

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

February 10, 2025

9:00 am – 11:00 am (Via Zoom)

Members Present:	Regrets:
Borgford, Thor	Bernoe, Axel
Cawley, Pam	Domasig, Danna
Curiel, Cathy	
Dench, Sarah	
Denton, Kathy	
Gibson, Greg	Guests:
Hall, Nathan (Vice Chair)	N/A
Keighron, David	
Kuo, Ann	
Lupton, Rowan	
Mennill, Sally (Chair)	
Mills, Cathy	
Nayyar, Mohit	
Nicholson, Maureen	
Rajendran, Srinithin (ex-officio)	
Rana, Ruhina	Observers:
Sawhney, Avika	Ewart-Yan, Genessa
Singh, Amarpreet	
Tilley, Janette	
Villavicencio, George	
Younan, Bacel (ex-officio)	

1. TRADITIONAL TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged that Douglas College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are located on the unceded traditional and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish Peoples, including the territories of the q'ícəy (Katzie), q'w'a:ńł'əń (Kwantlen), k'wík'wəłəm (Kwikwetlem), x'wəθk'wəyəm (Musqueam), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), scəwəθən (Tsawwassen) and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples.

2. ROLL CALL

A. Bernoe and D. Domasig sent regrets to the meeting.

3. AGENDA

The Chair confirmed that Council members had reviewed the agenda as distributed on January 31, 2025.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1 The Minutes of January 20, 2025 were approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS (Notice of Motion) Items for Council Approval

5.1 No items.

6. NEW BUSINESS (Notice of Motion) – Items for Council Advice to the Board

6.1 Budget Newsletter 2025-2026

The Chair referred to the 2025/26 Budget Newsletter. She confirmed that no written feedback was received and asked Council Members if they had any further feedback to contribute. Hearing none, Education Council did not have any feedback on the 2025-2026 Budget Newsletter.

7. FINAL DECISION (Motion to Approve) – Items for Council Approval

7.1 Curriculum Committee

a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations

D. Keighron spoke to the Curriculum Committee's review and approval of 27 curriculum guidelines (CGs). There are 27 revised CGs.

There being no further discussion,

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

MOVED by D. Keighron; SECONDED by M. Nayyar, THAT Education Council approve the submitted *revised* curriculum guidelines: DACS 2152, DACS 2380, DACS 3430, DACS 4114, DACS 4115, DACS 4122 SOWK 2100, SOWK 2122, SOWK 2200, SOWK 2333, SOWK 2360, SOWK 2362, SOWK 2363, SOWK 2400, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3122, SOWK 3250, SOWK 4100, SOWK 4133, SOWK 4233, SOWK 4260; ACCT 3008; CSIS 1190; GEOG 2212, GEOG 2213; PSYC 4410; CMNS 2115.

The Motion was CARRIED.

8. DECISION (Motion to Approve) Items for Council Advice to the Board

8.1 No items.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 No items.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Report from the Chair.

The Chair spoke about the recent College Board meeting which took place shortly after our January Education Council meeting. The College Board approved the name change and the establishment of the credential for the Diploma in Inclusive Education and Disability Studies.

The Chair advised that the nominations will soon be underway for the next Education Council elections. She encouraged members to share this information with their constituency groups and to encourage others to consider running for a position on Education Council.

10.2 Report from the President

The President advised that the College is paying close attention to our new building and the impact of international enrolments.

In addition to the College's Reading Break next week, the College will be hosting the Winter graduation ceremonies. The President encouraged people to participate and that it is always a pleasure to see everyone support our students.

10.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic & Provost

No report.

10.4 Board Liaison

N. Rajendran advised that the College Board is focussing on the Strategic Plan initiatives. He also shared that there has been an increase in domestic enrolments which is helping to balance out the impact of the decline in international enrolments.

10.5 Report from the Secretary

B. Cavanagh advised that the Educational Excellence Committee will be reviewing the applications for the Award for Educational Excellence in the coming days. The recommendation for the successful candidate will be brought to Education Council for consideration at the March 17, 2025 meeting.



11. NEXT MEETING

March 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. (Via Zoom)

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:07 a.m.

Chair

Secretary