

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 13:00
meeting held via videoconference

Attendees:

Darren Bernaerdt (Chair)
Jim Bowers
Patricia Cia
Arnie Clark (a)*
Sandra Enns
Nora Franzova
Marianne Gianacopoulos
Margaret Heldman

Amanjot Kaur (a)
Harkhushdeep Kaur (a)
Tasneem Khan
Gerda Krause
Carmen Larsen
Tanya Lewis
Tess MacMillan (Vice-Chair)
Ben Park
Wanda Pierson

Udesh Sharma (a)
Jan Smith*
Lane Trotter*
Shubhankar Vakde
Yusuf Varachia
Ryan Vernon*
Sunita Wiebe (a)*
Peter Warren*
Lulin Zheng

Regrets: H Kaur

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: Jody Gordon, Daryl Smith, Pablo Vargas

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

D Bernaerdt called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and declared the presence of a quorum.

2. MUSQUEAM LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

D Bernaerdt acknowledged that this virtual meeting was hosted on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation, who have given Langara College the name *snəwəyət̓ leləm̓*, *house of teachings*.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by N Franzova, that the agenda be approved.

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 P Cia, seconded by T Lewis, that the minutes of the meeting of October 20, 2020 be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. NEW BUSINESS

A) POLICY

a) Memorandum from *Director of Indigenous Education and Registrar*

i) Rescind POLICY E1004: Aboriginal Education-Consultation with Aboriginal Peoples

The memorandum was presented by J Smith and D Smith who explained that this policy is out of date and does not conform to Langara's current practice or to the Education Council bylaws. The College is working towards developing an Indigenization strategy, which is expected to include recommendations on policy and other ways that Education Council can support Indigenization at Langara.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by P Cia, that the proposal to rescind *Policy E1004: Aboriginal Education – Consultation with Aboriginal Peoples* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CURRICULUM

A) HISTORY

a) Course Change

i) HIST 2243 – Vietnam: From Colonial War to Cold War, 1945-1975

The proposal removes the prerequisite for this course. The course material has been revised so that students no longer need to have taken HIST 1130 in order to understand and succeed in HIST 2243. This is expected to make the course attractive to a broader range of prospective students.

B) POLITICAL SCIENCE

a) Course Changes

i) POLI 2229 – Introduction to Urban Politics

The prerequisite options of APPL 1140, APPL 1130 and APPL 1210 are deleted, as these courses are no longer offered. The Political Science prerequisite, *POLI 1100, POLI 1119 or POLI 2250*, remains in place.

ii) POLI 2241 – BC Politics and Government

All prerequisites are removed in order to allow access to a broader range of students, both domestic and international, who can benefit from the material covered by this course. A note will be added to advise students that a previous Political Science course is recommended but not required.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by T Lewis, that the prerequisite revisions in *HIST 2243, POLI 2229* and *POLI 2241* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iii) POLI 2255 – Democracy in the Digital Age

The proposal adds POLI 2270 to the list of courses that can be used as a prerequisite, along with the statement "or permission of the instructor" to increase access to the course for prospective students.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by N Franzova, that the revised prerequisite statement for *POLI 2255* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

iv) POLI 2265 – Surveillance and Terror: Politics of Totalitarianism

The wording of the prerequisite information is revised to identify specific POLI courses that may be used to satisfy the prerequisite, and a statement is added to clarify that students without the prerequisite may seek admission to the course with permission of the instructor.

- v) POLI 2275 – Intro to Western Feminist Social and Political Thought

The proposal adds a prerequisite (one of a list of specific POLI courses, or permission of the instructor) to conform to the standardized prerequisites for all second-year POLI courses.

IT WAS MOVED by S Enns, seconded by T Lewis, that the prerequisite revisions in *POLI 2265* and *POLI 2275* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

C) PHYSICS

a) Course Changes

- i) PHYS 1101 – Physics I for Life Sciences

The proposal adds the new course *MATH 1175 – Calculus I with Applications to Life Sciences* to the list of potential prerequisites for this course.

