



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL  
HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011 AT 4:15 PM  
BOARDROOM - NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS**

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**1. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Deb Anderson (Vice Chair)  
Catherine Carlson  
Kathy Denton  
Ron de Villa  
Gretchen Goertz  
Gerry Gramozis  
Leon Guppy  
Bruce Hardy  
Maria Iaquina  
Ted James (Ex-Officio)  
Marina Kolar  
Scott McAlpine (Ex-Officio)  
Elizabeth McCausland (Chair)  
Debbie McCloy  
Robin Wylie  
Kate Yoshitomi  
Jo-Anne Bilquist (Secretary)

**Regrets:**

Thor Borgford  
Tyson McKrae  
Zaheeda Merchant  
Gary Tennant

**Guests:**

Jan Carrie  
Jane Cronin  
Cheryl Segaric  
Bob Shebib

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Chair noted the addition of an Agenda Item 5.6 Request for Bylaw/Student Appeals Policy Variance (Motion to Short-cycle; Motion to Approve)  
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**

Council was informed of an amendment to the June 2010 Minutes. The amendment was made to Item 4.6 Curriculum Committee Recommendations, where a notation asking

Council to approve the Withdrawal of a number of courses was inadvertently omitted from the Minutes.

**MOVED by R. Wylie; SECONDED by G. Gramozis,**

**BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:**

**THAT Education Council approve the amendment to the Minutes of June 2010.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

The January 17, 2011 Minutes were approved as presented.

#### **4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **4.1 Policy Items**

Ted James was invited to speak to this item.

Ted noted that changing the term “citation” will not impact anyone who has been granted one in the past; the credential isn’t reissued. As pointed out by a council member, he agreed that it might be helpful to note on the web and/or in the calendar that this has changed, for clarification.

Ted indicated that, if approved, resulting credential name changes can go as an omnibus motion to the Board.

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

##### **4.2 Curriculum Committee Recommendations**

**There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion to approve the Curriculum Committee recommendations as presented.**

**MOVED by L. Guppy; SECONDED by B. Hardy,**

**BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:**

**THAT Education Council approve the submitted guidelines for: CSSW 1100, CSSW 1122, CSSW 1200, CSSW 1221, CSSW 1222, CSSW 1240, CSSW 2322, CSSW 2333, CSSW 2340, CSSW 2362, CSSW 2422, CSSW 2433, CSSW 2440, CSSW 2462, CYCC 1142, CYCC 1242, ECED 2421, MATH 1110**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Educational Excellence Committee - Recommendations**

This item was dealt with In-Camera.

### **5.2 Program Revision: Diploma in Community Social Service Work**

Jan Carrie and Bob Shebib were invited to speak to this item.

Jan noted that the short-cycle request is to enable the September 2011 intake students to participate in the revised program.

Bob indicated that two goals during this revision process were to preserve the integrity of the program, and to provide increased university transfer opportunities.

Bob further elaborated that revisions include moving from a 3 practicum model to a 2 practicum model, a requirement that students take an English course in the first semester instead of at the end of the program, and that 2 credit courses in the program have been changed to 3 credit courses, which will benefit students.

Bob noted that students doing the program part-time will have options once the new revisions are implemented, and agreed to meet with Registrar's office to proactively map out solutions.

**There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion.**

**MOVED by R. de Villa; SECONDED by G. Gramozis,**

**BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:**

**THAT Education Council approve the revisions to Diploma in Community Social Service Work.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

### **5.3 Program Revision: Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

Cheryl Segaric and Jane Cronin were invited to speak to this item.

The Chair reminded council of the previously approved variance allowing members to look at approving this overall framework prior to the detailed curriculum revision.

In response to a question regarding practicum hours, Cheryl advised that this is a contentious issue, both provincially and nationally. As part of their feedback from accreditation and noting that nationally the average is between 1200 and 1400,

they propose to drop the practice hours from 1800 down to approximately 1350, supplementing with other modalities. She noted that a letter of intent will be submitted shortly to the Nursing program review committee, with regard to any further requirements, and that meetings have been scheduled with the CRNBC.

