

**Okanagan College Education Council  
Minutes of Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:00 pm  
Via Collaborate**

**Present:** A Hay, B Burge, W Gillett, R Tyner, D Silvestrone, M Somerville, C Farrow, D Marques, G Coulthard, N Davis, A Schmidt, K Douglas, C Newitt, T Walters, V Neykov, J Hamilton, C Leong

**Regrets:** R Sawatzky, R Whermann, S Cook, A Krebs

**Absent:** M Chibota, S Stirling

**Guests:** R Huxtable, R Lowe-Walker, A Mackie, F Birker, A Kilic, T Islam, M Sale, B Clements, K Rempel, M Kline, R Darbyson, E Mitropolsky, S Watson

**Recorder:** M Welsh

**1. Determination of quorum and call to order**

C Newitt called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

**Motion:** N Davis/ V Neykov

That Education Council approves the agenda as presented.

**Carried**

**3. Approval of the minutes**

**Motion:** A Hay/ V Neykov

That Education Council approves the minutes of the May 7, 2020 Education Council meeting as presented.

**Carried**

**4. Business arising**

**5. New business**

**5.1 CPRC – AFP curriculum**

**a. New course: PHIL 270**

**Feminist Philosophy**

**Motion:** T Walters/ V Neykov

That Education Council approves the new course: PHIL 270 Feminist Philosophy as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:

- R Lowe-Walker advised that this course fills a gap in offerings within the philosophy department. Traditionally, the history of philosophy has been male dominated. Within the last 50 to 60 years, a uniquely feminist voice has emerged, which studies a more nuanced understanding of social justice. This course is long overdue for the College and will appeal to students from a wide variety of disciplines.
- A member noted that the cross listing language used in the course description is not consistent with other courses in the calendar. It should read, "this course is also offered as GSWS 270. Students with credit for GSWS 270 cannot take PHIL 270 for further credit."

**Carried**

- b. New course: GSWS 270 Feminist Philosophy**  
**Motion:** M Somerville/ T Walters  
That Education Council approves the new course: GSWS 270 Feminist Philosophy as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- As above.  
**Carried**
- c. Course revision: EAPD 040 Academic Discussion Skills 4**  
**Motion:** M Somerville/ A Schmidt  
That Education Council approves the course revision: EAPD 040 Academic Discussion Skills 4 as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- R Huxtable noted the increase in hours will aid in student success.  
**Carried**
- d. New course: FREN 106 Beginners' French II**  
**Motion:** V Neykov/ G Coulthard  
That Education Council approves the new course: FREN 106 Beginners' French II as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- R Huxtable explained that the department is renumbering a series of their courses to provide a clearer sequencing for students. FREN 106 is a new course in this series and will replace FREN 102.  
**Carried**
- e. Course revision: FREN 105 Beginners' French**  
**Motion:** K Douglas/ M Somerville  
That Education Council approves the course revision: FREN 105 Beginners' French as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- F Birker noted that the calendar description and content have been revised.  
- A member questioned the reference to FREN 110 in the course description. F Birker advised that this was an old course that has not been offered for years.  
- A member noted typos in the course description.  
**Carried**
- f. Course revision: FREN 111 Introductory French I**  
**Motion:** M Somerville/ A Schmidt  
That Education Council approves the course revision: FREN 111 Introductory French I as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- As above.  
- A member noted that French 11 should be a prerequisite.  
**Carried**
- g. Course revision: FREN 121 Introductory French II**  
**Motion:** K Douglas/ N Davis  
That Education Council approves the course revision: FREN 121 Introductory French II as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- As above.  
**Carried**
- h. Course deletion: FREN 102 Oral Expression II**  
**Motion:** V Neykov/ A Schmidt  
That Education Council approves the course deletion: FREN 102 Oral Expression II as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:  
- F Birker noted that FREN 106 is replacing FREN 102.  
**Carried**

**i. Course revisions:**

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| <b>POLI 202</b> | <b>Women and Politics</b>                |
| <b>POLI 204</b> | <b>Canadian Environmental Policy</b>     |
| <b>POLI 206</b> | <b>Religion and Politics</b>             |
| <b>POLI 210</b> | <b>Canada and the United States</b>      |
| <b>POLI 211</b> | <b>Comparative Government</b>            |
| <b>POLI 220</b> | <b>The Politics of Human Rights</b>      |
| <b>POLI 221</b> | <b>Global Politics</b>                   |
| <b>POLI 222</b> | <b>Global Political Economy</b>          |
| <b>POLI 240</b> | <b>Contemporary Political Ideologies</b> |

