

## Attendance

### Members

#### Program Faculty:

- Jillian Garrett, Education Council Chair (Arts)
- Christopher Torrie (Foundation)
- Morgan Martin (Science and Technology)
- Kelly Brochu (Trades and Apprenticeship)

#### Regional Faculty:

- Leanne Mallory (North Okanagan)
- Bryan White (Shuswap Revelstoke)
- Wendy Wheeler (South Okanagan Similkameen)

#### Support Staff:

- Michelle Somerville
- Vivian Moretti

#### Students:

- Chelsey Simmons (Central Okanagan)
- Shirelle Nickoli (North Okanagan)
- Malachi Goosen (South Okanagan Similkameen)
- Sara Delgado Soto (South Okanagan)

### Regrets

- Neil Fassina, President
- Brenda Ridgeley (Faculty Representative, Business)
- Claude Hurtubise (Faculty Representative, Central Okanagan)

#### Educational Administrators:

- Samantha Lenci, Provost and Vice President, Academic
- Paul Martin, Dean, Teaching & Learning Innovations
- Chris Newitt, Associate Dean, Arts and Foundational
- Joan Ragsdale, Special Advisor, In-community Program Design

#### Non-voting:

- Inga Wheeler, Registrar
- Rhea Dupuis, Indigenous Advisor
- Cindy Battersby (Board of Governors)

#### Recording:

- Elaine Booi, Governance Administrator

### Guests

#### Presenting:

- Graeme Bowbrick, Governance

Topic	Action
<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>	Quorum was established and the meeting called to order at 3:02p.m.
<b>2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</b>	J. Garrett provided a land acknowledgement.
<b>3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	The Chair asked members if they had any amendments to the agenda. Members did not have any amendments and the Chair proceeded with reading the motion.

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<p><i>Recommended Motion: <b>THAT Education Council approves the December 11, 2025 agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda as presented.</b></i></p> <p><b>W. Wheeler</b></p> <p>3.1 Consent Agenda</p> <p>i. Education Council Regular Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2025</p>	<p><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><i>L. Mallory joined the meeting at 3:08p.m.</i></p>	
<p><b>4. NEW BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p>Professional Development</p>	
<p>4.1 Education Council Governance Presentation</p>	
<p>G. Bowbrick delivered a presentation outlining the authority of Education Council and the Board of Governors under the College and Institute Act.</p>	
<p><i>R. Dupuis joined the meeting at 3:16p.m.</i></p>	
<p>Following the presentation, G. Bowbrick invited questions from members. Members asked about the post-secondary system review, collective agreements, the role and authority of Deans in curriculum matters, general advice, and how policies and procedures are interpreted and applied in terms of governance.</p>	
<p><i>C. Torrie joined the meeting at 4:05p.m.</i></p>	
<p>G. Bowbrick responded to member's questions and provided clarification where needed. The Chair thanked G. Bowbrick for their time and for sharing their expertise with the committee.</p>	
<p><i>The Chair called for a recess at 4:24p.m.</i></p>	
<p><i>The Chair called the meeting back to order at 4:45p.m.</i></p>	
<p>4.2 Teaching &amp; Learning Innovations Presentation</p>	
<p>The Dean of Teaching and Learning Innovations delivered a presentation on learning outcomes and provided an overview of their department's role in supporting teaching and learning at the College.</p>	
<p><i>S. Nickoli left the meeting at 4:50p.m.</i></p>	
<p>Members asked questions about the distinction between learning outcomes and learning objectives. A student representative shared that the learning outcomes in their courses align well with the curriculum. Members discussed how the number of learning outcomes varies across programs, noting that some trades courses may include many learning outcomes because they require students to develop a wide range of specific skills. The Provost added that the nature of outcomes can vary depending on where a course sits within a program.</p>	
<p><i>B. White left the meeting at 5:51p.m.</i></p>	
<p>A member asked about the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in teaching and shared feedback from high school teachers who are seeing increased incidents of student academic integrity violations. The member asked whether high schools should be preparing students more intentionally for post-secondary expectations. The Dean of Teaching and Learning Innovations responded that learning outcomes are beginning to address the use of AI and that as AI tools evolve, skills such as memorization may increase in importance.</p>	

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The Chair noted that further discussion on this topic may continue at the January Education Council meeting and thanked the Dean of Teaching and Learning Innovations for their time and expertise.	
<b>5. REPORTS</b>	
5.1 Education Council Chair	
The Chair noted that the Provincial Academic Governance Council (PAGC) met at the end of November for their Fall meeting. The Chair added that the College will host the spring PAGC meeting at the end of May, 2026.	
5.2 Academic Governance Committee	
The AGC did not have a meeting scheduled for December and the next AGC meeting is on January 15, 2026.	
5.3 Integrated Curriculum Committee	
The ICC reviewed curriculum proposals at the December 4, 2025 meeting that will be presented at the January 22, 2026 Education Council meeting.	
The next ICC meeting is on January 8, 2026.	
5.4 Provost and Vice President Academic	
The Provost noted that several members of the College are participating in a national AI strategy, contributing to discussions occurring across the country. AI also frequently comes up in meetings with the Okanagan College Students' Union, reflecting its growing relevance in teaching and learning.	
The Provost provided an update on the provincial public post-secondary education system review. Information will be collected by January 15, the first draft of the review is expected by February 15, and the final draft is scheduled for completion on March 15, 2026.	
5.5 Registrar	
The Registrar noted that the search for a Health and Social Development Education Council member is ongoing.	
5.6 Board of Governors	
The Board representative provided a report of recent Board approvals and highlighted that a new Board Chair was elected, Dustyn Baulkham and Andrea Alexander was re-elected as the Board Vice Chair	
<b>6. OTHER BUSINESS &amp; BUSINESS ARISING FROM CONSENT AGENDA</b>	
No other business was raised.	
<b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>	
The meeting was adjourned at 6:14p.m.	