

EDUCATION COUNCIL

January 10, 2000 - 4:15 p.m.
Surrey Campus Boardroom
(G2110)

MINUTES

Present Larry Anderson
 Jim

Jamieson Priscilla Bollo
 Wayne

Jeffrey Roni Clubb

 Judith McGillivray
 Linda Condell
 Robin

Russell Jack Finnbogason

 Ron Shay
 Derek Francis

 Barbara Smith
 Carolyn Granholm
 Newton

Wainman Jim Gunson (Chair)
 Skip

Triplett Julie Hobart
 Barbara

Melnyk (Recorder)

Guests John Slattery
 Aaron Bartlett
 Gordon Lee

1. Confirmation of Agenda

Add: Liberal Education to item
7 (a) and Access 2000 as item 8.
 The revised agenda was

confirmed as distributed.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were approved as distributed.

3. Chair's Report

- i) The Chair attended a meeting with the Council of Presidents, Vice Presidents, Education and Education Council Chairs in Qualicum. Points discussed included:

- A proposal that the university colleges cooperate in examining each other's programs and in particular try to establish the meaning of a non-traditional degree;
- A proposal that the university colleges ask for their own act that would confirm their unique identity, particularly with regard to applied research;
- A decision that the Education Council chairs re-write the governance section of the Act so that the role of councils would more closely resemble that of senates. Pending legislation, individual university colleges might consider delegating responsibilities to Councils along the lines proposed. The offer is pending.

ii) The Joint Committee on the Role of Council

The Chair reported that this committee has not met, largely due to logistical problems. A meeting will not be called until the question

is resolved as to whether the Education Council chairs should attempt to re-write the Act, as the task of the committee and of re-writing the Act are closely related.

iii) Education Council
Priorities

The Chair will call a meeting of the Executive to meet with Judith, to discuss Council's priorities for the next few months.

iv) Course Approval

Concerns have been expressed that the Curriculum Approval sub-committee is usurping the role of divisional curriculum committees, particularly with regard to outline revisions. Judith McGillivray is exploring the possibility that part of the work be assigned to a staff member, who could provide faster feedback. The Committee believes that it needs to continue to examine certain aspects of outlines and to ensure that overall standards are maintained.

v) Processes

Recent experience has shown the need for Council to update information systems and processes to ensure that programs and courses are approved appropriately.

vi) The Chair has received
the following documents

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- Transfer Rates: How to Measure and For What Purpose: BCCAT
- Profile of BC College Transfer Students admitted to SFU (1994-1999): BCCAT
- Task Force on Standards and Processes: BCCAT
- The Associate Degree as a Transfer Credential: C2T2
- Educational Technology: A Framework: C2T2

<http://www.ctt.bc.ca/edtech/framework/a.html>

vii) Ministry Approval of Letters of Intent

The Chair announced that Ministry has approved Letters of Intent for a Bachelor of Journalism and a Bachelor of Applied Arts (Major in Psychology).

viii) Grants Application

Discussion took place at the LMRC Meeting of December 17th on whether Continuing Education faculty who are not covered by the Collective Agreement are eligible to apply to the fund set up under Article 11.03 and administered by the Education Council. It was agreed that the fund in Article 11.03 is for faculty covered by the Collective Agreement.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Degree Program
Assessment Committee –
No report

4.2 Curriculum Approval
HRTT 1109 – Home
Garden Plant Care
and Quality
HRTT 1110 – Home
Garden Turf and
Landscape

Moved by J.

Finnbogason,
seconded by L.
Condell,

THAT Council approves
the HRTT 1109 and
1110 course outlines,
subject to DPAC's
approval of the
Horticulture Technician
Certificate Program

CARRIED

EASL 1191 – English
Upgrading for
ECE/EAL Level 1

EASL 1291 – English
Upgrading for
ECE/EAL Level 2

EASL 1391 – English
Upgrading for
ECE/EAL Level 3

Moved by J. Jamieson,
seconded by L.

Anderson,

THAT Council approves
the EASL course
outlines, subject
to revisions.

CARRIED

4.3 Grant Applications Panel

Invitations have been
sent to all faculty and
packages have been sent
to all deans.

