

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF EDUCATION COUNCIL
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT 9:00AM
VIRTUAL MEETING - MS TEAMS**

Members Present:	Regrets:
Ataiza, Ariel	N/A
Barker, Jennifer	
Bowbrick, Graeme (Chair)	Guests:
Cavanagh, Bette (Recorder)	Barbeau, Elizabeth
Chapell, Brian	Chiong, Stephen
Cikes, Ivana	Dudas, Brandy
Costantino, Manuela	Hotel, Carla
Crisp, Joan (Vice Chair)	Majdanac, Allan
Davies, Jonathon	Mauger, Shirley
Dench, Sarah	Mykle-

1. TRADITIONAL TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair acknowledged the QayQayt First Nation and the Kwikwetlem First Nation, as well as the Coast Salish Peoples, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, we learn, we play, and we do our work.

MOVED by M. Costantino SECONDED by Ataiza



There being no further discussion,

MOVED by J. Kinsley SECONDED by I. Cike THAT Education Council approve the Program Revision: Bachelor in Therapeutic Recreation effective May 2021.

The Motion was CARRIED

- 5.7 Request for Evaluation Policy Variance: Music Diploma and Basic Musicianship
J. Palmer spoke to the item.

This variance request will allow testing worth more than 10% in the final 14 days of classes so that



participants and getting the approval of the Douglas College Research Ethics Board prior to conducting the research.

R. Newton commented that the Registrar's Office (now Enrolment Services) will provide assistance but will not conduct the omnibus change in the background.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by M. Westerman ~~SECONDED~~ by M. Costantino THAT Education Council approve the Curriculum Guidelines Language to reflect Research Ethics Origin-Faculty of Commerce and Business and Business Administration

The Motion was CARRIED

5.10 Draft Academic Dates 2021/2022

R. Ng spoke to the item. No additional feedback was received.

There being no further discussion,

MOVED by M. Costantino ~~SECONDED~~ by Cikes THAT Education Council approve the Academic Dates 2021/2022.

The Motion was CARRIED

5.11 Ratification of 2020/2021 Education Council Meeting Schedule

B. Cavanagh spoke to the item noting one change that EdCo meetings will continue to be conducted virtually via MS Teams.

Hearing no objections, the schedule was ratified by consent.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Program Revision: Computing Studies and Information Systems, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma – Addition of New Focus Area Cybersecurity

S. Chiong and G. Vitus spoke to the item.

The current Computing Studies and Information Systems (CSIS) Post- Baccalaureate Program has two options: Emerging Technology and Data Analytics. The proposed revision introduces a third option, Cybersecurity. The presenters are confident that the courses can be developed for implementation for Fall 2021.

The Chair recommended that the initiators consult with the Criminology Department as they will be supportive of this common cause and are well-informed on this topic.



ACTION Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the October 19, 2020–



Studies program, or equivalent, prior to admission to our Diploma. The new pre-admission courses created provide an alternate pathway to the current ASL and Deaf Studies program requirement.

It was recommended that the reference to a specific semester (Summer, Fall, Winter) be removed.

ACTION Please refer this item to your constituency groups for consideration of approval at the October 19, 2020 meeting.



The Chair agreed to develop a comparison document (which would first be presented to the ad hoc committee for review) to identify the important differences between the current and revised bylaws.

K. Denton recognized the good work of the ad hoc committee adding that the previous bylaws are very outdated and reference incorrect, past versions of the Act.

G. Bowbrick then pointed out that the issue of Term Limits were presented to Council in a separate document because it is currently the subject of litigation. When the litigation is resolved we will have clarity on how to proceed and can make any necessary amendments to the bylaws.

ACTION: Please refer this item to the Education Council for review.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for information and bring feedback to the October 19, 2020 meeting or provide feedback in writing directly to the edco@douglascollege.ca email.

8.4 Academic Performance Policy- First Term Academic Probation Students

S. Dench advised that late in the summer semester we were informed of a counselling restriction whereby our Counsellors are only able to counsel students located in British Columbia. We were in a bind and with many of our services going virtual we made an immediate adjustment to the process for first term academic probation students (international students and those not in BC) to meet with Advisors in Enrolment Services to ensure they are appropriately supported and have satisfied the conditions for Fall registration. Further, since this occurred in August when the Education Council does not meet, there was not a clear process by which any necessary variance to the relevant education policy could be made.

Some Council members conveyed their disagreement over process and expressed the opinion that in the future, there must be a process for the council to consider urgent education policy variance even during the summer months when the Council does not normally meet. Some Council members went further and expressed their disagreement with the substance of the decision that had been made.

The Chair summarized the discussion and noted that it was now understood that in the future a variance to policy should be sought before any change in practice occurs, and that it would be useful to have this general issue brought to the educational policy committee for further substantive consideration.

ACTION: Please refer this item to your constituency groups for information.

9. REPORTS

9.1 Report from the Chair

G. Bowbrick advised that he had recently met with the Board Chair, Eileen Stewart and will be attending the Board meeting later this month. He thanked B. Cavanagh for embedding the hyperlinks in the agenda package for much easier navigation.

9.2 Report from the President

K. Denton thanked everyone for their efforts over the last few months and extended her appreciation to the entire College community for adapting to the challenges we have been faced with. We are all doing our very best to keep the interests of students in the foreground as well as to ensure that health and safety of all is the top priority.

The Motion was CARRIED