**Motion:** D Silvestrone/ V Neykov

That Education Council approves the course revisions: POLI 202 Women and Politics; POLI 204 Canadian Environmental Policy; POLI 206 Religion and Politics; POLI 210 Canada and the United States; POLI 211 Comparative Government; POLI 220 The Politics of Human Rights; POLI 221 Global Politics; POLI 222 Global Political Economy; and POLI 240 Contemporary Political Ideologies as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:

- A Kilic noted that the revisions are to address inconsistencies in the prerequisites.
- She added that the prerequisites for POLI 202 should include three credits of GSWS, not GSWS 100.

**Carried**

**j. Course revision: POLI 219 Canadian Public Administration**

**Motion:** V Neykov/ G Coulthard

That Education Council approves the course revision: POLI 219 Canadian Public Administration as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:

- A Kilic noted that she would like to revise the course description further to include the various levels of government. She will email the new description to M Welsh.

**Carried**

**k. Course revisions:**

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| <b>POLI 326</b> | <b>Politics of the Middle East</b>       |
| <b>POLI 339</b> | <b>Sustainable Development</b>           |
| <b>POLI 346</b> | <b>Institutions of Global Governance</b> |

**Motion:** D Silvestrone/ V Neykov

That Education Council approves the course revisions: POLI 326 Politics of the Middle East; POLI 339 Sustainable Development; and POLI 346 Institutions of Global Governance as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:

- A Kilic noted that the prerequisites are being revised for clarity. The prerequisites in these courses are more conservative than other institutions while also allowing students flexibility.

**Carried**

**l. Course revision: CRIM 220 The Politics of Human Rights**

**Motion:** V Neykov/ D Silvestrone

That Education Council approves the course revision: CRIM 220 The Politics of Human Rights as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:

- This course is cross-listed with POLI 220.

**Carried**

**m. Course revision: GSWS 202 Women and Politics**

**Motion:** C Farrow/ M Somerville

That Education Council approves the course revision: GSWS 202 Women and Politics as recommended by the CPRC – AFP:

- The prerequisites are to be revised as per POLI 202.

**Carried**

C Newitt noted that it is important for members to understand their role on Education Council under the College and Institute Act. Education council holds sole authority over academic standards and curriculum. Education Council's main job is quality control – do the proposed courses meet the standard for academic quality at Okanagan College; do the programs fit the missions, visions, and values of Okanagan College; and can the curriculum achieve the learning outcomes defined in the program or course?

Over the past month, there have been a number of questions regarding aspects of workflow, in particular, consultation. Consultation is a required step in Education Council's workflow, but there seems to be some confusion regarding the nature and outcome of consultation. Consultation with stakeholders or interested parties is not an approval process; it is an information-gathering step. Consultation does not always result in agreement; departments or individuals may have contrary viewpoints and Education Council should consider various perspectives before coming to a conclusion on any motion. Just as nothing precludes the Economics department from bringing ECON 251 forward, nothing precludes Math from bringing a very similar course forward.

Open and honest consultation should be a foundation of Education Council's working principles. It is important to collect and coalesce the thoughts and opinions of the diverse discipline experts at the College. The purpose of consultation should be to improve the quality of the proposals coming to Education Council and to inform Education Council regarding potential issues in proposals.

The form, function, and reporting of consultation in curriculum development is a matter to be determined by Education Council. As Education Council moves forward with the implementation of new curriculum and calendar management software, questions of how consultation occurs and how it is documented in the system will be discussed. Questions surrounding the consultation process will likely be on the Education Council agenda in the fall to bring clarity for all system users.

A Hay commented on the email regarding ECON 251 that was sent out to Education Council members earlier this week. There were some inaccuracies in the statements made that needed clarification. Professor Hobart indicated that he felt the Dean of AFP felt no consultation was necessary. This was not the case. A Hay consulted with the Dean and he never suggested this. Second, Professor Hobart noted a meeting was scheduled at a time he could not attend on purpose. This was not the case. A Hay conferred with the Dean of AFP and he confirmed that this was untrue and they did not know Professor Hobart's schedule.