Members queried foundation/entrance requirements, and noted that students coming into the program in year 2, having done their university transfer credits elsewhere, might need a different admission process, with different admission requirements.

Another query from council focused around the specific list of “electives” outlined for the Foundation Year, suggesting that a broader range might be more beneficial to students. Cheryl indicated that during an accreditation process they need to provide evidence that all courses are relevant to the practice of nursing. Further discussion ensued regarding the reasoning that these specific courses were targeted. It was suggested that a less restrictive list would not diminish the nursing aspect of the program. In response, Cheryl advised that this would need to go back to the faculty for discussion. As well, she noted that there has been no consultation, to this point, with the departments that could be considered for electives.

Also discussed was the question of whether nursing programs offer their own ethics courses, or if they tap into the existing ethics course taught in the Philosophy department.

A council member also suggested that when curriculum is being built, international communications could be addressed.

It was noted that the Faculty is not ready at this point to expand on the process of migrating from the existing program to the newly revised one.

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

**5.4 Revision of the Academic Performance Policy (Academic Probation) – Request for Referral to Policy Committee**

The Chair noted that though this request came from T. James, it is not a request from the Policy Sub-committee.

T. James was invited to speak to this item.

Ted outlined the background to the policy, and explained the basis for recommending that Academic Probation become less punitive. It was noted that instead of sending students away, it might be more worthwhile to develop a student success plan. Discussion followed with regard to the merits and concerns of allowing a student’s previous good grades to keep their GPA up rather than going on probation immediately.

Several council members informed of their FECs' support for the revisions.

There being no further discussion,

**There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion.**

**MOVED by R. Wylie; SECONDED by B. Hardy,**

**BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:**

**THAT Education Council approve the request to refer the *Academic Performance Policy* to the Policy Committee.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

#### **5.5 Budget 2011/2012**

The Chair reminded members that the Budget falls under Education Council's advisory responsibilities, and that we will provide advice on it.

President Scott McAlpine was invited to speak to this item.

Scott outlined the general focus points of the budget, including the growth in credit FTE and the Program Development and Implementation Funding Envelope. He noted some additional one-time only expenditures and future plans that will discuss environmental responsibility and internationalization.

Responding to a question, Scott elaborated that the funding framework is in place for increasing the FTE, and outlined the 4 targeted sources of revenue. He indicated that approximately 50% of the expected growth will be in expansion of existing programs and 50% in the development of new programs. He agreed that there are programs that are more costly than others, and that the program mix can change over time. Scott also noted that throughout the development of the Budget, there has been tremendous engagement with the Strategic Plan.

**ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for feedback and advice.**

#### **5.6 Request for Bylaw/Student Appeals Policy Variance**

This item was discussed In-Camera.

**There was unanimous consent to Short-cycle the Motion.**

**MOVED by M. Iaquinta; SECONDED by M. Kolar,**

**BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:**

**THAT Education Council approve the request for a one-time Bylaw/Student Appeals Policy Variance.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

## **6. REPORTS**

### **6.1 Report from the Chair**

a) Education Council Advice on 2011/2012 Budget Guidelines

b) January 2011 Report to the Board

The Chair had nothing additional to report.

### **6.2 Report from the President**

The President reminded council members of the upcoming Budget Forum session on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Boardroom.

### **6.3 Report from the Board Representative**

There is currently no Board Representative.

### **6.4 Report from the Secretary**

There is no report.

### **6.5 Report from the Curriculum Committee**

There is no report.

### **6.6 Report from the Standing Committee on Admissions and Language Competency Standards**

There is no report.

### **6.7 Report from the Educational Excellence Committee**

The committee representative had nothing further to report.

### **6.8 Report from the Standing Committee on Educational Policies**

There is no report.

### **6.9 Report from the Academic Signature Committee**

There is no report.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Results from 2010 Survey of Former Students**

**7.2 Provincial Survey**

**7.3 College Administration Policy Change – Honorary Fellow**

**ACTION: Please refer these items to constituency groups for information.**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

**March 21, 2011 at 4:15 pm in the Boardroom (4920), New Westminster Campus**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by K. Denton; SECONDED by B. Hardy that the meeting be adjourned.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.**

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**