

3. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 MINUTES

The Chair advised members that the September 21, 2009 minutes have been delayed. She noted there are no outstanding items from September which need to be approved in order for Council to continue with its business.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Policy Items

a) *Credentials Awarded at Douglas College Policy (Postponed)*

b) *Transfer Credit Policy*

The Chair reminded members this is a new policy which Council is being asked to consider. She noted it is before Council this month as a Notice of Motion.

In response to a question, J. Carrie advised members that the language in #2 under Types of Transfer: “Unassigned credit in a department (for courses that are related in content to curriculum taught within the discipline but for which there is no equivalent Douglas College course)” is standard language and refers to programs as well as departments. It was noted the language should be consistent and one term should be used throughout the policy.

ACTION

Please refer this item to your constituencies for feedback/advice at the November meeting.

c) *Accessibility to College Programs, Courses and Services for Persons with Disabilities Policy Revision.*

The Chair clarified that this item has come through the regular review cycle of Educational Policies and is before them as a Motion to Approve based on feedback from constituents. She highlighted the submission from the Faculty of Science and Technology, sent via email to members.

E. McCausland advised members her FEC had similar concerns regarding accommodating students, the lack of private and quiet space for exam invigilation and added that Staff may not always be available to invigilate exams. She noted the LLPA FEC are not opposed to approving the policy, but asked that the policy be reviewed when the budget allows.

MOVED by D. Anderson; SECONDED by J. Carrie,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve amending the *Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities Policy*.

The Motion was CARRIED.

d) *Curriculum Development and Approval Policy Revision (Postponed)*

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Budget Discussions

a) 2010/2011 Budget Guidelines

The Chair reminded members that under Advisory Responsibilities (per the *BC College and Institute Act*) Education Council has an important advisory role to play regarding budgetary issues. She asked members to provide feedback/advice from their constituency groups in writing for inclusion in the November package.

ACTION Please refer this item to your constituencies for feedback/advice at the November meeting.

b) Consultation on 2009/2010 Mini Budget

S. McAlpine advised members that the 2010/2011 Mini Budget was presented to the Board at an in-camera meeting in September and received support. He noted the Mini Budget has been in preparation for many months after the College received the actual funding letter from the Ministry. He noted the College received a larger base operating grant than anticipated and the Mini Budget is a result of the extra funding. He noted SMT decided to fund a few select items that were high on the priority list in the original budget but were not able to be funded at that time.

S. McAlpine highlighted the three areas of funding:

- i) Sections of instruction (OTO as required) based on student demand in the Winter 2010 semester (sections have already been added for Summer and Fall)
- ii) A Dean position for the area of Adult Special Education, Developmental Studies and English as a Second Language (as per the Education Services realignment)
- iii) A Director position focusing on College safety, security, emergency preparedness and risk management. A coordinated approach to risk management and safety and security issues is essential in order to provide a safe and secure learning and working environment for students and employees on all College campuses.

The Chair asked members to provide feedback/advice from their constituency groups in writing for inclusion in the November package.

ACTION Please refer this item to your constituencies for feedback/advice at the November meeting.

5.2 DSU Request – October 21, 2009 Student Day of Action

The Chair invited Priscilla Bartleman (DSU) and Nimmi Takkar (DSU Staff) to speak to this item.

Priscilla provided a detailed account as to why the students are asking for academic amnesty to attend the OnePassNow campaign day of action on October 21, 2009. She also provided members a rationale for Pri

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council refer the *College/School District Policy* to the Education Council Policy Subcommittee.

The Motion was CARRIED.

5.4 Election of Education Council Appeal Tribunal Members

The Secretary advised members that an election needs to take place to fill two vacant seats on the Education Council Appeal Tribunal.

The Secretary called for nominations from the floor for the first vacant position on the Education Council Appeal Tribunal.

Dianne Hewitt nominated Elizabeth McCausland, Elizabeth allowed her name to stand.

Further nominations were invited from the floor.

After a third call for nominations for the first vacant position on the Appeal Tribunal, nominations from the floor were closed.

Elizabeth McCausland was elected by acclamation.

The Secretary called for nominations from the floor for the second vacant position on the Education Council Appeal Tribunal.

Deb McCloy nominated Dianne Hewitt, Dianne allowed her name to stand.

Further nominations were invited from the floor.

After a third call for nominations for the second vacant position on the Appeal Tribunal, nominations from the floor were closed.

Dianne Hewitt was elected by acclamation.

5.5 HORM Diploma – Program Revision

The Chair invited Mark Elliott to speak to this item.

Mark advised members that the program revision consisted of adding HORM 1145 Introductory Food Management as a substitution for HORM 1135 in Semester 1 of the HORM program. He noted this move is intended to increase student success.

ACTION Please refer this item to your constituencies for feedback and advice. This item will come for approval at the November meeting.

5.6 Animal Health Technician – Program Revision

The Chair invited Diane Boyle to speak to this item.

