

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Membership:

Antonella Alves
Fraser Archibald (a)
Linda Arnold
Noel Currie
Laura Cullen (Chair)
Martin Gerson
Margaret Heldman

Linda Holmes (a)
Jim Hooton
Gerda Krause
Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)
Peter Norwood (a)
Kevin Paul
Ken Pawlak

Brian Pendleton
Lisa Randell (a)
Roger Semmens
Joyce Wong (a)

Student Representatives:

Arran Walshe (a)
Gabriel Pelletier (a)

Guests:

Annat Kennet
Wayne Declé (a)
Terry Kornutiak

Notes:

Susan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1305 hours upon declaration of a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.
Item C) ENGLISH was moved ahead to B)

3. APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held April 15, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Moved by G. Krause/Seconded by W. Low

4. CURRICULUM

- A) ECONOMICS
- a) **New Course Proposal**
 - i) ECON 2260 - Environmental Economics
 - ii) ECON 2280 - Labour Economics

Both new courses are intended to broaden second year offerings by increasing choices for students with topics of current public interest, and are transferable to SFU and UBC. A number of other departments have been consulted, with the expectation that these courses will have broad appeal. The proposed date for offering the courses is Fall 2009.

MOTION:

That the new courses *ECON 2260 – Environmental Economics* and *ECON 2280 – Labour Economics* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by G. Krause

CARRIED

B) ENGLISH

a) **Prerequisite Change**

- i) CMNS, ENGL – LET/LPI Equivalencies
- ii) ENGL 1107 – Language and Composition 1
- iii) ENGL 1121 – Reading & Writing Skills
- iv) ENGL 1125, ENGL 1135 – Introduction to Linguistics: Contemporary
- v) -Introduction to Linguistics: Historical
- vi) ENGL 1128 – Short Prose Selections & Composition
- vii) ENGL 1129 & ENGL 1130 – Modern Novel, Poetry and Drama
- viii) Modern Novel, Poetry and Film
- ix) ENGL 1181, 1191 – History of Drama & Theatre I; -History of Drama & Theatre II

- x) ENGL 1126 and 1127 – Intro to Essay Writing -Essay Writing & Short Prose Selections
- xi) CMNS 1115 and 1118 – Interpersonal Communications -Written Communications

The proposed revisions affect LET exemption (80% of final grade in BC English 12 or BC Literature 12), LET/LPI equivalents, and prerequisite statements for affected English courses. Changes will encourage students to take the LET instead of the LPI. The LET is better than other tests at placing students accurately in the appropriate level of English. Students may earn credit for only one of ENGL 1126, ENGL 1127 or ENGL 1128.

MOTION:

That the revisions to LET/LPI equivalencies and related prerequisite changes described in the agenda package be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by J. Hooton

Discussion followed. It was noted that the proposed revisions have the widespread support of the English department. A transition plan needs to address students admitted to career programs under now outdated admission requirements.

N. Currie departed 1325.

R. Semmens moved to amend the motion as indicated (amendment italicized). The motion to amend the motion was approved by consensus.

MOTION:

That the revisions to LET/LPI equivalencies and related prerequisite changes described in the agenda package be approved by Education Council, *with the effective date being 200830 for courses listed above and 200910 for changes to LET/LPI equivalents for admission to specific career programs in Fall 2009.*

CARRIED

C) PHILOSOPHY

a) **New Course Proposal**

- i) PHIL 1120 – Environmental Ethics
- ii) PHIL 1140 – Philosophy of Religion

Both proposed new courses address topical issues. PHIL 1120 will be relevant to students taking environmental studies courses and to students interested in developing their knowledge of philosophy in general. PHIL1140 will examine the controversial philosophical issues around religious belief. Both courses are to be offered Fall 2008.

MOTION:

That the new courses *PHIL 1120 – Environmental Ethics* and *PHIL 1140 – Philosophy of Religion* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by B. Pendleton

CARRIED

5. INFORMATION ITEM

A) CONTINUING STUDIES

a) **Certificate Program Revision**

- i) Digital Film Production Part-time Certificate

A. Kennet noted that revisions have been made to meet student demand and reflect current trends in film production. Three courses will be dropped, three courses will be revised, and four new courses are added. The total number of program hours will remain the same.

L. Cullen acknowledged this item received by Education Council.

6. ADJOURNMENT

L. Cullen thanked J. Hooton for his contribution to Education Council.

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by J. Hooton
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1354 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2008.