

EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Membership:

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

Margaret Heldman
Gerda Krause
Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)
Peter Norwood
Kevin Paul
Ken Pawlak

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

Notes:

Susan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1307 hours upon declaration of a quorum.

2. WELCOME

L. Cullen introduced and welcomed new student representative Mollien Cue, and new Langara College president David Ross. She noted that the three other student positions on Education Council are currently vacant.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved by consensus.

L. Cullen noted that there were late revisions requiring replacement of pages 102, 125 and 133 of the agenda package relating to the BPA.

MOTION:

That Education Council accept the late additions to the agenda as noted above.

Moved by K. Pawlak/Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

Replacement pages were circulated.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

That the minutes of the Education Council meeting held October 14, 2008 be approved as circulated.

Moved by P. Norwood/Seconded by A. Alves
CARRIED

5. CURRICULUM

A) GEOGRAPHY

- a) Course Description Change
 - i) GEOG 2250 – Economic Geography

The Geography Department recommends updating the calendar description to better reflect the course content, which has changed in order to remain current and in line with equivalent courses at other post-secondary institutions to which this course corresponds, and with which it is articulated.

MOTION:

That the course description change for *GEOG 2250 – Economic Geography* as described above be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

ii) GEOG 2210 – Introduction to Geographic Techniques

This course was established in 98-01 as an introductory course to prepare students for geographic techniques courses that were offered at the third year level at UBC, SFU and UVic. It was modeled after a second-year UVic geography course that had a similar purpose. A number of changes have occurred, including that UVic no longer offers the equivalent course. In practice, GEOG 2210 has evolved to reflect the changes but its articulation has not. The proposed changes will allow it to be re-articulated as an introductory GIS or cartography course similar to what is now offered at the universities, and students could obtain directly transferable credits for those courses at Langara. It was noted that instructional hours described on page 11 of the agenda package will be amended to read 65 total hours, broken down into 3 lecture hours and 2 laboratory hours per week.

MOTION:

That the course description change for *GEOG 2210 – Introduction to Geographic Techniques*, with the noted amendment, be approved by Education Council

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by M. Heldman

CARRIED

b) New Course Proposal

i) GEOG 2280 - Weather, Climate and Climate Change

The new course is a second year weather and climate course that will allow Langara geography students to complete their first and second year physical geography requirements at Langara. Currently Langara is the only college/special purpose university in the Lower Mainland that does not offer a second year weather and climate course. This course is also expected to appeal to students in other disciplines, such as Environmental Studies.

MOTION:

That the new course *GEOG 2280 – Weather, Climate and Climate Change* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by R. Semmens

CARRIED

B) ASIAN STUDIES

a) Program Revision

i) Associate of Arts Degree (Area of Concentration: Asian Studies)

ii) Arts & Science (Asian Studies) Diploma

Proposed changes to curriculum in both programs will keep the same minimum number of courses but add more flexibility in choices. Current students will complete the existing curriculum.

MOTION:

That the program revisions be approved by Education Council.

Moved by B. Pendleton/Seconded by K. Pawlak

CARRIED

C) CHEMISTRY

a) Prerequisite Change

b) Course Description Change

i) CHEM 1217 – Environmental Chemistry for Arts Majors II

The Chemistry department recommends that CHEM 1117 and 1217 be taught independently of each other, thus enabling more students to enroll in CHEM 1217 in the spring semester. The proposed change will remove CHEM 1117 as a prerequisite for CHEM 1217, and will require a small revision to the course description.

MOTION:

That the prerequisite and the course description changes for *CHEM 1217* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by G. Krause

CARRIED

- c) Course Title Change
 - i) CHEM 2250 – Physical Chemistry

The proposed title change will rename this course *CHEM 2250 - Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences* to differentiate the course from the new course CHEM 2210 - Physical Chemistry.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the title change of course *CHEM 2250* as described above.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by G. Krause

CARRIED

- d) New Course Proposal
 - i) CHEM 2210 – Physical Chemistry

This new course proposed by the Chemistry Department is a required second year course for chemistry and biochemistry majors at most post-secondary institutions, including UBC, and is the only such required course that Langara College does not currently offer. With the addition of this course, the Chemistry Department will offer all of the required second year courses.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the new course *CHEM 2210 – Physical Chemistry*.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by L. Arnold

CARRIED

D) PHYSICS

- a) Discontinued Courses
 - i) PHYS 2327
 - ii) PHYS 2427
 - iii) PHYS 2328
 - iv) PHYS 1115
 - v) PHYS 1215

The Physics Department recommends the formal discontinuation of the above courses, which have not been offered for several years.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the discontinuation of *PHYS 2327, 2427, 2328, 1115* and *1215*.