- ii) PHYS 1125 – Physics I with Calculus

The proposal adds the new course *MATH 1175 – Calculus I with Applications to Life Sciences* to the list of potential prerequisites for this course

- iii) PHYS 1225 – Physics II with Calculus

The proposal adds the new course *MATH 1275 – Calculus II with Applications to Life Sciences* to the list of potential prerequisites for this course.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by G Krause, that the prerequisite revisions in *PHYS 1101*, *PHYS 1125* and *PHYS 1225* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

D Bernaerdt turned the chair over to T MacMillan.

D) JOURNALISM

D Bernaerdt presented an overview of the proposals, which he explained were developed through program review and consultations with members of the journalism industry including Langara alumni, many of whom have pursued careers in communications and public relations, and whose input helped shape these program revisions.

a) New Course

- i) JOUR 1179 – Multimedia News Reporting
- ii) JOUR 2279 – Multimedia News Production

To accommodate updates to prerequisites, course descriptions, learning outcomes and workload, these 4.5-credit courses were created to replace the two 6-credit courses JOUR 1178 and JOUR 2278. Journalism students in these courses will apply their skills to create, edit, and publish written, photographic, video and audio content for the student-run print and digital newspaper. Registration is restricted to students in the Journalism program.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by T Lewis, that the new courses *JOUR 1179 – Multimedia News Reporting* and *JOUR 2279 – Multimedia News Production* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

- iii) JOUR 1200 – Theories in Communication
- iv) JOUR 1220 – Communications and the Influence of Mass Media
- v) JOUR 1230 – Communications Strategies

These courses were developed based on recommendations from curriculum review to provide transferable Communications courses that support the specific skills needed for work in media technology and communications. It was noted that these

new courses have a different design and purpose than the Communications courses offered by Langara's English department. Registration is open to all students with English prerequisites.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by T Lewis, that the new courses *JOUR 1200 – Theories in Communication*, *JOUR 1220 – Communications and the Influence of Mass Media*, and *JOUR 1230 – Communications Strategies* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

vi) JOUR 1225 – Media Law and Ethics

In this course, students will examine the legal system and the role and responsibility of news media, and how to make ethical decisions and establish standards of professional conduct in the workplace. Registration priority will be given to Journalism program students.

vii) JOUR 1290 – Introduction to Digital Media Storytelling

This course will examine trends in online communications, digital media formats and mobile journalism, and is open to all students.

In each of these two proposals, two existing 1.5-credit courses are combined to make a new 3-credit course, which will improve transfer opportunities with other institutions.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by W Pierson, that the new courses *JOUR 1225 – Media Law and Ethics* and *JOUR 1290 – Introduction to Digital Media Storytelling* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

viii) JOUR 1288 – Radio Storytelling and Podcasting

This course will replace JOUR 1298 to increase content and the number of credits. Registration priority will be given to Journalism program students.

ix) JOUR 2178 – Design for Print and Online Journalism

This 1.5-credit course replaces JOUR 1177, which is recreated at the second-year level as a corequisite to the capstone course JOUR 2279. Students will explore the principles of design for both print and online publications, using current industry-standard software. Registration priority will be given to Journalism program students.

x) JOUR 2450 – Solutions with Data Journalism

The existing JOUR 2420 is replaced by this new 3-credit course, which is open to all students with English prerequisites.

xi) JOUR 2475 – Work Experience for Journalism and Communications

This course replaces the existing internship course JOUR 2470 in order to reduce the content and credit, as decided through curriculum review. Students will take part in a month-long internship in print, online or broadcast journalism, public relations, communications, or another media-related field. Registration is restricted to students Journalism program students.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by W Pierson, that the new courses *JOUR 1288 – Radio Storytelling and Podcasting*, *JOUR 2178 – Design for Print and Online Journalism*, *JOUR 2450 – Solutions with Data Journalism*, and *JOUR 2475 – Work Experience for Journalism and Communications* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

