



Douglas College

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

**HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011 AT 4:15 PM
BOARDROOM - NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS**

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Deb Anderson (Vice Chair)
Catherine Carlson
Brian Chapell
Bruce Clarke
Kathy Denton
Ron de Villa
Gretchen Goertz
Todd Harper
Maria Iaquina
Ted James (Ex-Officio)
Gail Johnson
Marina Kolar
Scott McAlpine (Ex-Officio)
Elizabeth McCausland (Chair)
Debbie McCloy
Wesley Snider
Gary Tennant
Cathy Tremblay
Robin Wylie

Jo-Anne Bilquist (Secretary)

Regrets:

Kate Yoshitomi

Guests:

John Bruin
Pam Cawley
Betty Mitchell
Linda Pickthall
Doug Simak
Karen Sirna
Edrie Sobstyl
Kathleen Stephany
Brian Storey

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair noted the addition of item 4.2 c) with document available at the side table.

The Chair asked members to approve a fluid Agenda. Council agreed and the Agenda was approved as amended and re-ordered.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 21, 2011 Minutes were approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Curriculum Items

a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations

Committee Chair Todd Harper noted that this was a light month for the Curriculum Committee.

There being no discussion,

There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion.

MOVED by R. Wylie; SECONDED by W. Snider,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve the submitted guideline for: MODL 3111.

The Motion was CARRIED.

b) Nursing Ethics Curriculum Guidelines

The Chair referred members to her memo outlining the basis of this item, and the process moving forward. The Chair explained that VPAC did make the agreement referenced in the submission from Philosophy, but this agreement was not binding. If a department objected, according to policy, EdCo has the power to settle jurisdictional disputes. The Chair reminded members that consultation with affected/interested departments is meant to be done early in the curriculum development process (ie prior to FEC approval). She noted that it may be a good moment to remind FECs of procedures.

Nursing wished for a more applied course in the context of the program restructuring. Foundation year gives the opportunity for students to take more breadth than currently, which could include Philosophy. In this course, a Nursing perspective was felt to be important and that reflects a change in the approach to ethics they see as in the discipline.

Philosophy feels that this course is not significantly different enough to be a new course, and that some of the content and language used is specific to a philosophical approach to ethics and ethical theory.

Since particular sections of the course appeared to be in dispute, Council referred the matter back to the parties to try to negotiate language they could both agree on.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by R. Wylie; SECONDED by B. Chapell,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council refer the curriculum guidelines to the parties to focus on specific sections with recommendation to seek a neutral 3rd party to mediate the discussion.

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

4.2 Policy Items

a) **Student Appeals Policy**

The Chair asked members to remind their constituents that they can still submit feedback on this item.

ACTION: Please remind constituents to submit feedback to Education Council.

b) **Revisions to Grading Systems Policy**

The Chair welcomed Ted James to speak to this item.

A concern was raised with regard to clinically graded courses with a passing grade of 75, which would fall in the middle of a letter grade using the grid presented for this meeting. Ted noted that the gradations can be fine tuned to accommodate our needs. It was also mentioned that we could solicit advice from other institutions with similar programs, as to how they straddle the grades.

Ted advised that the change would take place in Fall 2013 at the earliest.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the January meeting.

c) **Referral: Revisions to Credentials Policy**

The Chair referred members to the document, explaining the need to clarify the designations as proposed. She noted that this will come back from Policy subcommittee with proposed language, and will be discussed at that time.

A question was raised about post-degree programs such as Marketing which currently have 5000-level versions of existing 3000- and 4000-level courses. K. Denton clarified that those courses would be removed and post-degree students would enrol in the regular courses. The department is in favour of the change. Post-degree programs with no undergraduate equivalent courses, such as Psychosocial Rehabilitation, would retain 5000-level courses.

There being no further discussion,

There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion to refer this item to the Policy Subcommittee.

MOVED by K. Denton; SECONDED by T. Harper,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve the referral of the Revisions to the Credentials Policy to the Policy Subcommittee.

