

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 13:00
Room B141

Members:

Dave Anderson
Joshua Antonio
Vanessa Brown
Paula Burns*
Sabrina Chahal
Spencer Dane
Sandra Enns
Nora Franzova
Brent Kennedy
Bhumika Laller

Billy Lee
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
Pauline Vallee

Guests*: Stewart McGillivray, Shonna Reynolds

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Minutes: Avery Lafortune*

Regrets: Vanessa Brown, Pabhleen Madaan, James Nickason

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. upon declaration of a quorum. T MacMillan welcomed new member S Chahal, the Faculty Representative for Nursing, and guest S Reynolds, Interim Division Chair for Management Programs. B Lee attended as the new Student Representative.

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 *snəwəyəł leləm*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by A Syme, that the agenda be approved as presented.

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 A Syme, seconded by T Lewis, that the minutes of the meeting held December 16, 2025 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY

a) New Program

- i) Citation in Photography Fundamentals

Langara has a Diploma program for students who aim to become professional photographers. The Citation is a collection of existing courses for students who want to gain photography skills but not necessarily become a professional photographer. The citation can be embedded in another program, likely from Creative Arts, but not exclusively.

The main target market for the Citation is students in general arts who want the skills to take better photographs. The Citation can ladder into the Diploma but is not expected to ladder into a Certificate.

D Anderson explained that implementation dates are examined on a case-by-case basis. If it is assessed that a program can be implemented earlier, it will be brought to EdCo as a memorandum. Until then, the implementation date on the form stands.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by T Lewis, that the new program *Citation in Photography Fundamentals* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

a) Course Change

- i) BUSM 1901 – Entrepreneurship for Creative Industries

This change opens the registration restrictions to allow students in the Citation in Photography Fundamentals to enrol in the course.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by T Lewis, that the course change to *BUSM 1901 – Entrepreneurship for Creative Industries* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) COMPUTER SCIENCE

a) Course Change

- i) CPSC 1040 – Introduction to Programming

The curriculum is changing from one programming language to another. VB.NET is being replaced by Python which is more modern and more widely used.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by B Kennedy, that the course change for *CPSC 1040 – Introduction to Programming* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) Program Change

- i) Post-Degree Diploma in Supply Chain Logistics

C Chong explained that there are two hybrid courses in the Supply Chain Logistics Diploma that include both Regular and Continuing Studies students. The passing grade for Regular Studies students is a “C”, but for Continuing Studies students, it is a “C+”. The proposed change updates the passing grade to “C” for all students.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by S Dane, that the program change to the Post-Degree Diploma in Supply Chain Logistics be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

E) COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

a) Information Item: EDAS Temporary Change Forms

- i) Certificate in Education Assistant (Part-Time)
- ii) Certificate in Education Assistant (Full-Time)

The enclosed forms outline emergency, temporary changes signed by T MacMillan. There was urgency to make these changes in order to encourage enrollment in the EDAS programs. The English language admission requirement is changing to Category 2 and the volunteer hours are reduced for the full-time Certificate. The volunteer hours are reduced for the part-time Certificate. The reduced hours align with similar programs at other institutions.

The official Course Change forms will be completed and follow the standard process of CRC and EdCo approval in the future. The outlined changes needed to be expedited so that prospective students can see the new registration requirements before applying to the program.

T Lewis asked if consideration has been given to the effects of the new language requirement on students in the program and potential difficulties. T MacMillan responded that the language requirement can be reevaluated if problems arise.

B Laller highlighted that the new changes are not listed on the Langara website. S Issari will ensure the website information is current. Students can be informed of the new changes. The attached EdCo 2 forms are not official but included for information. The implementation date on these forms will be correct when they are submitted officially.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by S Enns, that the EDAS Temporary Change Forms be accepted for information by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.