M Gianacopoulos joined the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

b) Course Changes

i) JOUR 1100 – Introduction to News Media

Revisions affect calendar description and learning outcomes, and update the English prerequisites.

ii) JOUR 1122 – Journalism Research Techniques

The course title is changed to *Introduction to Media Research Techniques*. Calendar description, course content, learning outcomes, evaluation methods and prerequisites are updated.

iii) JOUR 1128 – Fundamentals of Reporting

The calendar description, learning outcomes, evaluation methods, and prerequisites are updated.

iv) JOUR 1142 – Basics of Copy Editing

Revisions are made in the calendar description, course content, evaluation methods, learning outcomes, prerequisites and registration restrictions (from full program restriction to priority registration for Journalism program students).

v) JOUR 1168 – Photo Journalism

The course title is changed to *Photojournalism* (one word), and the calendar description, course content, evaluation methods, and prerequisites are updated.

vi) JOUR 1224 – Investigative Journalism

Revisions include the calendar description, course content, learning outcomes, evaluation methods, and registration restrictions (from full program restriction to priority registration for Journalism program students).

vii) JOUR 1240 – Advanced Copy Editing

Revisions include the calendar description, course content, learning outcomes, evaluation method, and registration restrictions (from full program restriction to priority registration for Journalism program students).

viii) JOUR 2380 – Civic Reporting

Revisions include the calendar description, course content, learning outcomes, evaluation methods, prerequisites, and registration restrictions (from no restrictions to priority registration for Journalism program students).

ix) JOUR 2398 – Video and TV Journalism

The course title is changed to *Storytelling Through Video*, and the calendar description, learning outcomes and prerequisites are updated.

x) JOUR 2410 – Mobile Journalism

Revisions include updated learning outcomes, prerequisites and registration restrictions (from full program restriction to priority registration for Journalism program students).

xi) JOUR 2458 – Feature Writing

The course title is changed to *Feature and Specialty Writing*, revisions are made in the calendar description, course content, learning outcomes, evaluation methods and prerequisites, and all registration restrictions are removed.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerd, seconded by W Pierson, that the package of course revisions for *JOUR 1100, JOUR 1122, JOUR 1128, JOUR 1142, JOUR 1168, JOUR 1224, JOUR 1240, JOUR 2380, JOUR 2398, JOUR 2410, and JOUR 2458* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c) Program Changes

i) Certificate in Journalism

ii) Diploma in Journalism

The proposed changes will modify the existing programs in accordance with industry advice to accommodate the growth and interest in communications among the media professions. Revisions were made in consultation with Langara's curriculum review experts and included a review of industry employment data, a focus group of communications

professionals, and a survey of Journalism program alumni. The revised curriculum includes updated elective options, with new communications courses and additional choices for students. The total number of program credits has been reduced from 44 to 36 in the Certificate and from 78 to 60 in the Diploma, to create a more streamlined approach to delivering the core curriculum while offering more specialty electives. These proposals also update calendar descriptions and admission requirements, and in the diploma, learning outcomes are revised as well.

IT WAS MOVED by D Bernaerdt, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the proposed revisions in the *Certificate in Journalism* and the *Diploma in Journalism* be approved by Education Council as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

T MacMillan returned the chair to D Bernaerdt.

