MINUTES OF A MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 AT 9:00AM
IN THE BOARDROOM, NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS

1. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Regrets:
Sheilagh Badanic	Kathy Denton
Thor Borgford (for President)	Kate Grey
Manuela Costantino	
Joan Crisp (for Anna Helewka)	Guests:
Mary Hodder	Bill Archibald
John Fleming	Tara Chang

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Ratification of 2015-2016 Education Council Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

Council Secretary A. Gapper directed members to the minutes of the May 11, 2015 Education Council Elections.

The Secretary noted that Jasmine Nicholsfigueiredo had been elected by acclamation. Following three further calls for additional nominations, and hearing none, the Secretary declared Jasmine Nicholsfigueiredo elected by acclamation to the position of Chair for the 2015–2016 term.

The Secretary noted that Todd Harper had been elected as Vice-Chair by acclamation. Again, hearing no further nominations following three calls, Todd Harper was elected by acclamation to the position of Vice-Chair for the 2015-2016 term.

4.2 Ratification of 2015-2016 Education Council Meeting Schedule

Council Secretary A. Gapper reminded members about the 2015-2016 Education Council Meeting Schedule which had been previously circulated.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by Jeff Schutts; SECONDED by Ruab Waraich that Education Council ratify the 2015-2016 Education Council Meeting Schedule.

The Motion was CARRIED.

4.3 2016–2017 Education Dates and Deadlines

M. Hodder was invited to speak to this item. M. Stainsby indicated that SMT had instructed that semesters should be 13 ½ weeks long. Semesters in the document range from 12 ½ to 14 weeks.

Of particular note is that there is only one clear day between the end of the Winter 2017 semester and the beginning of the Summer 2017 semester. It was pointed out that this is really hard on the students. It was suggested to shift the start of Summer 2017 semester from May 1 to May 8, 2017 to allow more time between the end of exams and the start of semester. M. Hodder agreed to investigate when other institutions were starting their Summer semesters

In the Fall 2016 schedule, there is a gap of one day between the date identified as the last day

It was also pointed out that the refund date for Fall 2016 falls on labour day.

4.4 Curriculum Items

a) Curriculum Committee Recommendations
Curriculum Committee Chair Todd Harper introduced Elizabeth McCausland, Chair of the English Department, who explained that with the withdrawal of Accuplacer, there will now

MOVED by George Stroppa; SECONDED by Todd Harper, THAT Education Council approve the following new designations

No report.

6.3 Report from the Vice President, Academic & Provost
No report.

6.4 Report from the Board Representative
No report.

6.5 Report from the Secretary
No report.

6.6 Report from the Curriculum Committee
The next deadline for curriculum guidelines to be submitted to the committee is October 7 at 9.00 am. Please remind your FECs of this date.

6.7 Report from the Educational Excellence Committee
No report.

6.8 Report from the Committee on Admissions & Language Competency Standards
No report.

6.9 Report from the Committee on Educational Policies
No report.

6.10 Report from the Committee on International Education
No report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 19, 2015 at 9:00 am in Boardroom (4920)