EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 13:00
Zoom

Members:
Vanessa Brown
*Paula Burns**
Sabrina Chahal
Spencer Dane
Joshua Diaz
Sandra Enns
Nora Franzova
Margaret Heldman
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*: Laura MacKay, Stewart McGillivray, David Wright

*non-voting
absent (ital.)

Minutes: Avery Lafortune*

Regrets: J Diaz, B Lee, C Wong

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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 snəẇeyəɬ leləm̓, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by S Dane, seconded by T Lewis, that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Items 6.A and 7.A were omitted as they were resolved at the meeting on May 19th, 2026.

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 D Schachter, that the minutes of the meeting held April 21, 2026 be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

6. CURRICULUM

A) BIOLOGY

B) FACULTY OF SCIENCE

a) Program Change

i) Associate of Science (General)

Program Learning Outcomes were created and the program description was updated.

> **IT WAS MOVED** by M Moniz de Sá, seconded by A Sullivan, that the program change to the *Associate of Science (General)* be approved by Education Council.
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> **MOTION CARRIED**

C) MATHEMATICS

a) Course Changes

i) MATH 1170 – Precalculus Mathematics
ii) MATH 1171 – Calculus I
iii) MATH 1173 – Calculus I with Computer Explorations
iv) MATH 1174 – Calculus I – Economic and Business Applications
v) MATH 1175 – Calculus I with Applications to Life Sciences

MATH 0120 is a new course created for students who need an equivalent of precalculus 12. The new course has been added as a prerequisite option to each of the above courses with varying required grades to suit the demands of each course.

> **IT WAS MOVED** by M Moniz de Sá, seconded by V Brown, that the course change to *MATH 1170, MATH 1171, MATH 1173, MATH 1174, MATH 1175* be approved by Education Council.
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> **MOTION CARRIED**

D) COMPUTER SCIENCE

a) New Course

i) CPSC 2820 – Offensive Cybersecurity and Threat Hunting

This new course is created to meet student demand and update graduates' knowledge. This topic is very relevant to the current state of the industry. The 20% grade listed as "Other" refers to an assignment where students must deliver a public lecture on cybersecurity.

> **IT WAS MOVED** by M Moniz de Sá, seconded by B Kennedy, that the new course *CPSC 2820 – Offensive Cybersecurity and Threat Hunting* be approved by Education Council.
>
> **MOTION CARRIED**

E) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) New Programs

i) Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety
ii) Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety

These new programs are a pivot of the current Health and Safety Environmental Compliance PDD program that was geared towards international students. The new programs target domestic students. The certificate program allows graduates to be certified as a registered safety technician, and the diploma

allows them to become a certified registered safety professional.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by A Sullivan, that the new programs *Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety* and *Diploma in Occupational Health & Safety* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b) New Courses

i) HSEP 1010 – Disability and Claims Management
ii) HSEP 1015 – Fire Prevention and Protection
iii) HSEP 1020 – Fundamentals of Auditing in OHS
iv) HSEP 1025 – Ergonomics
v) HSEP 1030 – Psychological Health & Safety in the Workplace
vi) HSEP 1035 – Safety Management Systems

Each course targets an area of competency relevant to the new OHS credentials. T MacMillan noted that the courses went through JCSS and consultation with relevant departments has been completed.

IT WAS MOVED by A Sullivan, seconded by T Lewis, that the new courses *HSEP 1010, HSEP 1015, HSEP 1020, HSEP 1025, HSEP 1030, HSEP 1035* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Course Changes

i) HSEP 1002 – Industrial Processes – Level 1
ii) HSEP 1004 – Investigative and Inspection Techniques
iii) HSEP 1201 – Occupational Health and Safety Law – Level 1
iv) HSEP 1303 – Emergency Management – Preparedness and Response
v) HSEP 1403 – Risk Assessment
vi) HSEP 1405 – Foundations of Occupational Hygiene
vii) HSEP 1501 – Final Project Research and Presentations

The hours for each course have been increased. HSEP 1501 is increasing from 120 to 200 hours to provide students more time to do their research, risk assessment and develop communication skills for their final capstone project. All other courses have increased from 45 to 60 hours.

