

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 13:00
videoconference

Attendees:

Antonella Alves	Gerda Krause	Lane Trotter*
Anna Biel	Tanya Lewis	Manveen Uppal (a)
Jim Bowers (a)	Angelica Lillo-Ouachour	Shubhankar Vakde (a)
Arnie Clark*	Tess MacMillan (Chair)	Yusuf Varachia (a)
Margaret Heldman	Robin Macqueen	Ryan Vernon
Harkhushdeep Kaur (a)	Wanda Pierson	Sunita Wiebe
Jaswinder Kaur (a)	Jan Smith*	Peter Warren*
Brent Kennedy	Susan Sverdrup-Phillips	Lulin Zheng *

Regrets:

Minutes: Susan Smith

Guests: Patty Aroca-Ouellette, Darren Bernaerd, Jody Gordon,
Emily Scarlett, Pablo Vargas

*non-voting
(a) absent

1. CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME

T MacMillan called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Alena Buis was welcomed as the new representative for Faculty of Arts, and student representatives Harkhushdeep Kaur and Shubhankar Vakde, whose terms expire September 30, 2021, were acknowledged for their contributions to Council.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

T MacMillan 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/CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda includes the following items deemed operational by the Curriculum Review Committee.

A) Operational Changes

a) LANGARA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

i) Program Change: Post Degree Diploma in Accounting (Cooperative Education)

A recent Global Change in Langara's PDD and PDC programs added wording that restricts the use of courses numbered 4799 or lower for course substitutions. The PDD Accounting (Co-op) had been inadvertently omitted from that change and was now submitted to bring the program in line with all other Langara Post-Degree programs.

b) NURSING

i) Global Change: Remove restrictions from PDD-NPIC courses

The final intake of the Post Degree Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management was in 201830, and the program is now formally discontinued (below). Therefore registration restrictions in the following courses are revised to remove PC_NRLM: NURS 5100, 5110, 5115, 5130, 5135, 5145, and 5150.

ii) **Course Change:** NURS 5110 – The Nursing Profession and Health Care I

The revision removes “I” from the course title, to clarify that there is no second course. The revised title is *The Nursing Profession and Health Care*.

c) **REGISTRAR & ENROLMENT**

i) Extension of the use of Duolingo for Fall Semester

The use of Duolingo online testing as an equivalent of IELTS is being extended to the Fall 2022 semester. The use of Duolingo was previously approved by Education Council in response to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by A Alves, that the agenda/consent 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 T Lewis, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that the minutes of the meeting held on June 22, 2021 be approved.

**MOTION CARRIED
(1 abstention)**

6. CURRICULUM

A) PUBLISHING

a. Discontinued Program

- i) Diploma in Digital and Print Publishing
- ii) Diploma in Publishing

D Bernaerdt explained that the first proposal represents the original program which had been renamed *Diploma in Digital and Print Publishing* in the Fall 2019, and because the original program *Diploma in Publishing* had not been discontinued at that time, the program exists under both names, identified in Banner as *DP-DPUB* and *DP_PUBL*. A trend of declining enrolments resulted in a suspension of intakes for the Fall 2020 and 2021 semesters, during which time the department worked with faculty members from Design Formation to revise that program with the goals of enacting recommendations from the Program Review and to incorporate curriculum from Publishing. That work has been completed and will be presented to Education Council. The Publishing program discontinuations will take effect Fall 2022, by which time all active students are expected to have completed their program. A transition plan includes providing advice to any former students who should wish to complete either version of the Publishing program.

IT WAS MOVED by S Wiebe, seconded by W Pierson, that the discontinuations of the *Diploma in Digital and Print Publishing* and the *Diploma in Publishing* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Discontinued Courses

- i) PUBL 1115, 1120, 1124, 1129, 1131, 1155, 1157, 1158, 1161, 1164, 1220, 1232, 1235, 1240, 1241

All courses used by the discontinued Publishing programs are discontinued except *PUBL 1100* which remains available to non-program students.

IT WAS MOVED by A Biel, seconded by W Pierson, that the discontinuations of all *PUBL* courses (except *PUBL 1100*) be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

B) NURSING

a. Discontinued Programs

- i) Post Degree Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management
- ii) Post Degree Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion

The first program has not been offered since 2014 and the second since 2019. A one year program does not meet the needs of students wishing to obtain a Post Graduate Work Permit. The PDC in Nursing Leadership and Management has been replaced with *Nursing Practice in Canada*. There are no students currently enrolled in either program.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by R Macqueen, that the discontinuation of both *the Post Degree Certificate in Nursing Leadership and Management* and the *Post Degree Certificate in Diversity and Inclusion* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

b. Discontinued Courses

- i) NURS 4810, 4820, 5140, 5160 5170

These courses were created for the discontinued *PDC in Nursing Leadership and Management* and *PDC in Diversity and Inclusion*, and are not used by any other programs.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by R Macqueen, that the discontinuation of *NURS 4810, 4820, 5140, 5160, and 5170* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

c. Program Change

- i) Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada

This four-term program currently has a scheduled break between the second and third terms, during which students are required to work in a health care setting, usually as health care aides. The Health Care Aide role is far below the scope of these students as internationally educated nurses. Further, due to restrictions placed by the BC Care Aide and Community Support Worker Registry, it is becoming increasingly difficult for students to register and work as health care aides. Students have also indicated that they would prefer to move through the program more quickly. Therefore this proposal would remove the semester break between Terms 2 and 3 to allow students to complete the 4 terms consecutively in 16 calendar months rather than 20, which will also facilitate improved retention of knowledge and information.

