

# EDUCATION COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, April 21, 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\*:** Avram Agov, Laura MacKay,  
Marcus Vianna, Stewart McGillivray,  
Shonna Reynolds, Pauline Vallee

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

**Minutes:** Avery Lafortune\*

**Regrets:** Vanessa Brown, Paula Burns, Joshua Diaz, James Nickason, Allison Sullivan, Caden Wong

### 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 snəwəyəł̓ lelərn̓, *house of teachings*.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**IT WAS MOVED** by N Franzova, seconded by T Lewis, that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Remove item 6.E)d)i) Post-Degree Diploma in Supply Chain and Logistics
- Remove item 7.C)a) Program Cancellation for the Post-Degree Diploma in Applied Planning (Work Experience)
- S Enns will present item 7.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 T Lewis, seconded by S Dane, that the minutes of the meeting held March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 be approved as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## 6. CURRICULUM

### A) MATHEMATICS

#### a) Course Change

- i) MATH 2362 – Linear Algebra

The proposed change to the prerequisites aligns with similar courses at universities including UBC and SFU. Students will be allowed to take the course with a “B” grade in Calculus I rather than an “A”. Calculus II is no longer required.

**IT WAS MOVED** by M Moniz de Sá, seconded by A Syme, that the course change to *MATH 2362 – Linear Algebra* be approved by Education Council.

Multiple committee members raised questions about what it meant for MATH 2372 to be listed as a recommended course. It was agreed to withdraw the motion, clarify this point on the form, and resubmit the form for the May meeting.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

### B) SCIENCE LITERACY

#### a) New Course

- i) ENVR 1100 – Exploring Environmental Science

Langara currently offers Environmental Studies but does not offer Environmental Science. By creating ENVR 1100, Langara students can complete the first year of required courses to transfer into the second year of Environmental Science at UBC. Should this course prove popular, a 2-year Environmental Sciences credential could be created in the future. The ENVR course code is newly created and matches the course codes at UBC.

T MacMillan asked that Environmental Science and Environmental Studies coordinate to ensure that students have clear instructions on which courses to take for the different pathways.

**IT WAS MOVED** by M Moniz de Sá, seconded by A Syme, that the new course *ENVR 1100 – Exploring Environmental Science* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to fix a few minor typos.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### C) LIBRARY & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

#### a) Course Change

- i) LIBR 2410 – Children’s Services

The successful completion of a Criminal Record Check (CRC) will be added as a course prerequisite. The CRC used to be required before a certain part of the course that involved students working with children. This change will ensure students have the completed CRC before the course begins. The change cannot be implemented sooner as it relies on Workday functionality.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by N Franzova, that the course change to the *LIBR 2410 – Children’s Services* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to change “CRC” to “Criminal Record Check” in the program rationale section to avoid confusion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### D) ASIAN STUDIES

#### a) New Course

- i) ASIA 2296 – Korean Culture and Society

This new course addresses a gap in current course offerings and responds to student demand. While existing courses address Korean history, there is need for a dedicated course on Korean culture and major cultural transformations in Korean society. The course supports growth for the Asian Studies program, enhances pathways to upper level courses, and aligns with UBC and SFU programs. The course has broad interdisciplinary appeal and there are no prerequisites to make it accessible to students.

S Dane noted that this is a 200 level course seeking articulation with a 300 level course at UBC. A Agov responded that he did not foresee this to be an issue.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by A Syme, that the new course *ASIA 2296 – Korean Culture and Society* be approved by Education Council with the following friendly amendments:

- Change participation to 5% in the description below the weighting chart in section 11.
- Adjust the wording of the first sentence of the calendar description for clarity.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**b) Discontinued Course**

- i) ASIA 3396 – Contemporary Korean Society and Culture

A Agov explained that an upper level course is unusual in this field and that discontinuing the course supports strategic curriculum updates. ASIA 3396 was not very accessible to students and had lower enrolment. ASIA 2296 is not the same as ASIA 3396. The topics are similar but they use different frameworks.

B Laller asked about the quantity of written assignments, expressing concern for students taking ASIA 2296 in their first or second term. A Agov responded that the new course has a good balance of written and oral projects.

S Dane noted that discontinuing this course removes an option for BBA students who need breadth at an upper level. A Agov assured the Council that ASIA 3386 remains a strong offering.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Enns, seconded by N Franzova, that the course discontinuation *ASIA 3396 – Contemporary Korean Society and Culture* be approved by Education Council with a friendly amendment to change the last semester offered to Summer 2026.

**1 Abstention  
MOTION CARRIED**

**E) CONTINUING STUDIES**

**a) New Program**

- i) Short Certificate in Supply Chain & Logistics  
ii) Certificate in Supply Chain & Logistics

C Chong explained that these new credentials provide shorter, more accessible options for working professionals that align with industry demand and are geared towards domestic students. The short certificate can ladder into the full certificate.

T Lewis asked if students who do not already have degrees will struggle with the material? C Chong responded that the program targets those already working in supply chain who would have foundational knowledge from their work experience.

T Lewis voiced concern that the industry support letter from CITT appears to have a conflict of interest. By licensing CITT curriculum, Langara has a preestablished paid relationship with CITT. C Chong responded that CITT is a respected and trusted professional body and that there are other industry support letters included in the package.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Wiebe, seconded by D Schachter, that the new programs *Short Certificate in Supply Chain & Logistics* and *Certificate in Supply Chain & Logistics* be approved by Education Council.

**1 Opposed  
MOTION CARRIED**

**b) New Course**

- i) SCLP 1110 – Project Leadership for Supply Chain and Logistics

This course will be required for the two new credentials in supply chain and logistics. SCLP 1110 teaches project management for those working in supply chain including technology, transportation and sustainability.

S Reynolds highlighted that there is a similar course in Regular Studies, although SCLP 1110 has a narrowed industry focus and fewer course hours. T MacMillan confirmed this new course was approved by JCCS. T Lewis and S Dane noted that were it not for the reduced hours, the course would be in conflict with the other similar RS course.

**IT WAS MOVED** by S Wiebe, seconded by A Syme, that the new course *SCLP 1110 – Project Leadership for Supply Chain and Logistics* be approved by Education Council.

**5 Abstentions  
MOTION CARRIED**



**C) Memorandum**

- a) Suspension of Intake for the Social Service Worker Certificate in Gerontology

S Enns explained that the Dean and Department Chair are in support of this suspension due to declined student demand. There is one student in the program who will be supported if they wish to complete the program or transfer into another program. S Enns will supply RES with the name of the remaining student. The 2-year Diploma in Gerontology was suspended last year for the same reason.

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair and Vice-Chair elections have closed. T MacMillan has been elected as Chair for another year and A Sullivan has been elected as Vice-Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

