

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Chair advised members that there is a side-table item to add to the Agenda under 4.1c).

The Chair asked members to approve a fluid Agenda, Council agreed and the Agenda was approved as revised.

The Chair noted the addition of item 5.7 Stagecraft Program Name Change.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 15, 2010 MINUTES

The Minutes were approved as presented.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Policy Items

4.1a) *Credentials Awarded at Douglas College* Policy

The Chair referred to the documents in the package as well as ones brought forward from the previous meeting.

Ted James agreed, as noted by a member, that the wording in the revised

concerning the recognition of Major and Minor on student transcripts. A suggestion was made to amend the language as follows: (**amendment in bold**)

The primary area of focus (i.e. Major or area of concentration)
_____ on the transcript
and be determined by depth in a given area of study (i.e. a
minimum of 30 credits of upper levels courses in the discipline).
A secondary area of focus (i.e. Minor or Specialization) within a
_____ on the transcript and be
determined by depth in a second area of study (i.e. 15 or more
upper levels credits for a Minor, 12 or more credits, with at least 6
at the upper levels, for a Specialization).

The members also heard discussion around the Graduation Eligibility wording,

MOVED by B. Hardy; SECONDED by K. Denton,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve the revision to the *Credentials Awarded at Douglas College Policy* as amended.

The Motion was CARRIED.

- 4.1 b) Revision of the *Academic Standing Policy* Gold Cord
The Chair referred to the documents.

(amendment in

bold)

Students whose GPA score ranks in the top ten percent of student GPA scores in each credential (**based on qualifying courses for that credential**), and whose GPA is at least 3.33 (based on the same qualifying courses) when applying to graduate, will be recognized at graduation with the presentation of a Gold Cord Award.

MOVED by J. Carrie; SECONDED by Z. Merchant,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council approve the revision to the *Academic Performance Policy* Gold Cord as amended.

The Motion was CARRIED.

- 4.1 c) Revision of the *Evaluation Policy*

4.2 Curriculum Committee Recommendations

An objection was raised with regard to two of the courses included in the recommendations; Mark 3280 and 4270. Though FEC had approved the courses, the faculty still felt there were some jurisdictional issues and wished to review closer.

The Chair advised that typically items that are FEC approved are given more weight, but that Education Council can still reconsider. The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of these courses because FEC has approved them. Responding to a question about the ramifications of not short-cycling these two courses, the Chair indicated that the timeframe exists to allow the FEC to discuss further and still put these courses into place by September. Though, she cautioned that the FEC has already discussed this issue twice,

THAT Education Council approve the revision of recognition of International Baccalaureate (IB) English and the admission requirements for the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Psychosocial Rehabilitation.

The Motion was CARRIED.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Affiliation Agreements

The Chair invited Betty Mitchell to speak to these items.

a) University of California, Riverside (UCR) and Berkeley (UCB)

Betty advised that this affiliation is part of a strategy for recruitment of International students who would like to get a degree from the United States, and to tap into that market more readily. She indicated that it would also open up the same opportunities for domestic students.

Responding to a query regarding costs to the student population as a whole, Betty indicated that this is a user-pay program; students would pay University of California non-resident tuition.

b) Université François Rabelais de Tours, France (UFR)

Betty indicated that this agreement is meant for student exchange purposes, whereby students from France can study in English here at Douglas, and vice versa. She noted that this institute has agreements with many universities in Europe and North America, and that Douglas is the only college with whom they are pursuing a relationship. When asked about costs, Betty advised that students would pay Douglas College tuition and study abroad, which would be a substantial savings.

In response to a question, Betty indicated that students would have to meet language requirements at both institutions. As well, Betty responded that there are numerous student assistance programs in place at both institutes.

The Motion was CARRIED.

And,

MOVED by G. Tennant; SECONDED by K. Yoshitomi,

BE IT AND IT WAS RESOLVED:

THAT Education Council recommend that the College Board withdraw the credential Diploma in Performing Arts Stagecraft.

The Motion was CARRIED.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Report from the Chair

The Chair reminded members that the May and June meetings will start at 2:15pm, and are scheduled for up to 3 hours in duration to accommodate year end business. She also noted that Council Elections will be held at the start of the May meeting, and that new and returning members will vote on Chair and Vice Chair positions. The Chair informed Council that both she and the Acting Vice-Chair will let their names stand, and she encouraged other interested members to do the same.

K. Yoshitomi raised a concern about the earlier meeting times, pointing out that members who teach in the Summer term may be unable to attend.

6.1a) Chair report to the Board

The Chair referred to the document in the package.

6.1b) Education Council Advice on 2010-2011 Budget

The Chair referred to the document in the package.

6.2 Report from the President

The President reported that the Board did receive the advice from Education Council, and that the Budget was passed as presented at the last Board Meeting.

6.3 Report from the Board Representative

Regrets.

6.4 Report from the Secretary

There was no report.

- 6.5 Report from the Curriculum Committee
There was no report
- 6.6 Report from the Standing Committee on Admissions and Language Competency Standards
There was no report.
- 6.7 Report from the Educational Excellence Committee
There was no report.
- 6.8 Report from the Standing Committee on Educational Policies
T. James reported that although the deadline for feedback on the *Program Advisory Committees and Withdrawals, Course and Status Changes* Policy has passed, he will still accept input.
- 6.9 Report from the Academic Signature Committee
There was no report.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair reminded members about these information items in their packages.

- 7.1 Concept Paper: Career Development Practitioner Certificate (CE)
- 7.2 Concept Paper: Anthropology Field School
- 7.3 Educational Technology Budget and Memo

ACTION: Please refer these items to your constituencies for information.

8. NEXT MEETING

May 17, 2010 2:15 5:15 p.m. in the Boardroom New Westminster Campus

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Z. Merchant; Seconded by D. Valeri, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