Moved by M. Heldman /Seconded by G. Krause

CARRIED

E) NURSING

- a) Program Revision
 - i) Nursing Transition Program
 - ii) Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Nursing Department is recommending that as of 200930, ENGL 1140 no longer be considered an equivalent to ENGL 1129 or 1130, which students will need to complete prior to Term 3 in both programs. Transition plans for students are in place.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the revisions to the *Nursing Transition Program* and the *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* programs as recommended.

Moved by W. Low /Seconded by B. Pendleton

CARRIED

L. Cullen turned the chair over to W. Low.

F) SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT – BBA & Recreation

a) Course Description Change

- i) BCAP 1200
- ii) BCAP 3200
- iii) FMGT 1115
- iv) FMGT 1116
- v) FMGT 1215
- vi) FMGT 1321
- vii) FMGT 2294
- viii) FMGT 2308
- ix) FMGT 3121
- x) FMGT 2371
- xi) FMGT 2423
- xii) FMGT 2421
- xiii) FMGT 2325
- xiv) FMGT 2474

The proposed changes will allow calendar descriptions to be updated to reflect actual course content, and will remove calendar references to courses that have been previously deleted.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the course description changes noted above.

Moved by L. Cullen /Seconded by G. Krause
CARRIED

b) Discontinued Courses

- i) RECR 1163
- ii) RECR 1165
- iii) RECR 1167
- iv) RECR 1261
- v) RECR 2166
- vi) RECR 2374
- vii) RECR 2375

The above courses are being formally discontinued, as they have not been offered for several years and are no longer part of the current diploma program.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the discontinuation of the above courses as recommended.

Moved by L. Cullen /Seconded by B. Pendleton
CARRIED

c) Course Description Change

- i) RECR 2487
- ii) RECR 2497

The proposed change will add the statement "*Students will receive credit for only one of RECR 2487 or RECR 2497*" to the calendar description.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve amendments to course descriptions for both *RECR 2487* and *RECR 2497*.

Moved by L. Cullen /Seconded by K. Pawlak
CARRIED

W. Low returned the chair to L. Cullen.

G) THEATRE ARTS

- a) New Course Proposals
 - i) BPAC 4000 Contemporary Cultural Practices I
 - ii) BPAC 4001 Canadian Cultural Policy and the Performing Arts
 - iii) BPAC 4002 Advanced Production Planning I
 - iv) BPAC 4003 Studies in Interdisciplinary Performance
 - v) BPAC 4004 Contemporary Cultural Practices II
 - vi) BPAC 4005 Advanced Production Planning II
 - vii) BPAC 4006 Performing Arts Careers
 - viii) BPAC 4007 Interdisciplinary Performance Production

K. Pawlak recognized the work of L. Arnold, K. Shaw and others in developing this proposal. The above new courses were developed as part of the new Bachelor of Performing Arts degree to be offered by the consortium of Langara College, Douglas College, Vancouver Community College and Capilano University, and hosted by these institutions on a rotating and cost-sharing basis. Langara students will be able to apply Film Arts and Theatre Arts credits towards the degree.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the new courses *BPAC 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4004, 4005, 4006 and 4007.*

Moved by K. Pawlak /Seconded by L. Arnold

L. Cullen noted that in response to an inquiry from the DQAB review panel, an agreement was put into place to ensure coordination of any program revisions, at all four institutions.

CARRIED

- b) New Program Proposal
 - i) Bachelor of Performing Arts

The new 120-credit degree program will have one intake of 22 per year. Program Advisory Committee approval was noted. Capilano University will be the host institution for the first 3 years. The program will begin with lectures and seminars, and end with a 12-credit collaborative undertaking to plan and produce an interdisciplinary performance production.

MOTION:

That Education Council approve the new program *Bachelor of Performing Arts.*

Moved by K. Pawlak /Seconded by L. Arnold

L. Arnold noted that while Capilano University has offered to host the program first, the May 2009 start-up is not a firm date and suggested a friendly amendment to the motion allowing for removal of wording referring to this and other dates from the program and course proposals.

CARRIED with amendment

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1355 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008.