**n. New course: ECON 251 Economic Data: Prediction, Analysis and Presentation**

**Motion:** T Walters/ D Silvestrone

That Education Council approves the new course ECON 251 Economic Data: Prediction, Analysis and Presentation as presented:

- B Clements advised the intent of the course is to offer economics students knowledge around the use of data from an economic perspective. The intent is to explore the economic use of data, or econometrics. Students find this topic interesting and were looking to learn more.
- The course has been revised since it was on the May 2020 Education Council agenda. The course description is updated as well as some updated topics and learning outcomes, based off consultation with the Math department. The Math department proposed a statistics prerequisite. The economics department felt a statistics prerequisite was not required and that it might reduce enrollment. They based their decision by comparing ECON 251 to similar courses at other institutions, which did not have statistics prerequisites. ECON 251 is not statistics focused; it is an applied approach to how data is used.
- A member questioned why there was no lab component if students are expected to develop skills in Microsoft Excel. B Clements noted that the course will be offered

virtually and students will work through problems using Excel, but it is not a main component of the course.

- Members noted that the calendar description listed in the proposal did not match what is in the course outline. B Clements will send the correct description to M Welsh.
- A member suggested having a statistics course as a recommended prerequisite.
- A member noted that PSYC 260 has a recommended statistics prerequisite and students who have a statistics background do much better than students without. He added that having a recommended prerequisite would help students without hurting enrollment.
- B Clements noted that his Education Council experience has been interesting. He would like to continuing working with other departments. If it helps make things better for all involved, he would agree to a recommended statistics prerequisite.
- A member suggested an amendment to the motion.

**Motion:** T Walters/ M Somerville

That the course be revised to include STAT 121 as a recommended prerequisite.

- R Huxtable felt that B Clements was agreeing to the amendment just to move away from conflict.
- A member spoke against the suggested amendment, noting that he also felt the main reason B Clements was contemplating adding the recommended prerequisite was no to improve the course, but to make it more likely that Education Council would approve the course. He added Education Council has an obligation to respect departmental expertise. Another member agreed.
- Another member noted that there is a difference between recommended and required prerequisites. In astronomy, Math 11 is strongly recommended. Students without a math background do not do as well as students with a math background. It is important that students know what to expect.
- B Clements noted that students would receive enough of a statistics background to succeed in ECON 251 with the required ECON 115 and ECON 125 prerequisites.

**Amended motion denied with 9 opposed and 2 in favour**

**Carried with 1 opposition and 1 abstention**

## **5.2 Curriculum recommended by Continuing Studies**

### **a. Program revision: Basic Accounting Certificate**

**Motion:** D Silvestrone/ V Neykov

That Education Council approves the program revision: Basic Accounting Certificate as recommended by the CPRC – BUS and Continuing Studies:

- M Kline advised that the proposal has to do with housekeeping updates. The program has not been to Education Council in a long time. All instructors, stakeholders, and the business department were consulted.
- R Darbyson noted that the learning outcomes have not changed much, but are just more concise and consistent. The revisions bring the program into better alignment with the business department.

**Carried**

### 5.3 Curriculum recommended by the CPRC – BUS

- a. New course: BUAD 115 Introduction to Tourism**  
**Motion:** M Somerville/ A Schmidt  
That Education Council approves the new course: BUAD 115 Introduction to Tourism as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- K Rempel noted that this course is to replace the previously deleted BUAD 206.  
**Carried**
- b. Course revision: BUAD 351 Tourism Planning and Development**  
**Motion:** N Davis/ M Somerville  
That Education Council approves the course revision: BUAD 351 Tourism Planning and Development as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- The prerequisites are being revised to include BUAD 115.  
**Carried**
- c. Course revision: BUAD 358 Global Trends in Tourism and Hospitality**  
**Motion:** M Somerville/ N Davis  
That Education Council approves the course revision: BUAD 358 Global Trends in Tourism and Hospitality as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- As above.  
**Carried**
- d. Course revision: TOUR 105 Introduction to Tourism**  
**Motion:** K Douglas/ V Neykov  
That Education Council approves the course revision: TOUR 105 Introduction to Tourism as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- K Rempel advised that the department wants to ensure students do not take TOUR 105 and BUAD 115 at the same time.  
**Carried**
- e. Course revision: TOUR 200 Tourism Sector Study**  
**Motion:** D Silvestrone/ V Neykov  
That Education Council approves the course revision: TOUR 200 Tourism Sector Study as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- As above.  
**Carried**
- f. Course revision: TOUR 209 Tourism Law**  
**Motion:** V Neykov/ M Somerville  
That Education Council approves the course revision: TOUR 209 Tourism Law as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- K Rempel noted that as the course is similar to BUAD 209, the prerequisites should be consistent.  
**Carried**
- g. New course: BUAD 460 Investing in Financial Institutions**  
**Motion:** K Douglas/ C Farrow  
That Education Council approves the new course: BUAD 460 Investing in Financial Institutions as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
- E Mitropolsky advised that this course has been taught for three years as a special topics course and has received a positive response from students.  
- A member noted that the calendar description is a bit awkward. E Mitropolsky will revise the description and send it to M Welsh.  
**Carried**

