

OKANAGAN COLLEGE EDUCATION COUNCIL

APRIL 2008 ELECTION

Candidate Biographies

(Transcribed as submitted)

SUPPORT STAFF ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES FOR POSITION NUMBER ESS

Dieno, Sarah

I completed my B.A at the University of British Columbia in 2004. I then taught English in Taiwan for a year and a half. I currently work at the Kelowna campus for Arts and Foundational Programs.

Mendoza, Sandra

I started work at Okanagan College, Vernon in 1991, with the Volunteer Literacy Program. In 1993, I moved to the North Kelowna and KLO Campuses to work with Disability Services. From 2001 to the present I have worked in Campus Admin in Penticton. Last year I was voted onto Education Council and I would be very willing to complete a 2 yr term.

Rozniak, Lianne

I have worked for 19+ years in the Office of the Registrar. I started as a clerk on the front counter dealing with students on a day to day basis, assisting them in reaching their educational goals. Three years ago I became the Coordinator of Records & Registration with a staff of 7 people and in this position I provide training and supervision to all support staff in Records & Registration in Kelowna and the outlying campuses. I assist in the provision of computerized registration and records functions for all programs at all OC centres.

The success of our institution lies first with student success and in order to have this we must build on Okanagan College's value of being a learning centre. I see the Education Council as a group to keep this goal in the fore front and steer the institution to become Learner Centred.

I believe that I can bring insight to the committee as my day to day job is dealing with programs that the institution offers and I am aware of the challenges that can arise in this situation for both the institution and students alike. I feel that this position would help me grow personally and I can give back to the institution some of the knowledge that I have gained.

FACULTY ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES FOR POSITION NUMBER EFP2-1 (Business)

Cook, Derek

It has been almost three years since I came to Kelowna to teach at Okanagan College and I would now like to contribute to the future of the college as a member of Education Council.

My work experience spans more than thirty years, much of the time with the Business Development Bank of Canada, initially as a lender working with entrepreneurs across western Canada, and later as a senior member of the Human Resources group in Montreal. I then spent several years in the private sector as a Vice-President, Human Resources, first with a small public company in the securities industry and later with a large manufacturer in the automotive sector. I started teaching on a full-time basis with St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario, before moving out to Kelowna to join Okanagan College in the summer of 2005.

My education includes an International MBA from the University of Toronto as well as professional designations in accounting (CGA), human resources (CHRP) and financial planning (CFP).

Since coming to Okanagan College, my teaching focus has been in the accounting/finance areas with particular emphasis on financial planning and investments. In addition to my teaching activities, I have served as Chair of the Human Resources Committee for the Business Department and I am currently chair of the Curriculum Proposal Review Committee (Business), a standing committee of Education Council. I am also serving in my second year as a member of the OCFA Council.

I am confident that I can make a contribution as a member of Education Council and I would appreciate your support.

Nicholson, Michelle

MICHELLE NICHOLSON, MBA, CGA

Michelle became a Certified General Accountant in 1987 and enjoyed a success business career until 1998 when she joined Okanagan University College as a college professor on term appointment. In 2001, after completing her Masters in Business Administration, she was appointed to a continuing position in the Business Administration department. Michelle has always been a very active member of the college and local business community. She has served on the BuAd Programs Review committee since 1998 and chaired the committee from August 2003 through September 2006. In the past, Michelle has also served on the OUC email selection committee, BuAd hiring committees, a grade appeals committee, and has been a shop steward for the KLO campus. She has attended Chamber of Commerce events and meetings, has volunteered as the treasurer for a Kelowna city councillor's election campaign, volunteered for several Junior Achievement events at local elementary schools, and volunteered as a judge at the regional debate tournaments for grade school students in Kelowna. Currently she is a member of the Business faculty Professional Development committee, chairs the Professional Allowance committee, serves as the OCFA Secretary/Treasurer, serves as the Business representative on Education Council, chairs the Academic and Regulations Policy Standing Committee, and is chair of the Business Administration department.