

**Okanagan College Education Council
Minutes of Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:30 pm
S 103B – Student Services Boardroom – Kelowna Campus & Zoom**

Present: A Hay, D Marques, B Burge, M Somerville, B Penfound, S Lembke, J Garrett, A Krebs
(Zoom): R Tyner, A Alexander, M Martin, B Hall, L Mallory, T Walters

Regrets: N Fassina, W Gillett, J Ragsdale, D Mehus

Absent:

Guests: R Federley, J Hobart, Y Khmelevsky, G Moir

Recorder: S Gayle

1. Determination of quorum and call to order

D Marques called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Motion: A Krebs/J Garrett

That Education Council approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Approval of the minutes

Motion: M Somerville/B Penfound

That Education Council approves the minutes of the September 15, 2022 Education Council meeting as presented.

- The following revisions will be made:

- **Number adjustment on page 2**
- **Addition of the word academic in item 6.2 - line 2 to reflect academic policies**
- **Heading change on page 3**

Carried as amended

4. Business arising

5. New business

5.1 Curriculum recommended by the CPRC – BUS

a. Course revision: BUAD 461 Applied Corporate Finance

Motion: S Lembke/A Hay

That Education Council approves the course revision: BUAD 461 Applied Corporate Finance as recommended by the CPRC - BUS:

- G Moir outlined that the revision was a prerequisite change which now allows more flexibility for students.
- Removal of BUAD 354 and BUAD 361.

Carried

5.2 Curriculum recommended by the CPRC – ST

a. **New course: DSCI 351 Discrete Structures for Data Science**

Motion: B Penfound/A Krebs

That Education Council approves the new course: DSCI 351 Discrete Structures for Data Science as recommended by the CPRC - ST:

- J Hobart provided the committee with an overview of the proposals under review and outlined that the DSCI 351, Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics and Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Health Analytics proposals were all connected.
- DSCI 351 was created as a more focused course for students of the post-baccalaureate programs as the curriculum for MATH 251 could not be changed.

Carried

b. **Program revision: Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics**

Motion: J Garrett/M Somerville

That Education Council approves the program revision: Post- Baccalaureate Diploma in Marketing and Data Analytics as recommended by the CPRC - ST:

- Program revision reflects the removal of MATH 251 from the required course listing and placing as an alternative with DSCI 351.
- J Garrett sought clarification on whether the new course DSCI 351 would still be relevant as a prerequisite if some aspects were removed.
- J Hobart clarified that core material/components were present.

Carried

c. **Program revision: Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Health Analytics**

Motion: A Krebs/B Penfound

That Education Council approves the program revision: Post- Baccalaureate Diploma in Health Analytics as recommended by the CPRC - ST:

- Program revision reflects the removal of MATH 251 from the required course listing and placing as an alternative with DSCI 351.

Carried

d. **Program revision: Database and Big Data Management**

Motion: J Garrett/A Krebs

That Education Council approves the program revision: Database and Big Data Management as recommended by the CPRC - ST:

- Change in program/specialization name.
- Y Khmelevsky outlined that the change reflects alignment with industry standards.
- Consultation with relevant stakeholders determined that the name change is appropriate and reflects what currently exists.

Carried

5.3 2023 – 2024 Academic Schedule

Motion: A Hay/J Garrett

That Education Council approves the 2023 – 2024 Academic Schedule as presented.

- B Burge provided an overview to the committee regarding the 2023 – 2024 Academic Schedule adjustment noting that the current proposal is similar to what was done for the 2022 schedule.
- It is unknown how September 30, 2023 will be observed as it will fall on a Saturday.
- Tentative dates have been included in the proposed schedule. If the flexibility/choice is given, a recommendation will be made to observe the September 30th holiday on a Friday.

Carried

5.4 Permanent Acceptance of Duolingo as a language Proficiency Exam

Motion: M Somerville/A Krebs

That Education Council approves the acceptance of the online Duolingo to assess applicant/student English language proficiency for applicants going forward.

- B Burge provided an overview of the information noting that Duolingo was utilized when the Language Proficiency Index (LPI) assessment ended.
- This option as an English language assessment was being approved each year. The current proposal is for the permanent acceptance of the Duolingo assessment going forward.
- A recommendation was made to the committee for an evaluation to be done regarding a comparison of the Duolingo and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) assessments.

Carried with 1 opposed

5.5 Second and Third Call for nominations for Education Council Vice Chair

- D Marques vacated the role of Chair at 4:57 pm and B Burge took control of the floor.
- The second and third call were made for the role of Vice Chair for Education Council (EdCo).
- J Garrett was acclaimed to the role of Vice Chair.
- D Marques resumed the role as Chair at 4:58 pm.

5.6 Standing committee reports

- a. Operations Committee
 - Minutes to come in camera.
- b. ARP Committee
 - Not met.
- c. CCC Committee
 - Not met.
- d. Tributes Committee
 - Not met.

6. Reports

6.1 Council Chair's report – D Marques

- D Marques informed the members that there is ongoing discussion around credits and the policy associated with same.
- Members were reminded of the current student vacancies on the EdCo committee.
- Members of the committee made suggestions regarding using different avenues to get the information across to students.

6.2 VP Academic and Provost report – A Hay

- Nothing to report.

6.3 Registrar's report – B Burge

- Nothing to report.

6.4 Board of Governor's report – A Alexander

- Nothing to report.

7. In camera session

Motion: A Krebs/J Garrett
That Education Council moves in camera.
Carried

a. September 20, 2022 Operations Committee minutes

Motion: M Somerville/S Lembke
That Education Council accepts the September 20, 2022 Operations committee meeting minutes as presented.
Carried

Motion: A Hay/B Penfound
That Education Council moves out of camera.
Carried

8. Date, time of next regular meeting – Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 4:00 pm.

9. Deadline for agenda items – Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

10. Adjournment at 5:06 pm

Motion to adjourn: S Lembke/A Krebs
Carried