- h. Course revision: BUAD 344 Marketing Analytics and Data Analysis**  
**Motion:** V Neykov/ G Coulthard  
 That Education Council approves the course revision: BUAD 344 Marketing Analytics and Data Analysis as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
 - K Rempel advised that the course has been gaining interest from students in other faculties, particular students in the Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics. These students take a different statistics course than business students (STAT 230) and the department was having to sign a waiver to allow the Post Baccalaureate students to take the course. In consultation with the math department, the business department determined that STAT 230 is an appropriate prerequisite for this course.  
**Carried**
- i. Program revision: Bachelor of Business Administration – Finance Specialty**  
**Motion:** A Schmidt/ M Somerville  
 That Education Council approves the program revision: Bachelor of Business Administration – Finance Specialty as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
 - BUAD 460 is being added to the program.  
**Carried**
- j. Program revision: Bachelor of Business Administration – Tourism and Hospitality Management Specialty**  
**Motion:** C Farrow/ G Coulthard  
 That Education Council approves the program revision: Bachelor of Business Administration – Tourism and Hospitality Management Specialty as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
 - In addition to other cleanups, BUAD 115 is being added to the program.  
**Carried**
- k. Program revision: Business Administration Diploma – Tourism and Hospitality Management Option**  
**Motion:** V Neykov/ M Somerville  
 That Education Council approves the program revision: Business Administration Diploma – Tourism and Hospitality Management Option Specialty as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
 - As above.  
**Carried**
- l. Program revision: Business Studies Certificate – Tourism and Hospitality Management**  
**Motion:** D Silvestrone/ M Somerville  
 That Education Council approves the program revision: Business Studies Certificate – Tourism and Hospitality Management as recommended by the CPRC – BUS:  
 - As above.  
**Carried**
- 5.4 Schedules**
- a. OADM 2020 – 2021 Schedule**  
**Motion:** C Farrow/ V Neykov  
 That Education Council approves the OADM 2020 – 2021 Schedule as presented for recommendation to the Board:  
**Carried**

## **5.5 Standing committee reports**

- a. Operations Committee
  - Meeting next Thursday to approve candidates for graduation.
- b. ARP Committee
  - Not met.
- c. CCC Committee
  - Not met.
- d. Tributes Committee
  - Not met.

## **6. Reports**

### **6.1 Council Chair's report – C Newitt**

- This is the last Education Council meeting before the summer. C Newitt hopes to get rolling with the CCM project more in the fall. There will be a lot of opportunities to discuss issues like consultation and workflow as the team moves through the implementation of Kualii.

### **6.2 President & Vice-President Education report – A Hay**

- A Hay noted that many people are participating in Haircuts for Healthcare.
- A member noted that his faculty collective agreement defines online classes as special classes and continuing faculty members cannot be offered special classes. A Hay advised that they are working with deans from all departments as to what the fall will look like. Most courses will be online in one format or another. They are also working with the OCFA to move forward accordingly.

### **6.3 Registrar's report – B Burge**

- No report.

### **6.4 Board of Governor's report – S Cook**

- No report.

### **6.5 Curriculum and calendar management project update**

- The team is working on moving data out of Banner and into Kualii.
- B Burge added that the team is moving forward with the calendar portion of the project as well.

**7. Date, time of next regular meeting – Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

**8. Deadline for agenda items – Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 12:00 pm**

**9. Adjournment at 5:58pm.**