



MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

March 16, 2026

9:00 am – 11:00 am (Via Teams)

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Regrets:</b>
Bansal, Vasu	Jassal, Amandeep
Bernoe, Axel	Villavicencio, George
Cawley, Pam	
Costantino, Manuela	
Curiel, Cathy	
Dench, Sarah	<b>Guests:</b>
Denton, Kathy ( <i>ex-officio</i> )	Fairbairn, Hazel
Ebiyomare, Winston	Patterson, Lorne
Frolick, Daniel	Vittoz, Nicole
Genio, Mira	
Gibson, Greg	
Hunt, Michelle	
Keighron, David	<b>Observers:</b>
Mennill, Sally (Chair)	O'Connor, Ryan ( <i>for George Villavicencio</i> )
Mills, Cathy (Vice Chair)	
Nicholson, Maureen	
Sawhney, Avika	
Thakur, Vijayta ( <i>ex-officio</i> )	
Tilley, Janette	
Turner, Caitlin	
Younan, Bacel ( <i>ex-officio</i> )	

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'w'ik'w'əłəm (Kwikwetlem), x'w'məθk'w'əyəm (Musqueam), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), scəwáθən (Tsawwassen) and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Peoples.

2. **ROLL CALL**

A. Jassal and G. Villavicencio sent regrets.

### 3. AGENDA

The Chair confirmed that Council members had reviewed the agenda package as distributed on March 6, 2026.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1 The Minutes of February 9, 2026 were approved.

### 5. NEW BUSINESS - Items for Council Approval

5.1 No items.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS – Items for Council Advice to the Board

6.1 Program Proposal: Minor in Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Social Innovation  
N. Vittoz spoke to the item.

N. Vittoz advised that the team worked with the Programs Committee to ensure all requirements are being met and to allow anyone across the College who is interested to participate with as much flexibility as possible.

J. Tilley identified an error in the total number of credits. The initiator confirmed she will follow up and clarify.

**ACTION:** Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the April 20, 2026 meeting.

### 7. FINAL DECISION – Items for Council Approval

#### 7.1 Curriculum Committee

##### a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations

D. Keighron spoke to the Curriculum Committee's review of 58 and approval of 58 curriculum guidelines (CGs). There are 26 revised CGs, 7 new CGs and 25 withdrawn CGs.

M. Costantino identified discrepancies between the information found in Curriculum Navigator and the Curriculum Committee's March report regarding class sizes for Music courses (MUSC). She will email the Curriculum Committee Chair with the recommended revisions.



The Council Secretary will update the Curriculum Committee's submitted report to reflect the revisions.

There being no further discussion,

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

**MOVED by C. Mills SECONDED, P. Cawley, THAT Education Council approve the submitted revised curriculum guidelines: BUSN 4640, VTEC 1304, VTEC 1305, VTEC 1315; MUSC 1170, MUSC 1171, MUSC 1173, MUSC 1175, MUSC 1282, MUSC 2486, MUSC 3173, MUSC 3272, MUSC 4272, MUSC 3273, ENGL 1130, ENGL 2101, ENGL 2107, ENGL 2112, ENGL 2116, ENGL 2117, ENGL 2119, ENGL 2310, ENGL 2313, ENGL 2314, ENGL 2315, ENGL 2328, and the following new guidelines: MUSC 2386, STGE 1160, STGE 1320, STGE 1322, STGE 2212; CRWR 2102; GEOG 3370 and the following withdrawn curriculum guidelines: CYCC 2450, CYCC 3350; MUSC 1136, MUSC 1141, MUSC 1151, MUSC 1160, MUSC 1187, MUSC 1188, MUSC 1236, MUSC 1241, MUSC 1251, MUSC 1260, MUSC 1265, MUSC 1266, MUSC 1287, MUSC 1288, MUSC 2336, MUSC 2351, MUSC 2387, MUSC 2388, MUSC 2436, MUSC 2451, MUSC 3487, MUSC 2488, MUSC 3285.**

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

## 7.2 **Policy Items**

### a) **Development, Revision and Approval of Credit Programs Policy**

G. Gibson spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

G. Gibson noted that the policy is the same version of the policy that was presented at the February 2026 meeting. The Committee recommends the policy as presented. G. Gibson advised that clarifications were provided to those who had submitted comments.