E) NURSING

a) Program Change

- i) Bachelor of Science in Nursing

b) Global Change

- i) BSN, AEBSN, and PDD programs

These proposals respond to the frequent changes to the name of the Nursing regulatory body. In the Program Change proposal, the reference to the regulatory body will be removed from the calendar description, and added instead to the online program overview page, which does not require Education Council approval when it is revised. The Global Change will remove all instances of "British Columbia College of Nursing Professionals (BCCNP)" and replace with "British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives (BCCNM)" for all BSN, AEBSN, and PDD programs.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by N Franzova, that the proposed revision in the calendar description of the *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* and the global change to update the name of the Nursing regulatory body in all *BSN*, *AEBSN* and *PDD* programs, including the courses *NURS 1121*, *NURS 1163*, *NURS 1263*, *NURS 2163*, *NURS 2221*, *NURS 2263*, *NURS 3164*, *NURS 3165*, *NURS 3264*, *NURS 3265*, *NURS 3363*, *NURS 4163*, and *NURS 4265* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

S Vakde joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

F) ENGLISH

a) New Course

- i) CMNS 4800 – Communications for Technical Professionals

T MacMillan noted that while the English Department already offers a variety of first-year Communications options, there is a need for a course that is better suited to the unique requirements of PDD programs, whose students are at the post-diploma level of study. CMNS 4800 will replace WMDD 4860 and CMNS 4810, and is designed to be flexible so that it can be adapted to the needs of each program that requires the course. This will streamline Communication course offerings and offer flexibility to students within specific program cohorts. Registration is currently restricted to students in the WMDD and Data Analytics programs.

IT WAS MOVED by T MacMillan, seconded by G Krause, that the new course *CMNS 4800 – Communications for Technical Professionals* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

8. CONTINUING STUDIES

A) FOR INFORMATION

a) Program Revision

i) Advanced Management Skills Certificate

P Vargas explained that course hours are revised for two courses, effective Spring 2021, in response to student feedback regarding balancing work and study. This reduces total program hours from 108 to 72, while continuing to meet the established learning outcomes. This program is not eligible for student financial aid.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded W Pierson, that the revision in the Continuing Studies *Advanced Management Skills Certificate* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A) Registrar and Enrolment Services

a) English Language Requirements Recommendations

J Smith explained that further review of the admission categories that were developed for the 202110 semester has resulted in additional suggestions for the English requirements. Proposed changes are to add a minimum grade for Langara English courses in all categories, add Bachelor's degree requirements for Category 2, and add GCSE English minimums for all categories. A statement is added that states "Applicants unable to meet the English Language Requirements must satisfy one of the following English Proficiency requirements," highlighting the distinction between language and proficiency requirements, and LPI scores are added for Category 2 and Category 3.

IT WAS MOVED by N Franzova, seconded by T MacMillan, that the revised English Language requirements for *Langara College Admission Categories 1, 2 and 3* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Graduation Advisory Committee

J Smith presented the GAC report for the period *May 2020 to August 2020*, noting that no exemptions resulted in changes needing Education Council approval.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by M Gianacopoulos, that the Summer 2020 report of the *Graduation Advisory Committee* be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

C) Memorandum: Suspension of Admissions to HCAS

W Pierson presented a memorandum from *Ann Syme, Dean, Faculty of Nursing*, which was to serve as notice that Langara College intends to suspend admissions indefinitely for the *Health Care Assistant Certificate*. It was noted that the program cannot successfully be launched at this time due to enrolment challenges relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Plans are in place to advise and direct students already admitted for the Spring 2021 semester.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by T Lewis, that the October 7, 2020 memorandum from *Ann Syme, Dean, Faculty of Nursing* regarding indefinite suspension of admissions for the *Health Care Assistant Certificate* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

D) Memorandum: Course Equivalencies for Post Degree Diplomas

D Bernaerdt presented a memorandum which had been presented by the Academic Deans to the *Deans, Directors and Division Chairs Committee* on October 21, 2020 which advises that as of January 2021, no diploma level courses will be accepted as equivalent in any Post Degree Diploma program at the college. He noted that this memorandum has resulted in the creation of a Global Change proposal which will be presented to Education Council at its December 15, 2020 meeting.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by J Bowers, that the information contained in the October 21, 2020 memorandum titled *Course Equivalencies for Post Degree Diplomas* be received for information.

MOTION CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by N Franzova, that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.