

Meeting Minutes

Education Council

Date: March 1, 2017

Time: 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Meeting location: SE40, Royal Oak Boardroom

In attendance: Jennifer Figner, Chair; Chris Wiebe, Vice Chair; Andrea Matthews; Anthony Chan; Angie Chan; Bob Gill; Dominic Terrado; Harj Dhaliwal; Mark Overgaard; Michael Currie; Richard Plett; Tom Roemer; Trudy Bruce

Official Guests: Dawna Mackay; Kory Wilson; Robyn Lougheed; Tracy Wang

Minute taker: Joanne Schaap

Regrets: Kathy Kinloch; Anita Shen; Craig Cowan; Eric Fry; Joanne Atha; Mitra Zamini-Rad; Sanesh Iyer;

Chair Jennifer Figner called the meeting to order at 2:30.

Action Items / Discussions:

1. Approval of Agenda
MOTION: It was moved by Richard Plett and seconded by Harj Dhaliwal and carried that the agenda be approved.
2. Approval of Education Council Meeting Minutes
MOTION: It was moved by Trudy Bruce and seconded by Anthony Chan and carried that the Minutes of Feb. 1, 2017 be approved.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the Minutes.
4. Reports
 - 4.1 Report from the Chair – Jennifer Figner
 - a. Jennifer Figner reported that the Board of Governors met on Feb. 14, 2017. There were no Education Council items brought forward to that meeting. She also attended a meeting with the School Quality Committee Chairs, and with Matthew May, the President of the Student Association. She is working with Matthew and Dominic to improve the orientation and engagement for new students coming onto Council.
 - b. Learning and Teaching Framework, James Rout, Brian Fehr, Brian Hosier
James Rout and team gave a presentation on the Learning and Teaching Framework. They showed a video entitled “What is 21st century education?” He outlined the history that brought his team to this point in creating the Learning and Teaching Framework (L&TF). Four themes as guiding principles were synthesized from the contributions of students, faculty and staff.

Brian Fehr outlined the research process that was undertaken and gave details on the four themes:

1. Program and curriculum design aligned with workplace needs
2. Student-centred, active and experiential teaching and learning practices
3. Faculty empowered by instructional skills and learning support systems
4. Learning environments that foster growth and creativity

Brian Hosier noted that there will be a 1.5 day conference June 7 and 8 to launch the L&TF. Resources are needed to activate the Framework. Questions were taken from Council. It was noted that this is a draft copy but can be referenced by other groups, such as curriculum reviews. It was suggested that the names of the people involved in forming this document be included. The student information system needs to be updated; resources are required for this.

Council showed support for this Framework with an informal vote.

4.2 Institutional Report, VP Academic – Tom Roemer

Two deans have recently been hired: Leelah Dawson, School of Business; and Sharmen Vigouret Lee, School of Health Sciences. An Associate Dean, Todd Odgers, has been hired for International.

BCIT's 2017-18 budget will be presented to the Board of Governors in March. At a recent meeting of BC Association of Institutes and Universities which Tom attended, the provincial budget was discussed and it was noted that there was funding for education but nothing specific for post-secondaries. Applied research strategy was also discussed. It was noted that the new curriculum for K-12 includes a move away from letter grades and towards activity-based marks. This will be problematic for post-secondaries which base their admissions on grades. This could also provide us an opportunity to review our admissions systems and implement changes.

4.3 Report from Students – Dominic Terrado

There have been several events from the Student Association over the past month. In February they hosted the annual mental health awareness week "Speak up Speak out." They also sponsored the Float your Boat competition at Marine Campus. Recently they had a social mingler for two schools at the pub, the SoE and the SoHS. Their bi-election for VP External and VP Finance and Administration had a very good turnout.

5. Report from Standing Committees

5.1 Programming Committee – Chris Wiebe

Chris reported that the Programming Committee has no submissions to bring forward.

5.2 Policy Committee – Michael Currie for Craig Cowan

The Policy Committee met on Feb. 8, 2017 and reviewed Policy and Procedure 5401, Program Development and Change. The VP Academic office has been working on initiatives related to the credentialing of BCIT programs. Policy and procedure 5401 have been impacted, resulting in the formation of a new procedure. The policy was also renamed. This resulted in the following structure for the 5401 grouping:

- Policy 5401: Program Development and Credentials
- Procedure 5401-PR1: Credentialing of Programs
- Procedure 5401-PR2: Program Development and Change Processes
- Procedure 5401-PR3: Requesting Exemption from Educational Policies

MOTION: It was moved by Michael Currie and seconded by Chris Wiebe that Policy 5401 Program Development and Credentials, and Procedures 5401-PR1, 5401-PR2 and 5401-PR3 be approved as presented. The motion was carried with one abstention.

6. New Business

6.1 Exemption from Education Policy, Diploma, 3-D Modelling, Art & Animation

Exemption from Procedure 5003-PR1 states a maximum of 50% of the credits for an additional credential may be awarded through previously earned BCIT credits, transfer credits or a combination of the two. Procedure 5003-PR1 allows a maximum of only 55 credits to be applied.

Graduates of the Certificate program who wish to obtain the new Diploma are required to complete a minimum of 14 additional credits of course work. They are prevented from applying all of their 69 certificate credits towards the new 110 credit Diploma.

MOTION:

It was moved by Jennifer Figner and seconded by Michael Currie that the request for exemption from Education Policy (Procedure 5003-PR1) for the Exemption from Education Policy, Diploma, 3-D Modelling, Art & Animation be approved. Questions were taken from the floor. The motion was carried.

6.2 Exemption from Education Policy on Harmonization

This request applies to ITA sponsored Foundation Certificate programs during the Harmonization process. For major changes, the office of VP Academic forwards the proposed changes to Education Council for further consideration and approval. However, ITA is implementing Harmonization of apprenticeship trades training in a very short time line. Due to tight timeline, Council is being asked to delegate authority to the VPAO to review, approve and implement major changes to impacted foundation certificate programs during this specific harmonization process. Major changes to any programs with content beyond ITA foundation will still require Education Council approval. They will in turn report back to Education Council on all major changes approved under this exemption.

MOTION:

It was moved by Richard Plett and seconded by Trudy Bruce that the request for exemption from Education Policy (Procedure 5401-PR1) for the ITA sponsored Foundation Certificate programs be approved. Questions were taken from the floor. The motion was carried with one abstention.

7. Any Other Business

There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting Date

Wed. May 10, 2017, 2:30-4:30, Royal Oak Boardroom

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40.