

**Okanagan College Education Council
Minutes of Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:00 pm
Via Collaborate**

Present: A Hay, B Burge, W Gillett, R Tyner, M Somerville, C Farrow, G Coulthard, C Newitt, V Neykov, S Lembke, A Krebs, B Wyatt, M Rice, S Bajwa, C Leong, D Slack, J Ragsdale, D Marques, S Cook, T Walters

Regrets: Y Khmelevsky, N Fassina

Absent: N Davis

Guests: M Magas, S Sakakibara, L Thurnheer

Recorder: M Cabral

1. Determination of quorum and call to order
C Newitt called the meeting to order at 4: 00pm

2. Adoption of the agenda
Motion: R Tyner/ A Krebs
That Education Council approves the agenda as presented.
Carried

3. Approval of the minutes
Motion: B Wyatt/ G Coulthard
That Education Council approves the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Education Council meeting as presented.
Carried

4. Business arising

5. New business

5.1 Curriculum recommended by the CPRC - STH

a. Program revision: Health Care Assistant

Motion: V Neykov/ M Somerville

That Education Council approves the program revision: Health Care Assistant as recommended by the CPRC – STH:

- M Magas explained that the HCA program is recognized through the BC Care Aide Registry, whose English requirement is lower than what OC requires. The revision is to meet the Registry's requirement and standardize with other institutions across the province.
- A member questioned why the LPI test was referenced, if it was no longer offered. B Burge explained that this was for students who had previously taken the test.
- C Newitt noted a discussion at Dean's forum. One dean was concerned that lowering the English standard would not help students. OC is the only institution in the province that requires a higher level of English and it could effect enrollment. The department will monitor students under the new English standard and see if there are any performance issues.

- L Thurnheer added that a two year review will be done to assess the effect the new standard has had on students. She noted the Registry's English requirement is sufficient for students.

Carried

b. Articulation agreement: BSc. In Oenology and Viticulture between Brock University and Okanagan College

Motion: V Neykov/ A Hay

That Education Council approves the articulation agreement: BSc. In Oenology and Viticulture between Brock University and Okanagan College as recommended by the CPRC – STH:

- L Thurnheer explained that the agreement has been in the works for seven years. Students will complete their first and second years at OC then finish their honours degrees at Brock University. Brock is the leading university in Canada for the study of wine and viticulture. This will give students a chance to specialize and guarantee them a seat.

Carried

Break at 4:15 – 4:17

5.2 First call for nominations of Education Council Chair and Vice Chair

- B Burge noted that as per the Education Council bylaws, the election of chair and vice chair is held annually.
- C Newitt was nominated for the role of chair and accepted the nomination.
- D Marques was nominated for the role of vice chair and accepted the nomination.

5.3 Standing committee reports

- Operations Committee
 - Operations committee will meet April 6 to approve graduates.
- ARP Committee
 - Not met
- CCC Committee
 - Not met
- Tributes Committee
 - Not met

5.4 In camera session

Motion: M Somerville/ B Wyatt

That Education Council moves in camera.

Carried

March 25, 2021 Education Council meeting minutes

Motion: M Somerville/ V Neykov

That Education Council accepts the March 25, 2021 Education Council meeting minutes as presented.

Carried

Motion: R Tyner/ V Neykov

That Education Council move out of camera.

Carried

6 Reports

6.1 Council Chair's report – C Newitt

- No report.

6.2 President & Vice-President Academic and Provost report – A Hay

- A Hay advised that the Board of Governors approved the budget, programming plan, and ITA plan as reviewed by Education Council last week.
- He added that today is new president, Neil Fassina's first day at OC. He will likely be at the May Education Council meeting.

6.3 Registrar's report – B Burge

- No report.

6.4 Board of Governor's report

- No report.

6.5 Curriculum and calendar management project update – Kualii presentation

- C Newitt introduced members to the Kualii system, showing them the course form, program form, and proposal workflow.
- A Hay left at 4:36 pm.
- A member questioned if there will be training videos. C Newitt advised that the registrar's office is working on this.
- A member questioned how difficult it is to learn the new system. C Newitt advised that the Kualii system is very intuitive and user friendly. It is much easier to understand and work through than the current PDF forms. He is currently working on a handbook to help guide users through the system.
- C Farrow left at 4:49 pm.
- B Burge added that the source data comes from Banner. The team is going through the system and confirming all information is up to date and correct. The next calendar will likely be drawn from Kualii and will have a very different look and feel from the current calendar. The rendering will be very responsive to whatever technology or browser people are using. The team is working to make content readable and accessible.

7. Date, time of next regular meeting – Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 4:00 pm

8. Deadline for agenda items – Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm

9. Adjournment at 4:52pm.