

**EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES
May 10, 2004**

Present:	Jan Carrie (Vice-Chair) Lisa Coan Lyle Courtney Caroline Daniels Dawna DeAdder Dana Goedbloed (Chair) Jody Gordon Lorraine Irvine	Anita Kranz Steven Lee Gerry Lengert Judith McGillivray Barb Melnyk (Recorder) Bob Perkins Larry Rhodenizer Alexandra Richmond
Regrets:	Marge Damon (Member-at-Large) Rob Edger Derek Francis	Wayne Jeffrey Susan Robinson
Guests:	Theresa Abraniuk Rob Adamoski Bob Brown Brian Carr Jim Cohoon	David Davidson Rob Fleming James Panabaker Tom Radesh Newton Wainman

1. Confirmation of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended by consensus : After item 6, add an additional item: Advice to the Board re Electronics.

2. Sub-Committee Reports

2.1. Policy Review Committee (Jan Carrie, Chair)

2.1.1. Policy B.14 Credit for Prior Learning

Moved by Jan Carrie, seconded by Steve Lee, THAT Council approve the revisions to *Policy B.14 Credit for Prior Learning* as presented.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

After a thorough discussion, the motion was withdrawn, and the policy will return to the Policy Review Committee for continued review of the following areas:

- Residency requirements of only 25% of credits to obtain a Kwantlen degree
- Grade required of students who transfer in after two years
- Mechanism for programs to adjust residency requirements
- Setting a standard students can appeal

3. General Arts Degree Curriculum Framework

Dr. Bob Brown and Rob Fleming attended to present the *Request For Approval of the Curriculum Framework for Kwantlen Bachelor of Arts Degrees*.

Alexandra commended the writers on a well-written, comprehensive document.

There was general discussion about the writing requirements, which are not necessarily 'written in stone' at this point. Breadth requirements will supercede the current Liberal Education content of degrees. While it might be desirable to have a quantitative science lab course as a requirement for degrees, Kwantlen does not at this point have the resources to make it mandatory.

Moved by Alexandra Richmond, seconded by Gerry Lengert, THAT Council approve the *Curriculum Framework for Kwantlen Bachelor of Arts Degrees* as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Math Success and Retention**

Brian Carr outlined a proposal for a way to improve success and retention in Mathematics that Judith McGillivray had earlier asked to be addressed. This is a problem that has been discussed at the department level for several years. The proposed solution should improve retention and promote more success through science and other programs.

Brian explained that the data on success/retention/failure is very clear, and that simply raising entrance requirements is not an option as they are already sufficiently high. The proposal outlines a plan for an additional two (2) hours per week for students whose prerequisite grades fall below an identified threshold. The regular course and the additional two hours per week would be corequisites coded so that if students withdraw from one, they would be automatically withdrawn from the other. The additional course would be in the **experience/no credit granted** mode, and students would have to complete the course in order to pass the corequisite course. Students would be required to pay for the additional 1.5 credit course.

Moved by Lyle Courtney, seconded by Alexandra Richmond, THAT Council approve the piloting of corequisites for introductory Math courses for students with prerequisite grades falling below a specified threshold grade.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. **New Associate of Science Degrees and Pathways**

Brian Carr explained that the Associate of Science degree pathways are not new, but have not yet been designated at Kwantlen. It will be very helpful for students in planning their education to have these associate degrees.

The requirements for associate degrees will need to adapt to changing requirements by universities; Council will be informed on an annual basis if changes have been made. The basic requirements for associate degrees, as per BCCAT guidelines, will not be changed.

Moved by Steve Lee, seconded by Bob Perkins, THAT Council approve the nomenclature of the following Associate of Science degrees:

- Associate of Science in Biology (ASc - Biology)
- Associate of Science in Chemistry (ASc - Chemistry)
- Associate of Science - General
- Associate of Science Mathematics (ASc - Mathematics)
- Associate of Science in Physics (ASc - Physics)
- Associate of Science for Environmental Science or Environmental Management at Royal Roads University (ASc - RRU)

MOTION CARRIED.

6. **English Threshold for ACP**

Newton Wainman presented the background to this item as per the attached memo. Essentially, the request is that the B.C. *Adult Graduation Diploma* program be declared a designated program to allow students to take up to two 1100-level elective courses while working on their English 0081 (grade 11 equivalent). This change is requested because of the possible negative impact on students when the new minimum English threshold takes effect in Sept. 2004.

Moved by Jan Carrie, seconded by Lorraine Irvine, THAT Council approve the B.C. Adult Graduation Diploma program as a designated program of study, with follow-up to be prepared by Fall 2006.

MOTION CARRIED.

The ACP department will track students in the program and will prepare a report for Education Council for Fall 2006.

7. **Advice to the Board re Electronics**

A draft letter to the Board, as per the meeting of May 3, was presented to Council for editing and comments. The letter clarified the vote of May 3 to the motion "That the program be recommended for

cancellation". According to Robert's Rules, the bylaws of Education Council specify that a majority of those present is required for the vote, abstentions have the same effect as a negative vote. Therefore, Council defeated the motion, with a vote of five for/five against and four abstentions. Council will inform the Board that the motion was defeated, and determined that they would not provide a recommendation, only the advice contained in the Eight Principles for Program Retention, leaving the decision of cancellation to the Board.

8. **Next Meeting**: Monday, June 7, 2004, 10:00 am, Room G 2110.
9. **Adjournment**: Moved by Dawna DeAdder to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm.