

**EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 13:00**  
**Room B141**

**Members:**

*David Anderson*  
Vanessa Brown  
Paula Burns\*  
*Sabrina Chahal*  
Spencer Dane  
Joshua Diaz  
Sandra Enns  
*Nora Franzova*  
Brent Kennedy  
Abhilash Kunnath Sethumadhavan  
Bhumika Laller

*Billy Lee*  
Diana Leong  
Tanya Lewis  
Tess MacMillan (Chair)  
Mário Moniz de Sá  
Debbie Schachter  
Allison Sullivan (Vice-Chair)  
Ann Syme  
Sunita Wiebe  
Caden Wong

**Resource\*:**

*Connie Chong*  
*Arnie Clark*  
Sam Issari  
*James Nickason*  
*Emily Scarlett*

**Guests\*:** Katrina Erdos, Stewart  
McGillivray, Shonna Reynolds, Pauline  
Vallee

\*non-voting  
*absent (ital.)*

**Minutes:** Avery Lafortune\*

**Regrets:** David Anderson, Sabrina Chahal, Billy Lee, Emily Scarlett

**1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. upon declaration of a quorum. T MacMillan welcomed A Sullivan to her new role as Vice-Chair as well as the new student representatives A Kunnath Sethumadhavan and J Diaz.

**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 lələm*, *house of teachings*.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**IT WAS MOVED** by A Syme, seconded by T Lewis, 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 M Moniz de Sá, that the minutes of the meeting held February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. CURRICULUM**

**A) SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY**

**a) Course Change**

- i) ANTH 2270 – Anthropology of Food

The course title has been changed to make it more attractive to prospective students. The prerequisites were removed to make

the class more accessible.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by T Lewis, that the course change to *ANTH 2270 – Anthropology of Food* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**B) EDUCATION ASSISTANT**

**a) Program Change**

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

The Full Time Certificate is changing the English requirement from Category 1 to Category 2 to match the Part Time Certificate requirement. Both certificates are reducing the admission requirement of 100 volunteer hours to 50 hours to align with other similar programs. These changes have already been implemented temporarily through an EdCo 9 form (see meeting minutes from January 27, 2025). The EdCo 2 Program Change forms will make these changes permanent.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by D Schachter, that the program change to *Certificate in Education Assistant (Full Time)* and *Certificate in Education Assistant (Part Time)* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to change the wording in section 3.c. to “Preference is given to applicants with volunteer or work experience...” for clarity.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**C) GEOGRAPHY**

**a) Program Change**

- i) Associate of Arts Degree in Geography

K Erdos explained that in response to a GAC request, GEOG 1105 and GEOL 2207 are being officially incorporated into the program and the specific English requirements are being removed. These changes allow for more flexibility for students. English requirements remain a component of the Associate of Arts’ framework but are no longer part of the Geography Concentration.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by S Wiebe, that the program change to the *Associate of Arts Degree in Geography* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b) Course Change**

- i) GEOG 2210 – Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS)

K Erdos explained that the major program restriction is being removed. The restriction prioritized registration for students in Applied Planning but for scheduling and curriculum reasons, these students do not register in GEOG 2210. When the registration order was changed for Spring 2026, the restriction became an obstacle preventing other students from registering until very late.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by T Lewis, that the course change for *GEOG 2210 – Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS)* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**D) CHEMISTRY**

**a) New Program (Microcredential)**

- i) Applied Analytical Laboratory Skills

The BC government is promoting the development of skill-based microcredentials. Last Wednesday, two proposed chemistry microcredentials were approved for Ministry funding. These programs are 3 courses each, 10-12 hours per course and 80% of the curriculum is hands on. The final exam tests skills demonstrations. The skills taught in these programs are useful in many industries including pharmaceutical and food and beverage. AALS will be taught in the first two months of the semester.

**IT WAS MOVED** by M Moniz de Sá, seconded by S Wiebe, that the new program *Applied Analytical Laboratory Skills* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**





A Sullivan recommended partnering with the library on digital and online source evaluation and working with the copyright librarian. B Kennedy confirmed that is part of the plan.

**IT WAS MOVED** by D Leong, seconded by B Kennedy, that the course change to *BCAP 1200 – Business Computer Applications I* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### A) Block Transfer: Emily Carr University and Langara College

- i) Articulation Agreement for BDes, Communication Design Students
- ii) Articulation Agreement for Fine Arts Students

These articulation agreements ensure that Design and Fine Arts students receive the full 60 credits at Emily Carr University. The Fine Arts Agreement is a refresh of an existing agreement while the Design Agreement is new.

S Wiebe asked if there is a plan to track which students go to Emily Carr. S Dane replied that instructors know which students have transferred but is not aware of a formal tracking process.

S Dane confirmed that the table listing the transferable courses will be made available to students and Advising.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Dane, seconded by T Lewis, that the *Articulation Agreement for BDes, Communication Design Students* and the *Articulation Agreement for Fine Arts Students* be approved by Education Council.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### B) Memorandum: Correction to MATH 0120 Prerequisites

One of the prerequisites for MATH 0120 will be listed as MATH 1150 effective 202620 to 202710 and then listed as MATH 0115 from 202720 onwards. All ABE courses are being renumbered to begin with zero as of summer 2027. Originally, this prerequisite was only listed as MATH 0115, however, MATH 0120 was brought forward for earlier implementation (summer 2026) than what was originally approved which necessitated the correction to the old course code, MATH 1150, for three semesters.

It was agreed by consensus that Education Council accept this memorandum for information.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.