

EDUCATION COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting, Aug. 26, 08

Present:	Theresa Abraniuk Mary Androsiuk Wendy Belter Dianne Crisp Dana Cserepes, Vice Chair Betty Cunnin Farhad Dastur Bob Davis Rob Fleming Dana Goedbloed	Jody Gordon (ex officio) Steve Lee Karen Metzger, Recorder Robertson, Carolyn Derek Robertson Takashi Sato, Chair Newton Wainman Marilynne Waithman
Regrets:	John Fernando Stephanie Howes	Mohammed Kallas Joel Whittemore Ken McIntyre
Guests:	Aysha Haq Sandi Klassen Judith McGillivray	Robert Mumford Joel Murray Jan Penhorwood

1. Confirmation of Agenda

Takashi Sato welcomed current and new members and guests. He explained that it is not expected that Council approve any items today, but that today's focus is to discuss the agenda items in preparation for voting at the next meeting. Members are expected to share the information with their constituencies in the intervening period and to encourage discussion.

Moved by Dianne Crisp, seconded by Derek Robertson, THAT Council approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Takashi noted that Ken McIntyre has submitted his resignation; he has taken employment and will not be registered as a student in the fall semester.

2. Approval of Minutes June 23, 2008

Moved by Newton Wainman, seconded by Betty Cunnin, THAT Council approve the minutes of the June 23, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

David Atkinson spoke about Kwantlen's change in status to a university effective Sept. 2, 2008 and the impact of that change on the governance structure as per the new legislation. One fundamental change is that the Senate alone will have the power to approve new programs, and that the Board will no longer be involved in that approval. The Senate will be in charge of Kwantlen's academic future, and will also create the mechanism by which to make it happen.

He thanked Takashi Sato in particular for all his intense work in preparing for the transition, and also extended thanks to both the small and the expanded transition committee who worked with him.

3. Review resolutions for Senate approval

Takashi Sato noted that as of Sept. 2, 2008, Education Council will act as Senate, and that it will be a priority to deal with resolutions 1 through 7, in the hope that they will be approved at the first Senate meeting on Sept. 8, 2008. Senate will carry on with existing elected members for now, and the remaining seats as stated in the legislation will be filled by elections Oct. 27-29, 2008, to start in January 2009.

The composition of Senate as prescribed by the Act has been intensely discussed by the Senate Creation Committee. There was discussion about whether Kwantlen is able to revise the definition of faculty as stated in the act as it applied to the 'other' category of Kwantlen faculty on Education Council.

ACTION: Takashi Sato and Wendy Belter will meet to set up a meeting with the 'other' faculty members to discuss the draft Senate membership.

Any policies that will need to be revised because of Kwantlen's new status will go through the regular

process via the Policy Review Committee (new name: Senate Standing Committee on Policy Articulation).

Resolution #1: Legislation states that faculties must be established and approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, but faculties may choose their designations for operational purposes, e.g., The Faculty of Business may continue as the School of Business.

Resolution #2: Students elected to Education Council will automatically become Senate members if they are in good standing this semester.

Resolution #5: Senate has the right to continue with currently-elected members until their terms run out.

Council will consider a suggestion to have an election when John Fernando's term is up to stagger member turnover, which would mean going forward with three (3) support staff seats rather than two during the transition.

Resolution # 10: Takashi called attention to the committees that must be established, and noted the new names of existing committees. The nominating committee will be established within the week, with the immediate task of populating all new committees. Committee membership are formulated for widest representation, and to remove duplication of representation.

4. Review Senate bylaws

Takashi Sato explained that the bylaws were created by revising the existing Education Council bylaws to comply with the new legislation.

5. Review Senate election rules

Jody Gordon explained that the election rules for Senate are based on the existing rules and that minimal changes were made to comply with the new legislation.

There was general discussion about faculty eligibility to vote as presented in the rules. There was general consensus that the election rules might be broadened to include all faculty as per definition of faculty rather than according to their employment status. Discussion to continue at the Sept. 8, 2008 meeting.

It was clarified that Trades and Nursing students are able to vote if registered as per election rules.

6. Next Meeting: Sept. 8, 2008 4:15 pm, G 2110

7. Adjournment: Moved by Dana Cserepes to adjourn the meeting at 3:48 pm.