



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

HELD MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013 AT 9:00AM
BOARDROOM - NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Brian Chapell
Bruce Clarke (Ex-Officio)
Jenelle Davies
Kathy Denton
Iloradanon Efimoff
Gretchen Goertz
Todd Harper
Ted James (Ex-Officio)
Marina Kolar
Scott McAlpine (Ex-Officio)
Elizabeth McCausland (Chair)
Debbie McCloy
Lorne Patterson
Sanjin Ramovic
Jenny Shin
Wesley Snider
Brian Thomas-Peter
Cathy Tremblay
Silvia Wilson
Kate Yoshitomi
Jo-Anne Bilquist (Recorder)

Regrets:

Deb Anderson (Vice Chair)
Maria Iaquinta
Graham Rodwell

Guests:

Manuela Costantino
Tracy Ho (DSU)
Maureen Nicholson
Geri Paterson
Meg Stainsby

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Secretary noted a spelling error that has been corrected.

The March 18, 2013 Minutes were approved as amended.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Curriculum Items

a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations

Curriculum Committee Chair T. Harper advised that two items have been removed from the list at the Faculty's request, FINC 4350 and 4370.

There being no further discussion,

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

MOVED by M. Kolar; SECONDED by S. Wilson, THAT Education Council approve the submitted guidelines for: ANTH 2240; BIOL 2200 and 2401; BUSN 4500; CSIS 1190; DOPT 1310, 2101, 2113, 2201, 2211, and 2213; FINC 3300, 4340, 4360, and 4370; PHIL 1121; SOCI 2260; and that Council approve the withdrawal request for: HUMD 0130.

The Motion was CARRIED.

4.2 Policy Items

a) Grading Systems Policy

The Chair noted the added language in the Credit grid as well as a slight amendment to the wording in the Non Credit grid.

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

4.3 Certificate for Academic Foundations: A Pathway to the Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation

The Chair welcomed Geri Paterson to speak to this item.

Geri advised that there were no changes to the proposal since it was originally presented. Responding to queries about English and psychology requirements and specific suggestions for electives, Geri noted that they want to provide a pathway with as much flexibility as possible but also guiding students to courses that will enable them to pursue the bachelor credential.

The Chair recommended liaising with the Registrar's office to ensure clarity.

There being no further discussion,

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

MOVED by D. McCloy; SECONDED by B. Thomas-Peter, THAT Education Council approve the proposed Certificate for Academic Foundations: A Pathway to the Bachelor of Therapeutic Recreation.

The Motion was CARRIED.

4.4 Program Requirements: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

This item was postponed.

4.5 **Budget 2013/2014**

The Chair invited the President to speak to the Budget. S. McAlpine advised that Senior Management Team had received significant feedback from employees and students at the Budget Forums held last Friday. He noted substantial increases to scholarship and bursary funds.

Concerns about tuition increases were echoed by many Council members, and the related concerns that increased costs will have a major impact on student success and will limit access for new students. A concern that waiting lists for required courses may be hindering student progress was also noted.

Lengthy discussion followed regarding the budget.

ACTION: **The Chair will summarize the feedback given at the meeting and forward the advice to SMT and the College Board.**

4.6 **Proposed Motion re EASL/ENGU Reductions**

The Chair explained that a Council member has put forward the attached motion with regard to this item. The Chair noted that she had forwarded feedback from Council as discussed at last month's meeting, as well as a document received from the Department, to Senior Management Team. She reminded Council that the issue is whether Council feels the cuts constitute a cancellation, and the interpretation of the *College and Institute Act* and its application.

President S. McAlpine advised that SMT will share all information received with the Board.

Council member K. Yoshitomi noted that she felt the principle of the Act had not been followed, and thus put forward the motion that Council should send Advice to the Board.

Council engaged in a lengthy discussion on how the provisions of the Act could be interpreted.

MOVED by K. Yoshitomi; SECONDED by J. Davies, THAT Education Council provide advice to the College Board on the recent cuts to EASL and ENGU.

The Motion was DEFEATED with 4 abstentions.

4.7 **Memo re Education Council vs University Senate**

The Chair referred members to the attached memo, written in response to recommendations from the Deloitte Review on the China Programs to review the College's governance model. She mentioned the possibility of a joint subcommittee of Vice President's Academic Council (VPAC) and Education Council.

ACTION: **The Chair will write a proposal regarding this ad hoc committee, including Terms of Reference, for next meeting.**

She also pointed members to item 7.1, an invitation to Council to attend the upcoming BC Studies Conference.

6.2 Report from the President

S. McAlpine thanked Council for the robust discussion at the meeting, and for the feedback on the Budget.

6.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic

K. Denton reported that the Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing has been granted Ministry approval. Also, the DQAB panel site visit with regard to the Psychology Degree went very well; the decision to recognize that panel's decision is on April 22nd, and then if approved, will need Ministry signature.

6.4 Report from the Board Representative

There was no report.

6.5 Report from the Secretary

J. Bilquist reported that no feedback was received regarding the Education Council Draft Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014; it will be adopted as the official schedule and ratified in September.

6.6 Report from the Curriculum Committee

There was nothing further to report.

6.7 Report from the Educational Excellence Committee

D. McCloy advised that the Committee's recommendation has been approved by SMT and the Board has been informed. The Committee is in the process of notifying all nominees and nominators. The winner will have lunch with the President, and be presented with their award prior to the June Board meeting.

6.8 Report from the Committee on Admissions and Language Competency Standards

There was no report.

6.9 Report from the Committee on Educational Policies

W. Snider reported that the Committee has given feedback on the proposed Program Approval Policy. Additionally, they are looking at the policy review schedule and hope to do some reviews before the summer.

6.10 Report from the Committee on International Education

There was no report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 BC Studies Conference

The Chair referred Council to this invitation to attend the event.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2013 at 9:00am in the Boardroom (4920), New Westminster Campus.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Kolar; SECONDED by S. Wilson, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10 am.

Chair

Secretary