



Education Council

Ensuring that our students are provided with quality educational experiences

APPROVED Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 pm

P216, LACC 321, MS Teams

Present

Voting Members

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| 1. Alexis Martfeld, Faculty | 7. Heather Del Villano, Administration |
| 2. Andrea Kucherawy, Support Staff (Vice-Chair) | 8. Isabel Grondin, Faculty |
| 3. Bijan Ahmadi, Faculty (Chair) | 9. John Boraas, Administration |
| 4. Blair Fisher, Faculty | 10. Mark Fournier, Faculty |
| 5. Derek Murray, Faculty | 11. Nicholas Read, Faculty |
| 6. Edgar Nelson, Faculty | 12. Tia Primrose, Support Staff |

Non-Voting Members

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| Christopher Avis, Interim ICC Chair | Lane Trotter, President |
| Dr. Monty Bryant, Board of Governors | TBA, Indigenization Coordinator |

Guests: Sybil Harrison, Associate VP Education & Innovation; Peter Moroney, Education Policy & Planning; Richard Doucet, Eyē? Sqā’lewen; Cuma Yilmaz, T&T Faculty

Regrets/Absent: Steven Rumpel, Lois Fernyhough, Ivy Bell, Navreet Singh Sidhu, Ritika

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<p>A. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM</p> <p>The regular meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm. Quorum was reached.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COAST SALISH TERRITORY</p> <p><i>Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Ləkʷəŋən and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here. <http://camosun.ca/learn/school/indigenous-education-community-connections/about/index.html></i></p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>C. CHECK-IN</p> <p>Bijan welcomed the Council and guests to the meeting and provided members an opportunity to share any School, unit, or personal updates that they had.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>D. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p>	Bijan Ahmadi

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The agenda for June 12, 2024 was approved by unanimous consent.	
E. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL	Bijan Ahmadi
The minutes for the May 15, 2024 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.	
F. REPORTS	
1. Education Council Chair	Bijan Ahmadi
Bijan thanked members who attended the Special Election and thanked Chris for running the meeting (Bijan Ahmadi acclaimed as Chair, Andrea Kucherawy acclaimed as Vice-Chair). He recognized and thanked the five members of the Council whose terms are coming to an end (Ryan Russell, Ed Nelson – faculty; Ivy Bell, Navreet Singh Sidhu, Ritika – students).	
2. Provost and VP Education and Innovation	John Boraas
John acknowledged this time of the year that highlight the accomplishments of the College and the students we serve, noting the celebrations of student awards season and graduation. He thanked everyone who serves the students and the aims of the College, and to share that pride and appreciation with their colleagues.	
3. Board Member	Dr. Monty Bryant
Monty reported that the audited financial statements for year ending March 31 were presented to the Board with a \$1.1 million surplus. KPMG report indicated no audit findings. Laura Friesen and Heather Del Villano provided a presentation on the Employment Training and Preparation program. The Institutional Accountability Plan and report was presented by Rodney Porter. The Board approved this, subject to approval by the executive committee once the information comes back from the Ministry. Tanya Clarmont was re-elected as Board Chair until 2025.	
G. COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Education Council Policy and Standards Committee	Peter Moroney
Pete reported that the committee met on June 3. The Academic Accommodations Concessions Policy was discussed, looking at splitting out the human rights accommodations from regular concessions. What has emerged is that while we have a robust framework in place for academic accommodations for persons with disabilities, we don't have that for other human rights accommodations that we are obligated to fulfill. Strategies were discussed around how to deal with this, with continued conversations to be had.	
Following the discussions had at EdCo regarding the Education Council bylaws, the proposed changes were reviewed and discussed. This included a report by Bijan from the Academic Governance Council meetings he attended. There are two items that P&S is settled on and that EdCo will likely support, in addition to the one	

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outstanding item of adding an Indigenous voice to EdCo. This will be covered during the consult later on.	
H. INTEGRATED CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT	Christopher Avis
Regular Curriculum for Approval	
Whereas: The Integrated Curriculum Committee has reviewed and had consensus to recommend full approval of the following curriculum:	
HHS: COMMUNITY FAMILY CHILD STUDIES	
HLTH 110	
Motion:	
That Education Council approves changes to the curriculum as submitted:	
Moved by: Andrea Kucherawy	
Seconded by: Heather del Villano	
Motion Carried	
I. PRESENTATION – STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY FINDINGS	Sybil Harrison
Sybil presented on the Student Experience Survey Findings from 2024, highlighting the feedback students provided about their experience in classes and courses. This year’s survey theme asked questions about demographics, learning skills and other outside factors that impact the student’s ability to have a successful learning experience. There were 1,934 participants/20% participation rate. She’s hopeful that the College can review and identify areas to respond to, and to connect back to the students who responded to the survey. Council members provided feedback regarding considerations for future student surveys.	
J. EDUCATION COUNCIL BYLAWS – CONSULT	Bijan Ahmadi Peter Moroney
Bijan provided an update on the discussions about the Education Council Bylaws and the changes being considered (Potential role of Education Council Coordinator (strike in sec. 4 – Permanent Secretary and insert, Education Council Coordinator); Pete’s role - he’s a member of two EdCo sub-committees (P&S/ICC) thus sufficient to maintain him as a non-voting member). These will be brought forward later.	
He shared what he brought forth to Policy & Standards regarding the addition of an Indigenous Voice/Representative voting member, and how we could move it forward. He attended the Academic Governance Council meeting last month, where he provided insight on how other institutions are adding membership to their councils. The advice he received was, “Who are we to say what to do?” We need to step away from the current, move back to the edge, and recognize that to provide effective and valuable Indigenous voice, we should draw from the Indigenous community and ask them how best to do that. By doing that, it’s not just educational leadership asking Todd what to do but drawing it back to a larger community. We need to engage more Indigenous voices within this process. Bijan	

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<p>has asked Todd for guidance to find the community or group that can help this decision to move forward. He is committed to engaging with a broader Indigenous community to ask what the best process looks like from their perspective, and to bring that back to Policy & Standards and ultimately EdCo. To ensure the work that we do moving forward represents not our belief of what is right, but something that is drawn from the community that we're trying to represent. He sought Council's support in taking these next steps.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to attend an upcoming P&S Committee meeting in the fall where this is on the agenda for continued discussion.</p>	
<p>K. MOTION FOR APPROVAL</p>	<p>Peter Moroney</p>
<p>Motion: To add Johanna Hurtubise as a panelist to the Education Council Academic Appeals Panel:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved by: Bijan Ahmadi Seconded by: Nicholas Read Motion Carried</p>	
<p>L. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Bijan Ahmadi</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm.</p>	