The Motion was CARRIED.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 **Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching, and Sport Science Diploma Programs**

a) **Request for Variance**

The Chair noted that this variance request is for Council to approve the general framework for revisions with detailed curriculum guidelines to be approved later. The same variance was granted for the BSN degree.

There being no further discussion,

There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion to approve the requested variance.

MOVED by G. Tennant; SECONDED by R. deVilla,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve the requested variance to the Program Approval Policy.

The Motion was CARRIED.

b) Program Revision: Bachelor of Physical Education and Coaching

The Chair welcomed Brian Storey and Karen Sirna to speak to these items.

Brian gave a brief overview of the two proposals, which comprise one large change. He indicated that Sport Science had undertaken an in-depth process involving curriculum, enrolment management and strategic review leading to this framework for major revisions. He noted that there will be one application for all of Sport Science and then students can choose a pathway leading to 3 possible diplomas. This will better match UT transfer across the province.

Brian explained that the revisions fit well with College plans including increasing program size, utilizing internationalization and incoming transfer students; use of the foundation year; and providing for a full minor outside of Sport Sciences.

Brian noted that the total degree credits will remain at 128, explaining further that 120 credits is a common number, with the 8 additional credits coming from service learning.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the January meeting.

c) Program Revision: Sport Science Diploma

See above for detail.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the January meeting.

5.2 Credential Withdrawal: Community Social Service Worker Program

The Chair noted that the credential “certificate” is no longer a viable exit point in this program following revisions which included removal of the practicum component.

There being no further discussion,

There was unanimous consent to short-cycle the motion.

MOVED by M. Kolar; SECONDED by C. Tremblay,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve removal of the credential Certificate in Community Social Service Work.

The Motion was CARRIED.

And,

MOVED by D. McCloy; SECONDED by W. Snider,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council recommend the College Board withdraw the credential Certificate in Community Social Service Work.

The Motion was CARRIED.

5.3 Educational Affiliations

Betty Mitchell was invited to speak to this item.

Betty was asked to clarify the definition of health and welfare programs in #6 in her memo; she noted that one of the items put forward for discussion by that particular institution was their rehabilitation program.

There being no further discussion,

There was unanimous consent to short-cycle the motion.

MOVED by W. Snider; SECONDED by M. Kolar,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve the Notice of Intent to develop relationships with: University of Pune, India (Garware College of Commerce); Universidad Latina de Panama; Hanoi Community College, Veitnam (University

of Hanoi, 2012); Vinh Long Community College, Vietnam; South China University of Technology, (Guangzhou College); Woosuk University, Korea; Fukushima University, Japan; Central Queensland University, Australia; Japan Hotel School; Assumption University, Thailand.

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

5.4 Concept Paper: Post Degree Diploma in Sales

The Chair advised that the developer was unable to attend the meeting.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for information. Questions can be directed to David Moulton.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Report from the Chair

Chair Liz McCausland reminded Council that deadlines for the January meeting are the first week back after the holidays (deadline for agenda items is Wednesday, January 4th, with document deadline on Thursday, January 5th). She recommended representatives contact their FECs with this information.

6.2 Report from the President

President Scott McAlpine noted the fairly rapid and major changes being undertaken at the College this past year, and thanked members for their great work and contributions. He wished all an enjoyable holiday season.

6.3 Report from the Board Representative

There was no report.

6.4 Report from the Secretary

There was no report.

6.5 Report from the Curriculum Committee

There was no report.

6.6 Report from the Educational Excellence Committee

M. Iaquina noted that the call for nominations for Educational Excellence has gone out to the College community. She reminded of the January 6, 2012 deadline. Nominations are to be submitted to Education Council Secretary Jo-Anne Bilquist.

6.7 Report from the Standing Committee on Admissions and Language Competency Standards

There was no report.

6.8 Report from the Standing Committee on Educational Policies

There was no report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

January 16, 2012 at 4:15pm in the Boardroom (4920), New Westminster Campus

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by C. Tremblay; SECONDED by R. Wylie that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15pm.

Chair

Secretary