



Education Council

Ensuring that our students are provided with quality educational experiences

APPROVED Minutes

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, Sept 18, 2024

4:00 - 6:00 pm

P216, LACC 321, MS Teams

Present

Voting Members

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| 1. Alexis Martfeld, Faculty | 9. John Boraas, Administration |
| 2. Andrea Kucherawy, Support Staff (Vice-Chair) | 10. Lois Fernyhough, Faculty |
| 3. Bijan Ahmadi, Faculty (Chair) | 11. Mark Fournier, Faculty |
| 4. Blair Fisher, Faculty | 12. Michael Liu, Faculty |
| 5. Courtney Neidig, Faculty | 13. Scott Harris, Administration |
| 6. Derek Murray, Faculty | 14. Steven Rumpel, Administration |
| 7. Heather del Villano, Administration | 15. Tia Primrose, Support Staff |
| 8. Isabel Grondin, Faculty | |

Non-Voting Members

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| Christopher Avis, Interim ICC Chair | TBA, Indigenization Coordinator |
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Guests: Peter Moroney, Education Policy & Planning; Rob Thompson, Ombudsperson; Cuma Yilmaz, T&T Faculty

Regrets/Absent: Lane Trotter, Monty Bryant, Nicholas Read, Purav Yashpal

ITEM	PRESENTER
<p>A. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM</p> <p>The regular meeting was called to order at 4:02 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, new members, and guests to the meeting. Breakout groups were set up for members to introduce themselves and share with their group about what has excited them recently.</p>	Bijan Ahmadi

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D. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>The agenda for Sept 18, 2024 was approved by unanimous consent.</p>	
E. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>The minutes for the June 12, 2024 Special Election and Regular meetings were approved by unanimous consent.</p>	
F. REPORTS	
1. Education Council Chair	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>Bijan recognized Rob Thompson (Ombudsperson) as a guest and thanked him for his interest in Council. He acknowledged Peter Moroney as a guest and reminded members that there were no concerns around a revision to the bylaws to correct an errata around the placement of the Director of Education Policy and Planning as a non-voting council member. This is recognized in the EdCo Members’ Guidebook, as well as the revision of the Permanent Secretary to the Education Council Coordinator role.</p>	
<p>Bijan reminded Council of the upcoming by-election. Nominations are open for the three remaining student positions that are available. He encouraged members to advise students who may be interested.</p>	
2. Provost and VP Education and Innovation	John Boraas
<p>John welcomed everyone to another semester of the good work that we all do. He reported that the first meeting of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force is next week, with a good cross section of faculty, staff, administration, and students. This includes Bijan in his role as Education Council Chair. The purpose of the task force is to guide the number of projects and the work that needs to occur so that we’re well prepared for seeing both the student use of AI and how we use it operationally at the college in an ethical and good way. Council will be updated on the task force progress.</p>	
<p>In recognition of John’s upcoming retirement, Mark Fournier expressed his appreciation for John’s many years of service to the College, to Education Council, and for his support, guidance, wisdom, and leadership.</p>	
3. Board Member	Bijan Ahmadi (for Monty Bryant)
<p>Bijan reported that the Board had their welcome meeting on September 16 and had the opportunity to meet the new member and discuss meeting operations. A short video on Robert’s Rules was shown and the link to that video will be provided to EdCo members.</p>	
G. COMMITTEE REPORTS	

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<p>Education Council Policy and Standards Committee</p> <p>Pete reported that the committee’s first meeting will be on September 27. The Education Council bylaws will be coming back again, and several other policy items are still being worked on. He extended an invitation to Council for anyone to attend any of the meetings as a guest. He reviewed the committee’s membership list and noted that they are seeking new members and that those interested can initiate by first attending as a guest.</p>	Peter Moroney
<p>H. INTEGRATED CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT</p>	Christopher Avis
<p>Chris expressed his thanks to John for all his work regarding the Education Approvals process and the addition of Curriculog. He extended his appreciation to John and Connie Klassen for the introduction of the Faculty Curriculum Leads. Chris invited members who are either involved in bringing curriculum through the Ed Approvals process or are simply curious about the committee’s workings to attend a meeting as guests.</p> <p>He informed Council curriculum that there was no regular curriculum for approval and provided an overview of the curriculum that is currently under review.</p>	
<p>I. NEW EDUCATION COUNCIL MEMBERS’ WELCOME/ORIENTATION</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>Bijan provided a welcome orientation for new and current members. He offered new members to reach out to him for further guidance and/or to be connected with another member for support.</p> <p>The 2024-2025 EdCo Members’ Guidebook and Welcome Orientation slide deck are posted on the EdCo SharePoint.</p> <p>Bijan encouraged all Council members to read the Guidebook and reach out to him with any questions, points, or concerns.</p>	
<p>J. ADJOURNMENT</p>	Bijan Ahmadi
<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.</p>	