The Chair expressed appreciation to the Policy Committee for its excellent work on the policy.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by D. Keighron; SECONDED by S. Dench, THAT Education Council approve the Development, Revision and Approval of Credit Programs Policy, effective March 2026.**

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

## 8. DECISION - Items for Council Advice to the Board

### 8.1 Full Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Music Technology

H. Fairbairn spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by D. Keighron; SECONDED by D. Frolick, THAT Education Council approve the Full Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Music Technology effective January 2027.**

The Motion was CARRIED.

#### 8.1.1 Recommendation to College Board to establish the credential Bachelor of Arts in Music Technology

The Chair spoke to the item.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by C. Turner; SECONDED by G. Gibson, THAT Education Council recommends that the College Board establish the credential Bachelor of Arts in Music Technology effective January 2027.**

The Motion was CARRIED.

### 8.2 Full Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Social Innovation

N. Vittoz spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by D. Keighron; SECONDED by M. Hunt, THAT Education Council approve the Full Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Social Innovation effective September 2027.**

The Motion was CARRIED.

#### 8.2.1 Recommendation to College Board to establish the credential Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Social Innovation

The Chair spoke to the item.

There being no further discussion,



**MOVED by J. Tilley; SECONDED by D. Keighron, THAT Education Council approve the Full Program Proposal: Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Social Innovation, September 2027.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**8.3 Program Revision: Diploma in Marketing**

L. Patterson was not in attendance. Dave Keighron spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by A. Bernoe; SECONDED by J. Tilley, THAT Education Council approve the Program Revision: Diploma in Marketing effective January 2027.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**8.4 Program Revision: Post-Degree Diploma in Marketing**

L. Patterson was not in attendance. Dave Keighron spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by S. Dench; SECONDED by G. Gibson, THAT Education Council approve the Post-Degree Diploma in Marketing effective January 2027.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**8.5 Program Revision: Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Digital Marketing**

L. Patterson was not in attendance. Dave Keighron spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by A. Bernoe; SECONDED by C. Turner, THAT Education Council approve the Program Revision: Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Digital Marketing effective January 2027.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

8.6

**Program Revision: Bachelor of Business Administration, Concentration in Digital Marketing & Communications Management**

L. Patterson was not in attendance. Dave Keighron spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

**MOVED by A. Bernoe; SECONDED by M. Hunt, THAT Education Council approve the Program Revision: Bachelor of Business Administration, Concentration in Digital Marketing & Communications Management effective January 2027.**

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

**9. INFORMATION ITEMS****9.1 Programs Committee**

The Chair referred to the February 2026 report in the agenda package. No questions or comments arose.

**10. REPORTS****10.1 Report from the Chair.**

The Chair welcomed Manuela Costantino, Vice President Academic & Provost and expressed excitement to have her join Education Council.

The Bylaw Review Committee is continuing its review of the bylaws and is aiming to bring the revised bylaws forward for the April agenda. The Chair thanked the Committee members for their ongoing work.

Regarding the revised ***Development, Revision and Approval of Credit Programs Policy***, the Chair emphasized the importance of ensuring all Faculty Education Committees (FECs) and Chairs and Coordinators are aware of the policy revision.

**10.2 Report from the President**

The President expressed her appreciation for all the support provided during the eleven Winter Graduation ceremonies. Currently, the College is wrapping up the fiscal year amid ongoing challenges and uncertainty within the sector. Planning is underway for the next fiscal year. She emphasized that the College is doing well and will continue to do its best during these challenging times.

**10.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic & Provost**

M. Costantino thanked the Chair for the welcome and said she is happy to be back on Education Council.



**10.4 Board Liaison**

No report.

**10.5 Report from the Secretary**

No report.

**11. DECISION IN CAMERA**

**11.1 Recommendation: Award for Educational Excellence 2025-2026**

All guests and observers departed the meeting and members met in camera. The Chair welcomed Janette Tilley, Chair of the Educational Excellence Committee, to provide a brief overview of the recommended candidate.

There being no further discussion,

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

**MOVED by D. Keighron, SECONDED by P. Cawley, THAT Education council approve the recommendation of the 2025-2026 Educational Excellence Committee as presented, and submit the recommendation to the Senior Management Team (SMT) for approval.**

**The Motion was CARRIED.**

**1. NEXT MEETING**

April 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (Via Teams)

**2. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9 37 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary