

Draft Minutes Approved November 7, 2024

Attendance

Members

Program Faculty:

- Jillian Garrett, Education Council Chair (Arts)
- Brenda Ridgeley (Business)
- Brett Wade (Health and Social Development)
- Morgan Martin (Science and Technology)
- Kelly Brochu (Trades and Apprenticeship)

Regional Faculty:

- Eva Gavaris (South Okanagan)

Support:

- Kristine Wickner (Support)
- Michelle Somerville (Support)

Regrets

- Leanne Mallory, Vice Chair (Faculty, North Okanagan)
- Amelia Leader (Student, North Okanagan)
- Cindy Battersby (Board of Governors)
- Neil Fassina, President
- Danny Marques, Associate Dean, Trades & Apprenticeship
- Inga Wheeler, Registrar

Guests

Presenting:

- Devin Rubadeau, Dean Strategic Enrolment

Students:

- Emmarith Balili (Central Okanagan)

Educational Administrators:

- Samantha Lenci, Provost and Vice President Academic
- Chris Newitt, Associate Dean Arts and Foundational
- Joan Ragsdale, Special Advisor, In-community Program Design

Non-voting:

- Rhea Dupuis, Director Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation
- Lianna Lillies, Associate Registrar

Recording:

- Kristen Wiebe, Governance & Privacy Coordinator

Topic

Action

1. CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established and the meeting was called the meeting to order at 4:05p.m.

The Chair welcomed members.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair shared a personal experience about National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

K. Brochu agreed to give the land acknowledgement for November.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

An amendment was made to move 4.3 to item 4.1. Amendments were requested and will be made to item 3.1(i) - September 12, 2024 Minutes.

MOTION "THAT Education Council approves the October 3, 2024 agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda as amended."

3.1 Consent Agenda

- i. Education Council Minutes – September 12, 2024

E. Gavaris

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 International Enrolments

The Dean, Strategic Enrolment gave a presentation, noting there are 2000 international students representing approximately 66+ countries. The process for getting international students on site and supports available to them after they get here was outlined. Recruiters meet with students and their families in their home country and are guided through the application process. An overview of services for students including homestays, post graduate work permits, cultural liaisons, settlement coordinators, orientations and special events was outlined. An overview of student success across portfolios was provided, noting that: 8% of international Arts students made the Dean's List, 15% for Business, 7% Science and Technology and that this level of achievement is similar to domestic students.

A member asked about support for language and it was noted that each student needs to demonstrate english language proficiency requirements similar to national standards at other post-secondary institutions. Additional language supports are available through the library and access to tutors.

A member asked about students who meet the language requirements and struggle once they arrive. It was suggested that the gap can be a result of language comprehension and application outside of proficiency testing.

A question was raised about the use of agencies for recruitment and it was noted that students and agents still go through Okanagan College recruiters.

C. Newitt joined the meeting at 4:23p.m.

A member asked about how the agent pool is evaluated and it was outlined that agents are assessed on their ability to demonstrate recruited students' pathways to success in College programs.

A member asked about the programs that are residence pathways from post-graduate work permits and it was noted that most two-year programs and some certificates qualify.

A member asked about numbers of International students and it was suggested that changes at provincial and federal levels.

D. Rubadeau left the meeting at 4:35p.m.

4.2 Governance Review

The Chair noted that a motion was previously brought forward to approve the terms of reference for the Ad Hoc Governance Committee and extend their term to June 2025.

A proposal for the governance review was outlined, including retiring the Ad Hoc governance Committee and a review led by the Chair. The rationale was presented that the committee has only two remaining members and would need to be re-established, as well as the significant work and time commitments required for a new committee to complete the governance review within the term that was previously approved. The Chair noted that resource persons will be the governance office and former Chairs and the Vice Chair, who will support the drafting and review process before items are approved by the Council.

Members inquired about the work done by the Ad Hoc Governance Committee to date and it was noted that Education Council members could be added to the Microsoft Team to access the Committee's research.

ACTION: Add Education Council members to the Ad Hoc Governance Team.

MOTION “THAT the Education Council approve retiring the ad Hoc Governance Committee.”

C. Newitt

CARRIED

MOTION “THAT the Education Council delegate the governance review to the Chair and approve the Proposal and Timeline for Governance Review as presented.”

M. Somerville

CARRIED

4.3 Education Council Schedule

The Chair reminded the Council that the schedule was discussed at the September meeting and highlighted the proposed changes to hold meetings at other campuses and the inclusion of strategy meetings.

E. Balili joined the meeting at 4:54p.m.

It was suggested that the Council could consider meetings starting earlier. A member asked about the budget meeting, and it was noted that is normally held in February. Coordinated carpooling from Kelowna campus was suggested.

Faculty members were reminded to submit scheduling requests to their departments to ensure their attendance at meetings.

MOTION “THAT the Education Council approve the 2025-2026 Council Schedule as presented.”

M. Martin

CARRIED

E. Balili abstained given they were not present for the proposal.

4.4 Committee Appointments

The Chair provided an overview of the Standing Committee vacancies and responsibilities, and asked members to support recruitment for the open positions.

Motion: “THAT Education Council approve the appointment of Brenda Ridgeley to the Operations Committee.”

S. Lenci

CARRIED

Motion: “THAT Education Council approve the appointment of Karmen Krahn to the Academic Regulations and Policy Committee.”

M. Martin

CARRIED

Motion: “THAT Education Council approve the appointment of Wendy Wheeler to the Curriculum Criteria and Calendar Committee.”

K. Brochu

CARRIED

The Chair asked for nominations for the Academic Regulations and Policy and Operations Committee and Operations Committee. No nominations were offered for the Academic Regulations Committee. E. Gavaris was nominated for the Operations Committee.

Motion: “THAT Education Council approve the appointment of Eva Gavaris to the Operations Committee.”

J. Garrett/ KB

ACTION: Nominations outstanding for the Academic Regulations and Policy Committee.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Council Chair

The Chair provided a report and noted the Curriculum Criteria Committee will meet next in October to discuss standard course outlines and learning outcome requirements.

The Chair noted that in November, there will be approximately 40 curriculum proposals across Trades and Apprenticeship, Science and Technology, and Arts and Foundational Programs.

An update was given on the Shuswap/Revelstoke regional faculty seat where the nomination period has been extended five times. That term will be to June 2025.

5.2 Provost and Vice President Academic

The Provost and Vice President Academic (Provost) gave a report highlighting the following:

- Work on the Academic Year Schedule Policy at the Academic Regulations and Policy Committee.
- Resource planning is underway for the next year.
- Discussions around academic parchments and academic progression for apprenticeships are ongoing with Skills Trades BC.
- New federal policies are expected to affect international enrolment however the impacts are yet to be determined. The College anticipates that programs may need to be aligned to National Occupation Codes.

A member asked about pathways for current students and it was noted that students who have applied by November 1st are unlikely to be affected.

The Provost expressed appreciation for the international enrolment presentation and follow-up.

A member asked about enrolment numbers and it was noted that the data is being newly collected and a dashboard is being developed by the Data Analytics and Research team. Open enrolment and micro-credential pathways were suggested as potential options to bring in new students. The Provost suggested that micro-credentials can be used as a recruitment tool and as a testing ground to develop new programs.

5.3 Registrar

The Associate Registrar provided a report, noting the Central Okanagan seat will be filled through byelection. No students have come forward for the Education Council positions so the call for nominations has been extended.

5.4 Board of Governors Report

The Board Representative was absent and no report was provided.

6. OTHER BUSINESS & BUSINESS ARISING FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No other business was raised.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:17p.m.

CARRIED