

Diana Leong

Faculty of Management Representative, Education Council

I would like to be elected as a faculty representative on Langara College's Education Council. I have been a member of the Langara faculty since 2012, and through my teaching experience I have developed a strong understanding of curriculum development, student assessment, and the academic policies that shape student success.

Since 2021, I have served as Assistant Department Chair in the Financial Management Department. In this role, I have been actively involved in program planning, course delivery, and supporting faculty in maintaining high academic standards while responding to evolving industry and student needs.

My work with professional designating bodies has provided me with a practical and collaborative perspective on how curriculum and policy decisions affect students, instructors, departments across the College, and external stakeholders.

I am motivated to contribute to Education Council at a pivotal time as Langara rebuilds and looks ahead. I am committed to supporting the development of rigorous and relevant curriculum that prepares students for a changing workforce while maintaining the College's academic integrity. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute my experience, collegial approach, and commitment to continuous improvement in service of Langara College's academic mission.

Joshua Diaz

Student Representative, Education Council

Hi, my name is Joshua Diaz, and I'm in the Business program at Langara College. I'm running for a student representative position on the Education Council because I want to make sure students' voices are heard and respected in decisions that affect our learning experience.

As a student, I've noticed that navigating course schedules, academic advising, and access to resources can sometimes be confusing or inconsistent.

I want to help improve communication between students and administration, advocate for more flexible scheduling options, and ensure mental health and support services are accessible for everyone.

I bring strong teamwork and problem-solving skills to the table. I enjoy collaborating with peers, listening to different perspectives, and finding practical solutions to challenges. Even with a busy course load, I make it a priority to stay engaged and informed, and I'm committed to representing students fairly and responsibly.

If elected, I'll work to make the Education Council more transparent and responsive to student needs, so we all feel supported and included in shaping our college experience.

Abhilash Kunnath Sethumadhavan
Student Representative, Education Council

I am running to serve as the Student Representative on Education Council because I believe every student's voice deserves to be heard, respected, and reflected in the decisions that shape our academic experience at Langara.

As an active member of the Langara community through Student Engagement, Orientation Leader roles, and multiple campus events I have consistently supported students by answering questions, guiding them through campus services, and advocating for clear communication. These experiences have helped me understand the real challenges students face in areas such as course planning, academic support, workload balance, and access to resources.

If elected, I will focus on three key priorities:

- 1. Improving communication so students clearly understand policy changes, academic requirements, and available support services.*
- 2. Strengthening learning and support resources, ensuring they remain accessible, inclusive, and reflective of student needs.*
- 3. Bringing student concerns forward with professionalism, transparency, and a commitment to fairness.*

I will work collaboratively with faculty, staff, and fellow students to ensure decision-making at Education Council is grounded in student perspectives. My goal is to help create an academic environment where every student feels supported, informed, and capable of succeeding.

Thank you for your consideration.