



# Education Council

Ensuring that our students are provided with quality educational experiences

## APPROVED Minutes

### REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, Sept 21, 2022

4:00 – 6:00 pm

P216, LACC 321, MS Teams

#### Present

##### Voting Members

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| 1. Andrea Kucherawy, Support Staff (Vice-Chair) | 8. John Boraas, Administration     |
| 2. Bijan Ahmadi, Faculty (Chair)                | 9. Julia Grav, Faculty             |
| 3. Brian Coey, Faculty                          | 10. Lois Fernyhough, Faculty       |
| 4. Corrine Michel, Faculty                      | 11. Mark Fournier, Faculty         |
| 5. Debbie Hlady, Administration                 | 12. Richard Stride, Administration |
| 6. Emily Schudel, Faculty                       | 13. Scott Harris, Administration   |
| 7. Ignacio Dinamarca, Student                   | 14. Tia Primrose, Support Staff    |

##### Non-Voting Members

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| Connie Klassen, ICC Chair                  | Lane Trotter, President         |
| Peter Moroney, Education Policy & Planning | TBA, Indigenization Coordinator |
| Karen Young, Board of Governors            |                                 |

#### Guests:

Rashed Al-Haque, Education Policy Specialist; Blair Fisher, Faculty; Ruth Lyall, Faculty

**Regrets/Absent:** Mark Fournier, Blair Fisher, Ruth Lyall, TBA/Indigenization Coordinator

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<p><b>A. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM</b></p> <p>The regular meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm. Quorum was reached.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p><b>B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COAST SALISH TERRITORY</b></p> <p><i>Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here. &lt;<a href="http://camosun.ca/learn/school/indigenous-education-community-connections/about/index.html">http://camosun.ca/learn/school/indigenous-education-community-connections/about/index.html</a>&gt;</i></p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p><b>C. CHECK-IN</b></p> <p>Bijan welcomed the Council and guests to the meeting. He opened the floor to give time to those who wished to share their thoughts about how things are going.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi

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<p><b>D. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</b></p> <p>The agenda for <a href="#">Sept 21, 2022</a> was approved by unanimous consent.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p><b>E. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL</b></p> <p>The minutes for the <a href="#">June 22, 2022</a> special and regular meetings were approved by unanimous consent.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<b>F. REPORTS</b>	
<p><b>1. Education Council Chair</b></p> <p>Bijan made Council aware that the nomination period for the by-election for Education Council is currently underway and closes on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. He asked that if anyone knows any faculty or students that are interested to reach out to them and have them nominate. The election period takes place from the 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of October. He also noted that we are short a non-voting member (Indigenization Coordinator) due to staffing changes in Eyē? Sqâ'lewen, with that position having yet to be filled. He stated that Council does have members that identify as Indigenous, as well as allies that recognize that Indigenization is a cornerstone of the principles of the College; Council should be considering that lens as well when reviewing curriculum.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p><b>2. VP Education</b></p> <p>John noted that he has been greeted by people being happy to be back and seeing things closer to normal. Classes are fairly full, with growth in international students and a slight drop in domestic. Everyone is working hard and endeavouring to continue making Camosun better and to improve the way we support students. He thanked everyone at the table and asked all to extend that appreciation across the College, and for patience towards all who are taking on new roles at the College.</p>	John Boraas
<p><b>3. Board Member</b></p> <p>Karen reported that the Board had an orientation for the members on September 8. The regular meeting on September 19 was rescheduled to October 3 due to the closing of the College in observance of Queen Elizabeth's passing. There are currently no further updates.</p>	Karen Young
<b>G. COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	
<p><b>Education Council Policy and Standards Committee</b></p> <p>Pete reported that the committee had their first meeting of the academic year on Friday, September 9. Membership on the Committee was discussed due to retirements (Janice Simcoe, Allison Bowe). The Committee welcomed a new member, Puja Gupta (Faculty, School of Access) and are looking for more participants, including at least one student rep. Sekwan Wabasca will be representing Eyē? Sqâ'lewen. A review of new and existing policy work for the year</p>	Peter Moroney

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<p>was conducted. There was an open discussion regarding what the Committee would like to see in terms of policies that need to be addressed.</p> <p>The Final Exam Reschedule and Repeat policy was discussed, which has been under development for some time while receiving continued feedback. The Grading Policy has a clause that is under discussion for revision to the language and will be reviewed again at an upcoming meeting. Academic Concessions is being brought forward today for EdCo consultation.</p>	
<b>H. INTEGRATED CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT</b>	<b>Connie Klassen</b>
<p>Connie reported that the Committee had its first meeting on September 14. Some curriculum was reviewed and will hopefully be brought forth in October's EdCo for approval. ICC is short staffed, with some members on leave and only partial coverage in place.</p>	
<b>I. ITEMS FOR PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION</b>	
<p><b>Academic Concessions initial policy consultation</b></p> <p>Rashed provided an overview about the Academic Concessions policy initiative and shared concerns that were raised in his initial meet with the Student Society. The main concern is that the policy may limit some of the flexibility that currently exists for students and instructors. Rashed asked the Council: Given the Student Society's concerns with a proposed policy, what direction does EdCo recommend?</p> <p>After questions and discussion, the Council recognized that a policy could be helpful in providing a framework of expectations and parameters and does not need to limit the ability of instructors and students to work out reasonable concessions as may currently happen. In support of this approach, Education Council recommends that policy work and consultations continue.</p>	<b>Peter Moroney/ Rashed Al-Haque</b>
<p><b>EdCo Members Welcome/Orientation</b></p> <p>Bijan welcomed Ignacio Dinamarca (student) to the Council. He noted that expectations of the Council will be presented once all new members have joined after the by-election in October. The EdCo Members' Guidebook was reviewed with the Council and is posted on the <a href="#">EdCo SharePoint</a>.</p> <p>Bijan encouraged Council members to reach out to him with any questions, points, or concerns. He noted that meetings will continue to be conducted at the three locations (boardroom at either campus, or Teams).</p>	<b>Bijan Ahmadi</b>
<b>J. ADJOURNMENT</b>	<b>Bijan Ahmadi</b>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm.</p>	