

EDUCATION COUNCIL, Minutes of Meeting
 May 14, 2007

Present:	Theresa Abraniuk Wendy Belter Dianne Crisp Dana Cserepes Betty Cunnin Rob Fleming Jody Gordon (ex officio)	Stephanie Howes Matt Huff Karen Metzger, Recorder Alexandra Richmond Takashi Sato, Chair Newton Wainman
Regrets:	Mary Androsiuk Jesse Chezenko Bob Davis Dana Goedbloed, Vice Chair Denny Hollick	Sandra Hoffman Skip Triplett (ex officio) Marilynne Waithman
Guests:	Marlet Ashley Rob Attridge Lyle Courtney	John Fernando (member-elect) Bea Pires Sara Yoshida

1. Confirmation of Agenda

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 pm.

The agenda was approved by consensus as revised: delete items 4.2, 5.1, 5.2, and 5.3, committee reports for committees that had not met because this meeting was rescheduled to an earlier date.

2. Approval of Minutes (Apr. 23, 07)

The minutes of the Apr. 23, 2007 meeting were approved by consensus as presented.

3. Chair's Report

Takashi Sato reported that he has been working on updating the Associate of Arts framework, which will be on future agenda soon.

He informed Council that the annual retreat might be held on the scheduled date, June 25, or on June 18. Council will be polled by email re a preferred date.

4. Standing Committee Reports

4.1. Degree and Program Assessment Committee (Dianne Crisp, Chair)

Dianne Crisp stated that DPAC (May 2, 2007) had reviewed a program concept for a B.A. Creative Writing Major, which will be resubmitted to DPAC when a number of revisions have been made.

Cost estimates for program concepts are difficult for proponents. She and Rob Fleming have discussed ways to provide proponents with cost estimates for standard parts of new program cost estimates.

DPAC approved a revision to the Commercial Floristry certificate program, which is on today's agenda. Proposed revisions to the Horticulture programs were reviewed, and will be resubmitted after further discussions with the industry.

The DPAC Manual was pulled from the agenda because it will be affected by the program prioritization policy currently under development and near approval.

4.2. Program Review Committee (Carolyn Robertson, Chair)

No report.

5. Sub-Committee Reports

5.1. Curriculum Sub-Committee

No report.

5.2. Math & Quantitative Skills Committee (Dana Cserepes, Chair)

No report.

5.3. Policy Review Committee (Dana Goedbloed, Chair)

No report.

6. FPP: B.A. Minors Anthropology, Geography, Visual Arts

Bea Pires, Sara Yashido, and Lyle Courtney presented the full program proposal for a B.A., *Minors in*

Anthropology, Geography, and Visual Arts , which was reviewed and recommended for approved by DPAC. This is joint proposal between three department from Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Geography minor is a unique combination and human and physical geography, which has received support from other institutions. It was determined that though more than usual number of credits are required for the Geography minor, there is room for another minor.

The Anthropology minor has the support of other institutions, First Nations, and specific companies who would be happy to accept graduates.

The Visual Arts minor is an alternative to the proposed BFA, which is pending with DQAB.

There was discussion about faculty credentials, and Council was satisfied that the proposal is sound in that regard. In general, it was recommended that where a terminal degree is not required in a field, scholarly activity should be included in proposals for DQAB.

Moved by Newton Wainman, seconded Betty Cunnin, THAT Council approve the full program proposal for a B.A., Minors in Anthropology, Geography, and Visual Arts , pending minor revisions.

MOTION CARRIED.

This proposal is already before the Program Resource Committee (PRC). When PRC gives approval, the FPP will be posted to PSIPS for the 30-day peer review period.

7. FPP: B.A. English Major

Marlet Ashley and Bob Attridge attended to speak to the full program proposal for a *B.A. English Major* , which was developed in response to student requests. The proposal was reviewed by DPAC and some requested revisions made and approved. The proponents received some comments from UBC and SFU re faculty qualifications, and the department is working to incorporate scholarly work into the activities of the faculty.

SFU Surrey offers a BA in World Literature, which offers a good opportunity for complementarity.

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Theresa Abraniuk, THAT Council approve the full program proposal for a B. A. English Major , pending minor revisions.

MOTION CARRIED.

This FPP will go forward to the Program Resource Committee

The proponents were given printed follow-up information.

8. Program revision: Public Relations Diploma

Barbara Duggan attended to speak to the proposed revisions to the Public Relations diploma program, which were precipitated at the request of students and on consultation with industry. The revisions include reorganizing some content to place a clearer focus on media relations, adding some new computer skills, and delivering the event planning content over two semesters instead of one because of the heavy workload for students. They would get more theory in semester three before they apply it in semester four.

Council expressed concern about the impact on current students of implementing the changes for both years one and two in the Fall 2007 semester, in that the total content might be changed for year two students.

Moved by Theresa Abraniuk, seconded by Betty Cunnin, THAT Council approve the revisions to the Public Relations diploma program for students entering year one in Sept. 2007.

MOTION CARRIED.

Rob Fleming and Barbara Duggan will meet to discuss the proposed revisions as they pertain to students entering year two in Sept 2007. They may ask Council for an electronic vote on the matter.

9. Program Revision: Commercial Floristry Certificate

David Davidson presented proposed revisions to the *Commercial Floristry* certificate program, which include adding communications and supervisory skills content. Program credits increase from 33 to 35 credits. Floristry students will join Horticulture students in BUSI 1205, which replaces BUSI 1204, a benefit for both student groups in fostering mutual understanding. No extra sections will be added. Deans of all areas involved are in agreement with the changes.

Moved by Wendy Belter, seconded by Dianne Crisp, THAT Council approve the revision to the Commercial Floristry certificate program as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

David Davidson received printed follow-up instructions.

10. Next Meeting: June 25, 2007, or TBA, time TBA

11. Adjournment: Theresa Abraniuk moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 pm.