IT WAS MOVED by A Sullivan, seconded by T Lewis, that the course changes to *HSEP 1002, HSEP 1004, HSEP 1201, HSEP 1303, HSEP 1403, HSEP 1405,* and *HSEP 1501* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

d) Program Change

i) Certificate in Construction Standards

A course will be removed from the diploma and added to the certificate instead as there is not enough time for diploma students to complete it. A program change to the diploma will be submitted in the future.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by D Schachter, that the program change to *The Certificate*

in Construction Standards be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

F) FACULTY OF ARTS

a) Program Change

i) Associate of Arts (General)

Program Learning Outcomes have been added, and the program description has been modified to make it more robust.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by D Schachter, that the program change to the *Associate of Arts (General)* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. POLICY

A) POLICY CORRECTION

B) BOARD POLICY (for discussion)

a) 440 Evaluation of Programs and Educational Services

S McGillivray noted that this is a high-level policy and other, more detailed policies on program development, renewal, and suspension already exist. This policy was considered for repeal but instead has been updated and the review date has been shorted so that it may be evaluated in conjunction with other policies. Updates include BC's EQA designation to reflect new legislation as well as the duties and responsibilities section.

Council feedback is detailed on the feedback forms below. T Lewis noted these policies have not gone through the policy process particularly in regard to gathering community feedback. S McGillivray noted that these processes are only applicable to college policies and not Board policies. T Lewis noted concern over the appearance of an erosion around consulting Education Council particularly in sections 3.1 and 4.1 and highlighted concern over section 7.4.

b) 400 Vision and Mission

S McGillivray explained that this policy was also considered for repeal but, instead, has been updated as EdCo was not in support of repeal. Last year's feedback on the policy noted that if the policy was repealed, it would remove an avenue for EdCo to give advice. The updates include outlining responsibilities of different parties.

T Lewis expressed concern over the revisions regarding the concentration of power, highlighting 4.1. She also noted that 3.1 describes objectives without outlining how they will be achieved which may be too high-level to be practically useful. The updates appear to give the President too much power rather than relying on a model of group leadership. T MacMillan seconded concern for 4.1.

T MacMillan passes the Chair to A Sullivan.

c) 441 Program Suspension and Cancellation

S MacGillivray noted this policy has been updated to specify who can create or amend procedures. T MacMillan disagreed with the rational for 4.10 noting that emergency EdCo meetings can be called during summer terms if necessary. She noted that suspension before cancellation allows RES time to ensure no

students enrolled in the program are impacted. T Lewis noted concern over 4.10 and sought more clarity on the language and that consulting with EdCo after the fact does not inspire meaningful conversation. Once intake for a program is suspended due to low enrolment, it is unlikely to ever be reversed due to the message conveyed to students.

A Sullivan passes the Chair to T MacMillan.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A) MEMORANDUM

a) Suspension of PDD in Health, Safety and Environmental Compliance

The suspension will begin in the Fall term due to changes in the federal post graduate work permit program and a reduction of students.

b) Suspension of the PDD in Supply Chain & Logistics

The suspension will begin in the Fall term due to changes in the federal post graduate work permit program and a reduction of students.

B) BLOCK TRANSFER

a) Vancouver Island University Graphic Design and Langara College Design Formation

This transfer accepts 60 credits from Langara for 60 credits at VIU. This is the third block transfer in the graphic design discipline. Transfers have also been established with Capilano University and Emily Carr.

> **IT WAS MOVED** by S Dane, seconded by T Lewis, that the Block transfer between Vancouver Island University Graphic Design and Langara College Design Formation be *accepted by Education Council for information*.
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> **MOTION CARRIED**

C) MEMORANDUM

a) Suspension of the Associate of Arts: Environmental Studies Concentration and Associate of Science: Environmental Studies Concentration

M Moniz de Sá requested that the advice form acknowledge that Environmental Sciences is a distinct and separate program and is not being suspended.

b) Suspension of the Diploma in Journalism

D Wright explained that several mitigations and attempts to pivot the program have not increased enrolment. The department has been consulted and is aware of the timeline. S Dane highlighted that there has not been a full cohort in this program for over a decade.

c) Suspension of the Theater Arts at Studio 58 Production Diploma

S Dane noted that the impact on faculty comes as fractional workloads as none were full time. Three students will be taught out.

D) MEMORANDUM

a) Suspension of the PDD in Applied Planning (Work Experience)

This decision was made due to declining enrolment and on the request of the department. There were two identical credentials, one with the work experience term and one without. Enrolment for the other PDD is full. The credential is aimed at working professionals, and the work experience term was not meeting their needs. There are currently no students in the work experience PDD. There are 4 students in the program who have expressed interest in the work term, and they will be supported in doing so in the Fall term.

E) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) New CS EdCo forms

A PLAR section has been added to CS EdCo forms. C Chong noted a small correction to change "Division Chair" to "Director."

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.