



MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

April 20, 2026

9:00 am – 11:00 am (Via Teams)

Members Present:	Regrets:
Bansal, Vasu	Curiel, Cathy
Bernoe, Axel	Frolick, Daniel
Cawley, Pam	Gibson, Greg
Costantino, Manuela	Jassal, Amandeep
Dench, Sarah	Keighron, Dave
Denton, Kathy (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Thakur, Vijayta
Ebiyomare, Winston	
Genio, Mira	Guests:
Hunt, Michelle	Haselton, Lindsay
Mennill, Sally (Chair)	Vittoz, Nicole
Mills, Cathy (Vice Chair)	Zhao, Jennifer
Nicholson, Maureen	
Sawhney, Avika	Observers:
Tilley, Janette	Garabedian, Arsineh (<i>for D. Keighron</i>)
Turner, Caitlin	Hanssen, Larisa (<i>for Cathy Curiel</i>)
Villavicencio, George	Smith, Teryl (<i>for Bacel Younan</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), scəwáθəń (Tsawwassen) and səlilwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Peoples.

2. **ROLL CALL**

C. Curiel, D. Frolick, G. Gibson, A. Jassal, D. Keighron, V. Thakur and B. Younan sent regrets.

3. **AGENDA**

The Chair confirmed that Council members had reviewed the agenda package as distributed on April 10, 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 4.1 The Minutes of March 16, 2026 were approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS - Items for Council Approval

5.1 Draft Revision of Education Council Bylaws

The Chair spoke to the item.

As mandated in the Education Council Bylaws, a review of the bylaws is required every five (5) years. The Chair highlighted some of the changes set out in the supporting documentation:

- Majority of revisions are housekeeping in nature
- Preamble updated to reflect a more generic reference to the *Minister responsible for post-secondary education* to avoid the need to update when the name changes
- Discussed the current process for course articulation. The processes for course articulation will be reviewed and clarified by the Policies Committee during the scheduled revision of the Recognition of Transfer Credit Policy in 2026
- Added language to clarify the policy revision schedule; language added to the Educational Policies Committee's terms of reference
- Added language regarding the inclusion of an alternate member of the Education Council Appeal Tribunal to maintain consistency with the Appeal of Educational Decisions Policy; language added to the Education Council Appeal Tribunal's terms of reference

The Chair thanked the members of the *Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee* for their collaboration and expertise on these revisions.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the May 11, 2026 meeting.

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

6.1 Educational Affiliation: Stamford International University (SIU), Thailand

J. Zhao spoke to the item and highlighted the unique features of the institution.

J. Zhao noted that Stamford International University is being recommended for a student exchange affiliation with the possibility of developing a 2+2 pathway, a short-term summer program, faculty-led programs such as field school, and additional opportunities for faculty including Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) projects and joint applied research projects. If approved, SIU will be the College's first partner in Thailand.



ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the May 11, 2026 meeting.

6.2 Educational Affiliation: Universidad Científica Del Sur, Peru

L. Haselton spoke to the item and highlighted the unique features of the institution.

L. Haselton noted that Universidad Científica del Sur is one of the top private institutions in Peru with a strong focus on sustainability, the environment, and a humanistic approach to education. Universidad Científica del Sur is being recommended for a student exchange affiliation, along with the possibility of developing a 2+2 pathway with Douglas College as the receiving institution. There is also potential for faculty-led programs such as field schools, as well as opportunities for faculty to engage in COIL projects and joint research.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the May 11, 2026 meeting.

7. FINAL DECISION – Items for Council Approval

7.1 Curriculum Committee

a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations

M. Nicholson spoke to the Curriculum Committee’s review of 47 and approval of 46 curriculum guidelines (CGs). One CG was relegated to the initiator. There are 44 revised CGs, and 2 new CGs.

M. Nicholson advised that she and Meg Stainsby are currently working on a revision of the **Guide to Writing or Revising Course Curriculum Guidelines** and intends to bring the updated Guide to the May or June Education Council meeting.

