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Elections

Education Council and the Board of Governors spring elections take place March 26 to April 4 in myOkanagan.

Get your name on the ticket by filling in a nomination form between March 7 and 19, 2018. Positions are available for the following:

Support Staff

Education Council: 2 positions

Two eligible support staff from any College region.

Board of Governors: 1 position

One eligible support staff from any College region.

Faculty

Education Council: 6 positions

One eligible instructional or non-instructional faculty member or vocational instructor from each of the following departments, selected from any of the four College regions: Business, Arts, Science and Technology, Health and Social Development, Trades, Foundational.

As well, there is a by-election for Education Council: 2 positions

One eligible instructional or non-instructional faculty member or vocational instructor from each of the following College regions: North Okanagan, Shuswap Revelstoke

Board of Governors: 1 position

One eligible instructional or non-instructional faculty member or vocational instructor from any of the four College regions.

Visit your myOkanagan account for all the details. Questions can be addressed to Inga Wheeler, Chief Returning Officer at iwheeler@okanagan.bc.ca.

Maximum Course Enrolment

This section in the Calendar has been clarified and now reads:

Written approval from the appropriate dean or designate is required for academic degree, diploma and certificate students who wish to enrol in more than 18 credits in the fall or winter semester or more than 12 credits over the two Summer Sessions. This policy does not apply to students who are enrolled in the Engineering Technology programs.

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Education Council News

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

New Program

Applied Bachelor of Arts: Social Development and Research

This degree will complement the two existing baccalaureate degrees already available by providing an Arts alternative.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2019.

Program Revision

Trades Technology Teacher Education Diploma

A digital media course with content designed to specifically meet the needs of TTTE students will be added.

Proposed date of implementation is March 2018.

Business Studies Certificate - Financial Services

Two course names have been changed.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2018.

Business Administration Diploma - Financial Services Option

Three course names have been changed.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2018.

Bachelor of Business Administration - Finance Specialty

Three course names have been changed.

Proposed date of implementation is September 2018.

New Courses

- FNIL 110 - Indigenous Regional Languages I
- FNIL 120 - Indigenous Regional Languages II
- IDST 200 - Psychosocial Cultural Challenges Across the Lifespan
- IDST 400 - Professional Codes of Ethics
- PHIL 411 - Professional Ethics
- PSYC 348 - Evidence Based Practice - Theory
- PSYC 365 - Qualitative Methods and Analysis
- PSYC 470 - Program Evaluation
- SOCW 309 - Interview and Assessment Skills
- SOCW 320 - Case Management and Transition to Practicum
- SOCW 321 - Social Policies: Protection/Welfare of Children and Families
- SOCW 410 - Individual and Environmental Intervention
- ARTS 498 - Practicum
- ARTS 499 - Capstone Project

Course Revisions

- BUAD 234 - Risk and Retirement Planning
- BUAD 235 - Wealth Management and Estate Planning
- BUAD 356 - Contemporary Practices in Financial Planning

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2018.

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

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

Registrar's Office Renos Begin

Beginning March 19 through to mid-April, the Registrar's Office will be undergoing upgrades to the front counter, creating a bit of a mess.

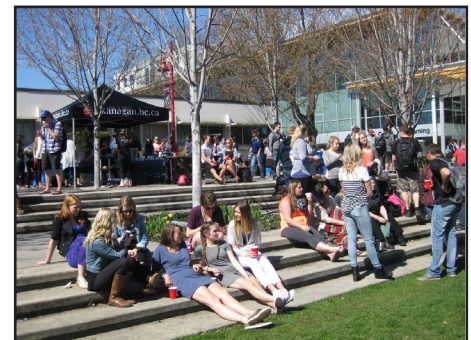
We're sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

March 2018

- 11 Daylight Savings Time
- 13 Stress Less Fair (Salmon Arm)
- 30 Good Friday (College closed)

April 2018

- 2 Easter Monday (College closed)
- 3 It's a Wrap student appreciation event (Penticton)
- 12 It's a Wrap student appreciation event (Kelowna)
- 16-26 Final exam period



Each year students enjoy some sunshine and fresh air at the Kelowna campus during an annual It's a Wrap event, celebrating the end of the Winter semester and the beginning of summer break for many. Each Okanagan College campus will be holding similar events for students in April.

Recruitment News and Events

Salmon Arm

The North Okanagan is one of the largest high tech centres outside of Vancouver. Last month the Salmon Arm campus was invited to attend the 3rd Annual Tech-Meet Up. This event highlights where, why and how high tech happens in the community. Okanagan College set up an interactive booth highlighting all of the exciting technology programs. A similar event took place in Revelstoke on February 22. The Revelstoke Tech Summit addressed opportunities in the tech job market, the diversity of careers and the skills required to be successful in the tech field.



OC will visit Sullivan High School on Friday, Mar. 9 with free pizza and lots of great advice for students! Professors and instructors will be on hand to run information tables and address student questions. Mehrnaz Kobari will also attend to answer questions about course planning, student services, financial aid options and more.

Vernon

The Vernon campus hosted their annual Spotlight Sessions in Arts, Science and Business on March 1. Planning continues for the 15th annual Experience OC event, slated for the morning of May 2. Over the next month, Tawnya Cameron, Vernon recruiter, will also be giving six high school presentations, running several info booths in her area schools over the lunch period, attending two local job fairs, holding regular office hours at the schools each week and running an info table at the Enterprize Challenge in early April.

Kelowna



Experience OC was a huge success on February 15 with over 450 students attending. Thank you to all the instructors, professors, staff, and volunteers that helped out during the day – it was very much appreciated! Next year significant changes will be made to curb the low attendance levels. High school counsellors will be following up with students who missed sessions they had registered for. The feedback from



students and counsellors thus far has been great! Save the date for Experience OC 2019 – February 21.

The second semester for high schools has begun and the counsellors have been keen to have OC in for presentations, Ask Blake office hours, Student for a Day, and campus tours. The recruitment office is creating new promo materials to bring into the high schools to help with program yield.

Events coming up include an Education and Career Fair on March 12 in the Pit, Kelowna Fan Xpo the weekend of March 23-25, Animation Industry Night in April, Jump Start in May and June, and Kelowna Downtown Block Party on July 21.

Penticton

The Penticton campus had a great time representing Okanagan College in March at the Canadian Home Builder's Association Home and Reno show. OC recruiters connected with hundreds of people from the community at this event.



Liana Swedahl, Penticton campus Recruiter, has been connecting with local high school students through information booths and office hours at Penticton Secondary and Princess Margaret throughout February and March. Students at Princess Margaret loved the "OC" cookies we handed out over their lunch break!

Penticton's Experience OC event takes place Tuesday, May 1. This event gives local high school students the opportunity to take classes at the College for a day in a fun, academic environment. Session leaders from all subject areas are required. Please contact Liana Swedahl at lswedahl@okanagan.bc.ca if you are able to run one or two sessions that day.