

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Tuesday, February 14, 2012
Room C408 at 0936 hours

Members:

Fraser Archibald	Gerda Krause (absent)
Linda Arnold	Gurbax Leelh (absent)
John Belshaw	Julie Longo
Lynn Carter (absent)	Ian McBain
Patricia Cia	Gordon McNeil (absent)
Roy Daykin	Clayton Munro
Julia Denholm	Ajay Patel
Deanna Douglas (absent)	Joanne Rajotte (absent)
Charlotte French	David Ross
Siddharth Gautam (absent)	Pierre-Andre Santin
Martin Gerson	Doug Soo
Margaret Heldman	Tomo Tanaka
Ian Humphreys	Wendy Watson
Ken Jillings	Gayleen Wren

Guests:

Colin Boguski, Vice-Chair, Langara College Administrators' Association
Korena Jang, Manager, Executive and Board Operations
Cheryl McKeeman, Representative, Langara Faculty Association

Recorder:

Diana Falcon, Executive Assistant, Executive Office

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following addition:

5. a) Update D. Ross

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held January 24, 2012

The Minutes of the Meeting held on January 24, 2012 were accepted.

Business Arising

Back to Baseline Project Update

C. French provided an update on the Back to Baseline project noting preparation is on track for the March 8th go live date which includes delivery of new pieces to the system. Of note is a module called "Curriculum Rules." As previously noted, new Arts and Science students admitted for the summer term are now able to select their program and, any current students registering for summer courses will be required to identify their program selection. A communication will be sent to students registered at least

once in the two years prior to summer semester and will include instructions on how to make their program selection when activating registration.

A “Notes” section that used to be available in Course Description is not available in baseline. Feedback is being collected from academic departments to determine if the information in “Notes” should be moved to course descriptions, deleted or located elsewhere.

In response to a question, it was noted that the system will include the same registration priorities as before and registration questions should be directed to Jan Smith, Associate Registrar, Records and Registration.

3. CURRICULUM ITEMS

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair of Education Council from this meeting, the Education Council report of the meeting held on January 24, 2012 was tabled to the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM

4. FOR APPROVAL

a) Policy C3004 – Capital Acquisitions

R. Daykin presented Policy C3004 – Capital Acquisitions and noted that the policy updates the language, thresholds, and amortization of useful life of asset categories. He noted that it is important to the budget process to manage amortization as the government does not allow a deficit in any given year.

b) Policy B1010 – Matching Gifts

R. Daykin presented Policy B1010 – Matching Gifts and noted that this policy was developed to provide prioritization and direction for the matching of gifts in order to build a stronger stewardship program.

c) Policy B1011 – Endowment Management

R. Daykin presented Policy B1011 – Endowment Management and noted that this new policy establishes a minimum amount required when an endowment is established. This will aid in providing a more substantial award to students. The Advancement Office is working with donors to look at smaller funds to determine if they can be combined with other funds that are consistent with the original purpose so that an award of substance can be distributed on an annual basis instead of small awards distributed sporadically.

5. FOR INFORMATION

a) Update

D. Ross provided an update on the following:

- a) the passing of Gary Filan, Chair of the Leadership Academy;
- b) government priorities will be announced through the tabling of the provincial budget on February 21, 2012;

- c) Federal and provincial international education strategies are being developed; and,
- d) recent receipt of NSERC and SSHRC approval allows the college to apply for college level research funding and applications are now in process.

b) Other

J. Belshaw noted that students from the Business Program were invited to compete in the Vanier College Case Competition held February 10-12, 2012 and were one of six finalists.

J. Belshaw noted that as part of the collaboration between the City of Vancouver and the six public post-secondary institutions in Vancouver, of which Langara is one, "Advancing B.C.'s Green Economy: Green Workforce Development Symposium" will take place on March 2, 2012 at BCIT's downtown campus. Langara will be well represented by more than a dozen faculty and administrators.

J. Belshaw announced that the psychology department in collaboration with Worth Publishers held a symposium at Langara entitled "Rules of Engagement - How to get your students actively involved in the classroom" on February 9-11, 2012. Renowned social psychologist and educator, David Myers, was the keynote speaker. Thirty to fifty faculty members from psychology departments throughout BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Washington State attended to discuss best practices for student engagement.

J. Longo announced that as a result of a partnership with InTransit BC's Public Art Program, the first piece of Langara student artwork titled "Tread Lightly" is now displayed at the Langara/49th Canada Line Station. The three-dimensional piece of art will be on display for approximately six months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1017 hours.