There being no further discussion,

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

MOVED by C. Turner, SECONDED, J. Tilley, THAT Education Council approve the submitted revised curriculum guidelines: CAEP 0201, CAEP 0202, CAEP 0203, CAEP 0204, CAEP 0205 LIST 0100, LIST 0110, LIST 0120, LIST 0130, LIST 0140, LIST 0150, LIST 0210, LIST 0220, LIST 0230, LIST 0240, LIST 0250, SOWK 2100, SOWK 2122, SOWK 2200, SOWK 2333, SOWK 2360, SOWK 2362, SOWK 2363, SOWK 2400, SOWK 2422, SOWK 3100, SOWK 3122, SOWK 3233, SOWK 3250, SOWK 4100, SOWK 4133, SOWK 4233; PNUR 3321, PNUR 3421, PNUR 4573, PNUR 4574, CRIM 4470, CRWR 2300, PEFA 3410, MATH 1160,



VTEC 1211, VTEC 2109, VTEC 2112, VTEC 2304 , and the following new guidelines: SOWK 2433 and SOWK 4200.

The Motion was CARRIED.

8. DECISION - Items for Council Advice to the Board

8.1 Program Proposal: Minor in Sustainability and Social Innovation

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

It was noted that the title of one course needed correction. The Chair will make the revision in CN on behalf of the initiator to reflect **IDST 1102: Perspectives on the Environment – Creating a Sustainable Society**.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by P. Cawley; SECONDED by C. Turner, THAT Education Council approve the Program Proposal: Minor in Sustainability and Social Innovation effective September 2027.

The Motion was CARRIED.

8.2.1 Recommendation to College Board to establish the credential Minor in Sustainability and Social Innovation

The Chair spoke to the item.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by A. Bernoe; SECONDED by C. Mills, THAT Education Council recommends that the College Board establish the credential Minor in Sustainability and Social Innovation effective September 2027.

The Motion was CARRIED.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Programs Committee

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

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

The Chair shared that the EdCo elections resulted in several acclamations and that new incoming members will be invited to observe the May 11th EdCo meeting. She reminded everyone that the May meeting is being held in-person with a start time of 9:30 am. She looks forward to seeing everyone in person.

The Chair commented that the 2026-2027 Budget was approved at the March Board meeting. The Board also considered and approved the Pause to the Post-Degree Diploma in Professional Communications.

The Chair noted that Council is still looking for faculty representation from Learning Services and that there are two additional student representatives needed. She encouraged members to help identify candidates.

It was also announced that Meg Stainsby will be stepping down from the Curriculum Committee and that Maureen Nicholson will assume the role of the Curriculum Committee Administrator, effective May 1, 2026.

10.2 Report from the President

The President has heard that Don Avison's report regarding the independent review of B.C.'s post-secondary system, has been submitted to the Ministry. The Ministry must complete its own internal review process before the report is released publicly. The President looks forward to seeing the report once it reaches the institutions.

The President noted that, recently, a review of IRCC (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada) processes for approving study visas was conducted. The results were critical of IRCC. It is possible that changes may follow regarding the international student visa process for study permits, which would be welcome news for students who wish to study in Canada, as well as institutions who are working hard to attract new students.

10.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic & Provost

M. Costantino highlighted the success of this year's Student Research Days, held at the Coquitlam and New Westminster campuses. This annual event features both individual and group research projects from Douglas College students. Prize money is awarded to the top submissions in each of the three categories, with prizes of \$500 for first place, \$300 for second place, and \$150 for third place. She congratulated all award winners.

10.4 Board Liaison

No report.



10.5 Report from the Secretary

B. Cavanagh advised that the Election for Chair and Vice Chair will be administered electronically in May. An email with instructions will be circulated to voting members along with a template created for the nominator and the candidate to complete.

11. NEXT MEETING

May 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. (In Person)

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Chair

Secretary