



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**HELD MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2013 AT 9:00AM  
BOARDROOM - NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS**

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**1. ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Deb Anderson (Vice Chair)  
Brian Chapell  
Bruce Clarke (Ex-Officio)  
Kathy Denton  
Iloradanon Efimoff  
Gretchen Goertz  
Todd Harper  
Maria laquinta  
Ted James (Ex-Officio)  
Marina Kolar  
Scott McAlpine (Ex-Officio)  
Elizabeth McCausland (Chair)  
Debbie McCloy  
Lorne Patterson  
Sanjin Ramovic  
Graham Rodwell  
Jenny Shin  
Wesley Snider  
Brian Thomas-Peter  
Cathy Tremblay  
Silvia Wilson  
Kate Yoshitomi

**Regrets:**

**Guests:**

Jillian Griffin  
Bruce Hardy  
Tracy Ho  
Madison Paradis-Woodman

Jo-Anne Bilquist (Recorder)

The Chair welcomed Council's newest student representative Jenelle Davies.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

The Chair noted that Item 5.1 Education Excellence Committee Recommendations will be conducted in-camera.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 21, 2013 Minutes were approved as presented.

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

##### **4.1 Curriculum Items**

###### **a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations**

Curriculum Committee Chair T. Harper answered questions from Council about the withdrawals, and the increase in class size for the nursing course.

There being no further discussion,

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

**MOVED by W. Snider; SECONDED by C. Tremblay, THAT Education Council approve the submitted guidelines for: PHIL 3310, POLI 2205, PNUR 4710 and that Council approve the withdrawal requests for: CRIM 2255, SPSC 409.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **5.1 Education Excellence Committee Recommendations (In-camera)**

This item was conducted in-camera.

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

**MOVED by S. Wilson; SECONDED by C. Tremblay, THAT Education Council ratify the recommendation of the Education Excellence Committee, and to recommend that Senior Management Team approve the nomination.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

##### **5.2 Program Revision: Child and Youth Care Degree Program**

The Chair welcomed Bruce Hardy to speak to this item.

Bruce highlighted the key changes in the proposed revision, including dropping the practicum in year three and replacing it with 3 courses. The work load and credits will be the same. As well, students will be required to choose 3 of their 5 electives from outside the Faculty, to facilitate greater breadth in their studies. They are hoping to implement the changes for Fall 2013.

Following a query, Bruce agreed that the course description of CFCS 3900 can be updated to clarify that travel is not required. There were also questions and discussion about Aboriginal content in the program, clarifying the definition of 'university transfer', and solidifying the operational details related to the changes.

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

**5.3 Academic Amnesty Request**

The Chair welcomed guest speakers Madison Paradis-Woodman and Jillian Griffin.

Madison thanked Council for the opportunity to speak, and briefly outlined the Idle No More movement. He noted that the event at Douglas would be the first organized Idle No More event in New Westminster. The organizers feel it will provide an opportunity to synthesize learning concepts and theories from the classroom to practical and current events, and to engage on a deeper level with a culturally relevant issue.

Lengthy discussion followed, characterized by support for the spirit of the event but concern with regard to the timing, noting that many instructors have scheduled mid-term evaluations and other assessments following last week's study break. As well, given the extremely short timeframe, any messages sent to students and instructors may not reach them prior to the event.

The Chair advised that in similar situations in the past Council has encouraged support without requiring full amnesty.

Council deliberated on the wording of a proposed motion to be forwarded to all College email addresses today. In addition, they asked that the email include language indicating that individual instructors have the discretion to determine the level of accommodation they can offer, with the understanding that scheduled evaluations, practicums or clinical time may have an impact. Instructors are not expected to email each student with regard to their expectations; they may notify students at the start of class or via myDouglas or Blackboard.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by J. Davies; SECONDED by M. Kolar, THAT members of the faculty are encouraged where possible to allow students to attend the Idle No More event without academic penalties, and to bring their classes to the event.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**5.4 Memo re Planned Change**

The Chair asked the Vice Chair to step in for this portion, as the Chair is the representative for the Faculty involved in the item.

The Vice Chair noted that Council is not debating the merits of the Senior Management Team's decision, but rather whether policy was correctly followed.

L. McCausland briefly summarized that the EASL Department felt they should have been consulted by Senior Management Team with regard to the decision to not offer ESL at Level 1. Citing the Planned Changes policy and the College and Institutes Act, she felt that cancellation of courses falls under the mandate of Education Council and Council's advice should have been sought. She noted that it might be helpful to ask the Board to clarify policy language so that it is clear when the Planned Change policy applies.

K. Denton noted, as in her written response, that the decision was operational in nature, to realign offerings with Ministry enrolment targets.

There was much discussion of the item.

**MOVED by G. Rodwell; SECONDED by K. Yoshitomi, THAT Education Council request that the Board Chair rule on whether the EASL changes fall under the Board Policy on Planned Change, and also ask that the Board review that policy's language and clarify the situations in which it is intended to apply.**

**The Motion was CARRIED with 3 oppositions and 1 abstention.**

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

This item was postponed until next meeting.

**5.6 Concept Paper: Post Degree Diploma in Organizational Leadership**

The Chair welcomed G. Rodwell and Bruce Hardy to speak to this item.

G. Rodwell noted that leadership programs have been a huge growth area around the world in the last decade. He briefly outlined the key features of the proposed concept, indicating the four core areas of theory, practice, values and research. He advised that the PDD will tap into the range of expertise at the College with a coherent cross-faculty program. He noted existing programs in the field at other institutions with the hopes of discussing collaborative relationships.

Council offered some feedback to the developers.

**ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups and direct feedback to the developers Graham Rodwell and Bruce Hardy.**

**6. REPORTS**

**6.1 Report from the Chair**

The Chair encouraged Council members to read through the memo regarding EdCo vs Senate, which had to be postponed due to time constraints today and will be on next month's agenda. She also directed attention to the Information item 7.1, advising that a change to the Credentials policy in 2008 was approved

by EdCo but the online version of the policy was not updated at that time. The error was not caught until recently because students were meeting the benchmark as indicated. The policy has now been corrected.

The Chair also advised that nominations for election to Education Council are due on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Information forums regarding College Board and Education Council positions are being held this week in the Boardroom at each campus (Wed at NW at 4:30; Thurs at DLC at 12:30).

a) January 2013 Report to the Board

**6.2 Report from the President**

S. McAlpine advised that the February President's Report is out, and he also encouraged Council to pay attention to the upcoming provincial budget announcements.

**6.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic**

K. Denton had nothing further to report.

**6.4 Report from the Board Representative**

There was no report.

**6.5 Report from the Secretary**

There was no report.

**6.6 Report from the Curriculum Committee**

There was nothing further to report.

**6.7 Report from the Educational Excellence Committee**

There was nothing further to report.

**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**

There was no report.

**6.10 Report from the Committee on International Education**

G. Rodwell advised that he was elected Chair of this committee at their first meeting. He noted they are endeavouring to bring a work plan to Council for discussion at the next meeting.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Correction to Credentials Policy Posted**

The Chair encouraged members to share this information with their constituents.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

Monday, March 18, 2013 at 9:00am in the Boardroom (4920), New Westminster Campus.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED by C. Tremblay; SECONDED by M. Kolar, that the meeting be adjourned.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:10am.

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**Chair**

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**Secretary**