

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, February 24, 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
Diana Leong
Tanya Lewis
Tess MacMillan (Chair)
Prabhleen Madaan
Mário Moniz de Sá
Debbie Schachter
Allison Sullivan
Ann Syme
Sunita Wiebe
Caden Wong

Resource*:

Connie Chong
Arnie Clark
Sam Issari
James Nickason
Emily Scarlett

Guests*: Jennifer Duffy, *Stewart McGillivray*, Kathleen Oliver, *Shonna Reynolds*

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Minutes: Avery Lafortune*

Regrets: Sandra Enns, Tanya Lewis, Pabhleen Madaan, Shonna Reynolds, Ann Syme

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. upon declaration of a quorum. T MacMillan welcomed guests K Oliver and J Duffy and new members D Leong representing Faculty of Management and M Moniz de Sá representing Faculty of Science.

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 lələm, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by A Sullivan, 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 S Dane, seconded by A Sullivan, that the minutes of the meeting held January 27th, 2025 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) BIOLOGY

a) Course Change

- i) BIOL 1115 – General Biology I
- ii) BIOL 1215 – General Biology II

M Moniz de Sá explained that the “C+” high school prerequisite grade is too high and decreases accessibility. It is being lowered to a “C” grade. The proposed change also allows the courses to be taken in any order rather than a determined sequence.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by S Dane, that the course change to *BIOL 1115 – General Biology I* and *BIOL 1215 – General Biology II* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) Discontinued Course

- i) LEAP 1100 – LEAP 4 -- Pathways

This course was submitted with the incorrect course code and approved in error. The correct course code has already been approved by Education Council.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by N Franzova, that the course change to *LEAP 1100 – LEAP 4 – Pathways* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) BUSINESS MGMT AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

a) Course Change

- i) BUSM 1100 – Introduction to Business in Canada
- ii) BUSM 1115 – Entrepreneurship
- iii) BUSM 2115 – Human Resources Management
- iv) BUSM 2200 – Organizational Behaviour
- v) BUSM 2450 – Business Planning

The course learning outcomes have been updated for BUSM 2200 and BUSM 2450 and added for BUSM 1100 and BUSM 1115 which have not previously been through EdCo. Language has been updated and Indigenization components have been added. Evaluation methods have been standardized.

C Wong asked for the reasoning behind removing the final exam for BUSM 2450. S Dane responded that the course is more project-based and a final project is more worthwhile for the students.

IT WAS MOVED by D Leong, seconded by A Sullivan, that the course change for *BUSM 1100, BUSM 1115, BUSM 2115, BUSM 2200, and BUSM 2450* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- vi) INTB 2000 – Introduction to International Business

The course learning outcomes have been updated and the evaluation methods have become standardized.

C Wong asked for the reasoning behind the increase in team work from 15% to 30%. D Leong explained that there is a push towards more collaborative work and learning. S Dane noted that a team case study for 10% was added, contributing to the increase in team work overall.

IT WAS MOVED by D Leong, seconded by S Wiebe, that the course change for *INTB 2000 – Introduction to International Business* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D) PSYCHOLOGY

a) Program Change

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Psychology

This change arises from the Ministry’s Associate Degree Framework which calls for more courses that transfer with assigned credits into the university system than what Langara students are potentially selecting. The current open-ended requirement for the program allows students to select courses that transfer as unassigned credits or lack direct equivalents. The proposed change narrows the field of acceptable courses to a curated list in order to meet the transfer requirements.

K Oliver explained that students have shown significant interest in creative writing. Other institutions have first-year courses but Langara only has second-year courses and they are specific to different genres. This is a first-year course that covers at least three genres and allows students to begin creative writing earlier.

J Nickason voiced his support for this new course, noting that he has interacted with many students who have expressed interest in this creative capacity.

T MacMillan highlighted that the prerequisites are slightly higher than the average first-year course due to the volume of writing and the need for peers to be able to offer meaningful feedback.

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by N Franzova, that the new course *ENGL 1136 – Introduction to Creative Writing* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

G) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

a) Course Change

i) FMGT 3263 – Internal Control Auditing

Historically, this course was restricted to BBA students with a 54 credit minimum. This change reduces the required prerequisites and removes all registration restrictions. This will remove barriers for students coming in from other programs who want to enter into the CPA Professional Education Program. Because the CPA entry requirements are changing, many students will need to pick up prerequisites such as FMGT 3263.

S Wiebe asked for the rationale behind the English and business course prerequisites. J Duffy explained that this is a capstone course and students will do significant amounts of writing and will need a minimum level of accounting, manager and business acumen. The use of digital software in the class also requires a level of technical expertise. B Kennedy suggested adding a note to the prerequisites regarding permission from the department. Prior education and employment history will be considered when determining if a student is eligible for an override.

IT WAS MOVED by D Leong, seconded by S Dane, that the course change for *FMGT 3263 – Internal Control Auditing* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to add “or permission from the department” at the end of the prerequisite section.

MOTION CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A) SFU Langara Suspension Co-Admission Program

D Anderson explained that this program dates back to 2012 and allowed students to take SFU and Langara courses at the same time. SFU has since found the interest in this program was low and it was onerous for the registrar team to sustain. Many students were just transferring between institutions which does not require this program. Due to diminishing returns and the costs of maintaining the program, the partners at SFU have made the decision to suspend it.

It was agreed by consensus that Education Council receive this item for information.

B) Implementation Dates Memorandum

E Scarlett explained that this memo captures the curriculum brought forward for implementation. The majority of the curriculum items had been approved for 202730 and some for 202630 before the Workday Project was pushed back by one year. The memo shows the new implementation dates. The summer curriculum has already been launched. Going forward, implementation dates will be adjusted rather than given 202730 as default.

It was agreed by consensus that Education Council receive this item for information.

8. ADJOURNMENT

T MacMillan announced that the Council is in need of a Vice-Chair. The first call for nominations did not receive any. A second call will be sent out soon. If one candidate is identified, there will be no need for an election. If multiple candidates step forward, the elections will begin a week from now.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.