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Registration and ClassFinder Changes

With growth in both domestic and international enrolments at Okanagan College, the Strategic Enrolment Management committee, which is comprised of a number of leadership team members, set forth a number of initiatives. Some of these initiatives change the way registration information is provided to students and staff. These changes are being implemented to ensure that there is a healthy balance of domestic and international students in any given class. This balance is important to provide a positive learning environment for all students, to ensure that OC teaching staff are able to meet the needs of all learners, and to promote diversity in the classroom and build upon global citizenship.

ClassFinder will now only display the days and time courses are offered and who will be teaching the course. The second change, coming within the next week, is that another version of ClassFinder will be made available within

myOkanagan. This version will provide a customized view to the student based on their login ID. From this version, students will be provided with information on whether or not there is still a seat in a course or if the course is waitlisted. Also soon available will be a way for Advisors and other student support staff to have the information they need to advise students

Refund Policy Update

Please note, there have been some minor changes made to the Tuition Refund Policy in the Calendar. The deadline to receive a tuition refund for summer and distance education courses will follow the important dates schedules.



Staff at the Kelowna campus attended a barbecue organized by the Social Committee on May 28.

Preferred Email

Just as a reminder, when entering students' email addresses in Banner, please ensure you set one as their "preferred" address. If there is no address marked as preferred, the CRM system will not send them any emails.



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Education Council News

Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in June. Please view the *Items Approved* or *Minutes* for details.

Program Revisions

Advanced Certificate in Communication

An English language requirement will be added to admission requirements.

Proposed date of implementation is November 2018.

Environmental Studies Diploma

New courses will be offered in the Environmental Arts, Environmental Management and the Environmental Studies options.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2018.

EAP Certificate

Lower level listening/speaking courses will be added to the program to accommodate those students who are assessed below the current lowest level of courses.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2018.

New Courses

- ELLS 010 - English Language Listening and Speaking Level 1

Course Revisions

- EAPD 010 - Academic Discussion Skills 1
- EAPD 020 - Academic Discussion Skills 2
- EAPD 030 - Academic Discussion Skills 3
- EAPD 040 - Academic Discussion Skills 4
- EAPR 010 - Academic Reading Skills 1

- EAPR 020 - Academic Reading Skills 2
- EAPR 030 - Academic Reading Skills 3
- EAPR 040 - Academic Reading Skills 4
- EAPW 010 - Academic Writing Skills 1
- EAPW 020 - Academic Writing Skills 2
- EAPW 030 - Academic Writing Skills 3
- EAPW 040 - Academic Writing Skills 4
- ESLE 010 - ESL Listening and Speaking Level 1
- ESLE 020 - Listening and Speaking Level 2
- ESLR 012 - Introduction to Reading - Academic
- ESLR 022 - Reading Improvement
- ELRW 014 - Reading and Writing Level 1
- ESLW 011 - Introduction to Writing
- ESLW 021 - Writing Improvement

Course Deletion

- ELRW 024 - Reading and Writing Level 1

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2018.

Details of EdCo approvals can be found at: okanagan.bc.ca/edco.

Please note that all new programs and all program changes require Board approval.

Staff Update

The Registrar's Office has welcomed two new students to the office, working in the areas of events and recruitment.

Nicole Hart will be assisting with organizing the new student orientation event for September as

well as helping out at recruitment events and giving campus tours to prospective students. Paula Verhopen will also be working on recruitment events and leading campus tours.

June 2018

- 13** Last day to: submit a grade appeal
- 22** Regular classes end for Summer Session I
- 26** Vernon Convocation
- 27** Summer Commencement
- 28** Summer Convocation

July 2018

- 2** Statutory Holiday
- 3** Classes begin for Session II
- 6** Last day to: receive a refund of tuition; register for a Session II course, drop a course; change course registration status
- 20** Last day to submit a grade appeal for Summer Session I



Staff ham it up on a golf cart during a fun social committee golf tournament June 11.

Recruitment News and Events

Salmon Arm

This month you can find the recruitment team from the Salmon Arm campus set up at a table at Piccadilly mall. Other events throughout the month included a table at a local soccer field on Saturday June 2 and 9, and the hidden job market workshop at WorkBC on June 7 and 28.

The annual Jump Start session for incoming students will be held on June 14. Shannon Kiehlbauch, Education Advisor, will be hosting this event with assistance from Financial Aid and the Recruiting team.

ASE students were treated to a special drumming session hosted by Dennis Paul, who invited his class to participate in the drumming.

Vernon

As the end of the school year approaches, Tawnya Cameron, Vernon recruiter, is wrapping up the last of her high school presentations and office hours, and attending exit interviews at many schools.

Tawnya and Kim Strilchuk, Vernon Education Advisor, hosted an annual Jump Start session on June 12 showing students how to build their schedules, use ClassFinder, register for courses, get on and off waitlists, and more.

Planning for the campus-wide Fall Orientation Day events and festivities is underway. The format of the event has changed this year as the Vernon Campus will follow the Carnival theme that other campuses have been using.

The day will be shorter and much more interactive. Please contact [Tawnya](#) if you are able to volunteer that day for: running games, serving at the drinks table, working at registration tables and draw tables, or helping out at the cotton candy and popcorn machines.

Kelowna

Blake Edwards, Kelowna recruiter, has been busy with event wrap-up and planning the Jump Start: New Student Meet & Greet Information Sessions. These sessions are an opportunity for new OC students to meet their instructors/professors and other students in their program, ask questions and prepare for September. The Engineering Technologies held their session on May 30 and over 60 students attended. Arts, Science and Business will be running sessions in June, July and August.

As Summer approaches, Blake's high school visits will end and resume again in September. Planning is well underway for the fall when he will make school visits, presentations and PSI-BC and out-of-province recruitment trips.

OC will be attending the Kelowna Downtown Block Party on July 21. If you want to get involved, contact [Blake](#).

Penticton

Marcy Trotter and Liana Swedahl represented Okanagan College at the first ever Exploring Health Careers Fair on May 23 at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre. The event explored potential health careers and showcased videos of Indigenous health professionals, tours of hospital departments, and a health career opportunity fair. Exploring Health Careers is a joint event organized in partnership with the Okanagan Nation Alliance, the Okanagan Training and Development Council and Interior Health.

Okanagan College's Penticton Campus hosted SD67's inaugural Inquiry Fair on June 5. The event featured 36 student projects on a wide range of topics in science, business, reading/writing, culture, music, sport, and fitness. Students presented their projects to their peers and the local community. Okanagan College faculty also ran sets of interdisciplinary activities emphasizing the value of inquiry and teamwork. We look forward to hosting this fair again next June!

Jump Start sessions are well underway. General Jump Start sessions were held June 5 and June 13 and a Human Kinetics session on June 12. A joint Information/Jump Start session focusing on the Sustainable Construction Management Technology program will take place on July 4. This session will also be live streamed on the Okanagan College – Penticton campus Facebook page. For the first time a Jump Start Session took place at Penticton Secondary, on June 14.