4.4 Liberal Education
Curriculum Committee –
See 7 (a)

4.5 International Education

- Committee – See attached minutes
- 4.6 Prior Learning Assessment – No report
- 4.7 Intake Testing and Assessment Committee
A meeting will be held on January 28, 2000.
The key focus is to get all relevant data so that reports can be completed.

5. The Academic Schedule

Advising on the “setting of the academic schedule” is one of the roles assigned to Education Council (Section 23(1)(h) of the Act). The Chair stated that Council has not previously taken up this role, but will now need to address this issue as the provision of a Reading Break and the exam timetable before Christmas have raised a number of concerns.

The current 14-week semester, with four hours per week of class time (three hours in the evening), for a 3-credit course, has been in effect for years. The intention was to provide “college students” with the extra instruction perceived necessary. Some institutions have shorter semesters. With a few exceptions, semesterized courses have started after Labour Day.

As well, the current practice of setting a final exam schedule late in the semester is also of long standing. Its major deficiencies are its lateness and the length of time taken. It is worth examining how exams are scheduled at other institutions and how these might suit Kwantlen. The goal would be to try, as far as possible, to find a scheme for timetabling finals that would be

derived from the class schedule.

Moved by L. Anderson,
seconded by J. Hobart,
THAT Education Council work with the Registrar's Office to determine how the Academic schedule, including the examination schedule, should be established.
CARRIED

The following Council members agreed to serve with Jim Gunson on the Academic Scheduling Committee:
Priscilla Bollo, Linda Condell, Roni Clubb, Judith McGillivray and Charon Graham.

6. Committee on Educational Futures

Judith McGillivray explained that the Committee on Educational Futures is appointed by and formally reports to the Vice President, Education, but its recommendations will be developed through extensive dialogue with Kwantlen's educational groups. Its processes will be transparent, and there will be multiple opportunities for input and review. The outcomes of its deliberations will be subject to review by the Education Council and by the Board of Governors. Council was asked to comment and to volunteer two members for the Committee.

It was noted that this would be a difficult political decision. There are enormous needs in EASL. It was thought that this committee would allow Kwantlen to embark on a long range planning process.

Moved by R. Russell, seconded
by W. Jeffrey,
THAT Council supports the
Committee on Education
Futures.
CARRIED

The following Council
members agreed to serve: Jim
Gunson, Robin Russell and
Newton Wainman.

7. Entry Requirements for
Commercial Floristry

Jack Finnbogason stated that
the Horticulture Division has
struggled a little with this
program. There are fewer
students, and it is clear that
Grade 12 English blocks some
of the applicants from
registering.

Moved by L. Anderson,
seconded by L. Condell,
THAT Council approve
changing the English
prerequisites for the
Commercial Floristry program
from C in English 12 to LPI 21
and EU#4 or C in English 11,
ACPE 0080, or English 0099.
CARRIED

7 (a). Liberal Education Curriculum
Committee

In the past, The Liberal
Education Committee has
proposed liberal education
outcomes for degree programs
and has been responsible for
approving individual courses.
This addition to its mandate
allows it to play a broader role
in ensuring that the outcomes
are achieved and that the liberal
education is implemented in the
best interests of students and
the University College.

The Chair stated that it is
important that as degrees come

on stream, that the Liberal Education Committee has the mandate to make recommendations as to what is appropriate for these courses.

Moved by L. Anderson,
seconded by D. Francis,
THAT this item be tabled to the next Council meeting scheduled for February 7, 2000.
CARRIED

8. Access 2000

Aaron Bartlett, Internal Vice President, KCSA, informed Council of the Canadian Federation of Students' cross-Canada Day of Action on February 2, 2000, to demand the restoration of social program spending, a tuition freeze in every province, and the implementation of a national system of grants. He stated that the KCSA was seeking a Motion of Support from Education Council to endorse this initiative by granting a penalty free day for students to attend the rally.

Moved by L. Anderson,
seconded by N. Wainman,
THAT Education Council supports Kwantlen students in the Access 2000 endeavour and encourages faculty to permit students to attend the rally without penalty where possible.
CARRIED

9. Next Meeting: February 7,
2000 – Surrey Campus
Boardroom (G2110)

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

