

MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL

May 11, 2026

9:30 am – 11:30 am (In-Person)

Members Present:	Regrets:
Bernoie, Axel	Bansal, Vasu
Costantino, Manuela	Cawley, Pam
Curiel, Cathy	Ebiyomare, Winston
Dench, Sarah	Genio, Mira
Denton, Kathy (<i>ex-officio</i>)	Gibson, Greg
Frolick, Daniel	Jassal, Amandeep
Hunt, Michelle	Keighron, Dave
Mennill, Sally (Chair)	Sawhney, Avika
Mills, Cathy (Vice Chair)	Thakur, Vijayta
Schechter, Sam	
Tilley, Janette	Guests:
Turner, Caitlin	Haselton, Lindsay
Villavicencio, George	Zhao, Jennifer
Younan, Bacel (<i>ex-officio</i>)	
Observers:	
Garabedian, Arsineh (<i>for D. Keighron</i>)	
Frankson, Kelly	
Nicholson, Maureen	
Sharma, Alpisha	

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:n'á'əń (Kwantlen), k'w'ik'w'ə'łəm (Kwikwetlem), x'w'məθk'əyəm (Musqueam), qiqéyt (Qayqayt), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), scəwáθən (Tsawwassen) and səlilwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Peoples.

2. ROLL CALL

V. Bansal, P. Cawley, W. Ebiyomare, M. Genio, G. Gibson, A. Jassal, D. Keighron, Avika Sawhney and V. Thakur sent regrets.

3. AGENDA

The Chair confirmed that Council members had reviewed the agenda package as distributed on May 1, 2026.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

4.1 The Minutes of April 20, 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 Academic Dates 2027-2029

B. Younan spoke to the item.

B. Younan, Registrar, advised that to support future academic planning, the recommended Academic Dates have been developed for two calendar years (2027–2028 and 2028–2029).

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups and provide feedback directly to **Bacel Younan, Registrar**, for consideration of approval at the June 8, 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 24 and approval of 23 curriculum guidelines (CGs). One CG was relegated to the initiator. There are 21 revised CGs, and two (2) new CGs.

There being no further discussion,

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

MOVED by S. Schechter, SECONDED, S, Dench, THAT Education Council approve the submitted revised curriculum guidelines: CSIS 2200; MUSC 1270, MUSC 1271, MUSC 1272, MUSC 1273, MUSC 2170, MUSC 2171, MUSC 2172, MUSC 2173, MUSC 2270, MUSC 2271, MUSC 2272, MUSC 2273; SPSC 1322, SPSC 3203, SPSC 5391, SPSC 5395, SPSC 5396, SPSC 5397, SPSC 5398, SPSC 5493 and the following new guidelines: MARK 4350; PHIL 2211.

The Motion was CARRIED.

7.2 Revision of Education Council Bylaws

The Chair invited Council members to provide feedback, noting that the revised Bylaws are scheduled to take effect July 1, 2026.

The Chair confirmed that no feedback was received on the revised Bylaws. She provided a brief overview of the revisions set out at the April 20, 2026 meeting.

A member asked a clarifying procedural question. The Chair explained that the Bylaws do not include detailed procedures and that operational procedures are set forth in a separate Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) or Education Council Committee Guides.

The Chair commended the Ad Hoc Bylaws Review Committee for their contributions and expertise.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by D. Frolick; SECONDED by A. Bernoe, THAT Education Council approve the revised Education Council Bylaws as presented and they shall come into force on July 1, 2026.

The Motion was CARRIED.

8. DECISION - Items for Council Advice to the Board

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

J. Zhao spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by C. Turner; SECONDED by A. Bernoe, THAT Education Council approve the Educational Affiliation: Stamford International University (SIU), Thailand.

The Motion was CARRIED.

8.2 Educational Affiliation: Universidad Científica Del Sur, Peru

L. Haselton spoke to the item. No questions or comments arose.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by S. Schechter; SECONDED by C. Mills, THAT Education Council approve the Educational Affiliation: Universidad Cientifica Del Sur, Peru.

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 Programs Committee

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

9.2 Draft Education Council Meeting Schedule 2026-2027

The Chair referenced the draft 2026-2027 meeting schedule dates.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups. Please direct all feedback directly to Bette Cavanagh cavanaghb@douglascollege.ca.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Report from the Chair.

The Chair advised that she is currently reviewing the committee memberships for the 2026-2027 academic year. Returning council members who are interested in changing their committee assignment are to contact the Chair directly. Members were asked to watch out for a committee-related email which the Chair will circulate in the coming weeks.

The Chair noted that three (3) vacancies remain on Education Council, one faculty representative from Learning Resources and two student representatives, one of the student representatives must be from the Coquitlam Campus. The Call for Nominations will be posted and circulated by Enrolment Services shortly. The Chair requested everyone to please encourage colleagues and students to consider running for Education Council positions.

Congratulations were extended to Vijayta Thakur on her achievement of receiving two Student Leadership Awards.

The Chair noted that the Academic Appeal Tribunal received two appeal requests in the month of April 2026.

10.2 Report from the President

The President shared that later this summer, the 808 Royal building will reach a milestone with the installation of the roof. An event is being planned to mark this achievement with members of Government expected to say a few words. She expressed that the Senior Management Team is pleased how the work is progressing,



it is on time and on budget. She looks forward to celebrating with everyone at the event.

The President referenced the outstanding Don Avison report, noting that it has not yet been received. She advised that a further extension was granted to support the completion of the report, and that the College awaits the final report.

10.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic & Provost

M. Costantino shared good news that the Bachelor of Science in Computing Science has successfully passed Stage 1 of the application process and has been signed off by the Ministry.

10.4 Board Liaison

No report.

10.5 Report from the Secretary

B. Cavanagh reminded all Committee Chairs that their Annual Committee Reports are to be submitted by the May 27, 2026 deadline for the June 8th meeting.

The results for the Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2026-2027 academic year:

- Sally Mennill, Chair elected and declared by acclamation
- Cathy Mills, Vice-Chair was elected and declared acclamation

Congratulations were extended.

11. NEXT MEETING

June 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (Via Teams)

1. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Chair

Secretary