Alves, that the program changes to the *Associate of Arts Degree in Health Sciences*, *Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences*, *Diploma in Arts and Science (Health Sciences: Arts)*, and *Diploma in Arts and Science (Health Sciences: Science)* be approved by Education Council with the friendly amendment to strike “and/or HSCI 2220” from the *Associate of Science Degree in Health Sciences* transition plan.

MOTION CARRIED

C) MATHEMATICS

a) New Course

- i) MATH 0120 – Algebra and Trigonometry

This course is an equivalent to Precalculus 12 which is a prerequisite for Calculus I (MATH 1171, 1173, 1174, 1175). Students who do not have the prerequisite must take the Math Diagnostic Test which many students struggle with. MATH 0120 will help students achieve better marks and move forward to Calculus I.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca-Ouellette, seconded by T Lewis, that the new course *MATH 0120 – Algebra and Trigonometry* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Course Change

- i) MATH 1171 – Calculus I

The Enrolment Action Plan includes removing access barriers for students. The prerequisites for MATH 1171 have been changed to a percentage rather than a letter grade which implied a higher grade than was necessary. E Scarlett noted that Langara faculty enter letter grades into Workday but high school grades can be entered as percentages.

C Wong expressed concern for students who struggle with the course if the prerequisite grade is lowered. Communication with students around available supports and course level options could be improved. P Aroca-Ouellette will relay this concern to the Math Department. D Schachter will relay the concern to Academic Advising to ensure students are aware of their options.

IT WAS MOVED by P Aroca Ouellette, seconded by D Schachter, that the course change to *MATH 1171 – Calculus I* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment adding an A- in MATH 0120 as an accepted prerequisite.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A) CS EDCO Submission Schedule

T MacMillan noted that the submitted schedule for Continuing Studies is the same as the EdCo submission schedule and that the dates have already been approved.

It was agreed unanimously that the CS EDCO Submission Schedule be received for information.

B) CRC Bylaw Committee

T MacMillan put out a call for members for a new committee to review the CRC bylaws. The bylaw language requires updating. The committee will be struck in the new year. S Wiebe, P Aroca-Ouellette, C Chong, and E Scarlett put their names forward. Additional prospective members can submit their interest to T MacMillan or edco@langara.ca.

8. ADJOURNMENT

T MacMillan recognized that this is A Alves' last Education Council meeting and thanked her for her years of service as a council member and as Vice-Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.