In addition, this proposal clarifies the curriculum schedule by identifying the term in which each course is taken, and removes a Curriculum Note regarding the *Nursing Leadership and Management* program, which has been discontinued.

IT WAS MOVED by W Pierson, seconded by R Macqueen, that the revisions in the *Post Degree Diploma in Nursing Practice in Canada* be approved by Education Council.

MOTION CARRIED

7. CONTINUING STUDIES

a. Extended Learning Program Revisions (for approval)

- i) Digital Film Production Certificate (Full-time)
- ii) Documentary Production Certificate

In the first proposal, two redundant 9-hour courses are removed, as well as the one-day *Motion Picture Orientation Certificate* course, which has been of little interest to program students but will continue to be available through the Part-time Digital Film program. Removal of unneeded courses will make the 16-week intensive program easier to manage for students. Total program hours are reduced from 490 to 465.

The second proposal also removes the *Motion Picture Orientation Certificate* course due to lack of interest, which reduces total program hours from 355 to 348.

Both programs continue to meet requirements for student loan eligibility.

IT WAS MOVED by R Vernon, seconded by W Pierson, that the curriculum changes in the *Continuing Studies Digital Film Production Certificate (Full-time)* and the *Documentary Production Certificate* be approved to be offered by Continuing Studies.

MOTION CARRIED

8. POLICY

A) F1001: Credentials – Updated Regulations (for information)

J Smith and E Scarlett presented the updated Regulations, noting that since the last update in December 2015, a number of improvements and clarifications to the procedures have been identified and are addressed by the following revisions:

1. Military or law enforcement formal dress has been removed as an alternative to Langara regalia (section 1.3). The remaining language in this section has been updated to include self-identification as First Nations, Métis, or Inuit.
2. A list of current approved programs of study and their official credential names has been removed from Appendix I. This list is now available on the Langara website and in the College Calendar (link is provided) (section 2.10).
3. Baccalaureate Degrees now bear an additional signature of the Dean. This statement has been added to the regulations (section 3.5).
4. Parchments will now be issued at the end of each semester. Graduates will no longer have credentials when they cross the stage at Convocation, but will receive them in a timely manner following completion of their program (section 3.6).
5. Section 3.9 has been added to clarify that parchments are issued with the name on the official student record. Preferred or chosen names can be added upon request of the student, and will appear in brackets. This language is consistent with our current practice.
6. Graduation with distinction for students graduating from the Diploma in Theatre Arts at Studio 58 (Acting) (90 credit program) and the Diploma in Theatre Arts at Studio 58 (Theatre Production) (90 credit program) will be assessed based on the final 36 Langara credits of regularly graded courses. This is a new addition to the regulations and is included in section 4.3.
7. The Graduation Adjudication Committee has been re-named to the Graduation Advisory Committee. Sections 5.1 and 5.2 have been updated to reflect this change.
8. Citations have been added to the list of possible posthumous credentials. This is reflected in section 6.

IT WAS MOVED by R Macqueen, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that the updated *Regulations for Policy F1001: Credentials* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

B) F1004: Academic Integrity, Appendix – Updates (for information)

Removed from the agenda due to absence of the presenter.

9. OTHER BUSINESS/INFORMATION

A) Suspension of Admissions to the Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics

G Krause presented a memorandum to inform Council that the College intends to suspend admissions for the Fall 2021 intake of the *BSc in Bioinformatics*, due to significant enrolment challenges related to promoting a new program during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are plans in place to advise and direct the impacted students and applicants. The department expects all current, full-time students who began Fall 2020 to complete their credential on time as planned.

IT WAS MOVED by G Krause, seconded by R Macqueen, that the Memorandum entitled *Suspension of Admissions to the Bachelor of Science in Bioinformatics* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

B) Academic Dates 2021-22

J Smith noted the need to adjust Langara's academic dates for the Fall 2021 semester to account for the newly established provincial holiday on September 30, 2021 which recognizes the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as a statutory holiday for all employees who are normally entitled to provincial and federal holidays. The revision does not change the overall number of teaching days, but formally recognizes September 30 as a non-teaching day. Due to the short timeframe, the revision was approved as an emergency change by the Education Council Chair on August 10, 2021.

IT WAS MOVED by T Lewis, seconded by A Lillico-Ouachour, that the revision in the *Academic Dates 2021-2022* be received by Education Council for information.

MOTION CARRIED

It was noted that the schedule will be further updated after the date of the 2022 holiday has been confirmed.

C) Updates – EDCO 101, Meeting format

T MacMillan advised Council members to expect an update on the date and topic of the event which had been tentatively scheduled to be held on September 28, 2021.

She also proposed that Education Council meetings continue to be held via Zoom videoconference through December 2021, and this was supported by general consent.

10. ADJOURNMENT

IT WAS MOVED by S Sverdrup-Phillips, seconded by T Lewis, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm.