

EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday, February 15, 2011

Membership:

Fraser Archibald*
Jacqueline Bradshaw
Laura Cullen (Chair)
Charlotte French*
Martin Gerson
Rebecca Ha (a)

Margaret Heldman
Ian Humphreys (a)
Gerda Krause
Julie Longo
Wendy Low (Vice-Chair)
Ian McBain

Yvonne Ohara
Brian Pendleton (a)
David Ross*
Emily Scarlett (a)
Roger Semmens
Joyce Wong

Guests: Julia Denholm (a)

*non-voting

Minutes: Susan Smith

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1303 hours, upon declaration of a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following adjustments:

- M Heldman to speak to Item 4. A) Nursing
- L. Cullen to speak to Item 4. C) Langara School of Management
- The addition of
5. New Business (Academic Dates 2011-2012); and following items renumbered accordingly.

L. Cullen noted that student representatives R. Erwin and C. Tran have completed their terms on Education Council. The LSU is expected to make an announcement regarding its recent election.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of January 18, 2011 be adopted.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by I. McBain
CARRIED

4. CURRICULUM

A) NURSING

a. Program Revision

- i) Bachelor of Science in Nursing

M. Heldman noted that rigorous and reliable admission criteria are essential to ensure students' success and the effective use of resources in the BSN program at Langara, and that the most reliable indicator of students' success is the cumulative grade point average. Langara's School of Nursing will adopt this model, with a minimum GCPA of 2.33 in university transfer courses required for admission. With the exception of applicants holding a Bachelor's or higher-level degree from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution, all applicants must have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours of university transferable courses within the three semesters immediately preceding application, which can include credit for the following required courses: *English 1127 or 1128, Biology 1190, Statistics 1124, two other university transfer courses*. Biology 1190 and 1191, or equivalents, must be completed at the same institution.

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Current waitlisted students will be offered a seat in the program based on current admission requirements until 201310. Beginning in 201330, any remaining BSN waitlisted students will be expected to meet the new requirements but will be exempt from time limit restrictions required for obtaining the 15 credit hours of UT courses.

MOTION: That the revised admission requirements in the *Bachelor of Science in Nursing* program be approved by Education Council.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by W. Low
CARRIED

ii) Nursing Transition Program

As in the BSN proposal, this revision is aimed at ensuring students are fully prepared to achieve sufficient grades to progress through the program. Proposed admission requirements include current LPN or RPN registration/licensing in British Columbia, minimum CGPA of 2.33 in university transferable courses, completion of 15 credit hours of university transferable courses within the three semesters preceding application (except applicants holding a Bachelor's or higher-level degree from a recognized Canadian post-secondary institution), and (or including) completion of *English 1127 or 1128, Biology 1190, Statistics 1124, two other university transfer courses*. Biology 1190 and 1191, or equivalents, must be completed at the same institution. As above, the transition plan allows current waitlisted students to be offered a seat in the program based on current requirements until 201310.

MOTION: That the revised admission requirements in the *Nursing Transition Program* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by J. Bradshaw
CARRIED

B) ENGLISH

a. **Global Change**

i) ENGL 1100 as prerequisite

The new course English 1100, approved by Education Council on November 23, 2010 will be offered for the first time in the 201130 semester. This global change ensures that departments interested in adding ENGL 1100 as an alternative to ENGL 1126, 1127 or 1128 as part of their program's curriculum requirements or as a prerequisite are notified of the option to do so.

MOTION: That the global change to accommodate the new course *ENGL 1100* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by R. Semmens/Seconded by J. Bradshaw
CARRIED

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

C) LANGARA SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

a. **Course Change**

i) FGMT 2421 – Intermediate Financial Accounting

This course change corrects a clerical error which had listed the wrong courses as prerequisites for FMGT 2421. The correct prerequisite is "*FMGT 1321 with a minimum "C" grade*".

MOTION: That the prerequisite change in *FGMT 2421 – Intermediate Financial Accounting* be approved by Education Council.

Moved by L. Cullen/Seconded by Y. Ohara
CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Academic Dates 2011-2012

C. French noted that although dates for Fall 2011 have already been approved, there is a proposal to change the last day of classes from Monday, December 5 to Friday, December 2. This would extend the exam period from seven to ten weekdays and eliminate the inclusion of one Saturday. Exam scheduling requires a minimum two-day gap between classes and the start of exams. The proposed schedule (December 5 – 16) would allow an extra day for marking, although it will create one less instructional day for courses that meet on Mondays. All faculty scheduled to teach on Mondays in the fall are to be advised well in advance of preparing their course outlines and schedules.

Also included in this proposal are academic dates for Spring and Summer 2012. Proposed dates for Fall 2012 are included for information only.

MOTION: That the Academic Dates for Fall 2011 through Summer 2012 be approved by Education Council.

**Moved by M. Heldman/Seconded by R. Semmens
CARRIED**

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A) Status of Education Council workflow project

Testing has begun using Education Council's New Course Proposal form, however during the trial it was determined that a software upgrade is required in order to ensure the integrity of the documents as they move through the online review and approval process. The upgrade is expected to be complete by the end of February, at which time the project will continue.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved by W. Low
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 1342 hours.

The next meeting of Education Council will be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.