



ATTENDANCE

Education Council Members

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| Louise Dannhauer (Chair) | Emily Simpson | Rosie Gosling |
| Adrian Lipsett | Lisa Beveridge | Todd Rowlett |
| Andy Sellwood | Mandy Hayre | Vivian Munroe |
| Brianna Higgins | Marcus Ng | |
| Dave McMullen | Michael Weber | |
| David Wells | Nafiseh Tohidi | |
| Emily Logan | Nelba Garcia | |

Regrets

Jessie Williams

Guests

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| Anastasiya Stolyarova | John Demeulemeester | Pervin Fahim |
| Brynn Joyce | Kseniia Osipova | Sarah Cain |
| Christina Carnacete | Lucy Griffith | Shirley Lew |
| Jennifer Kelly | Natasha Mandryk | Willy Aroca Aguirre |

Recording Secretary

Darija Rabadzija

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- B. Higgins acknowledged the College’s location on the traditional unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̓x̓ wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłw̓ ətaʔt (Tsleil-Waututh) peoples who have been stewards of this land from time immemorial and extended the acknowledgement to the ancestral territories of all participants joining remotely.

3. ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT Education Council adopt the February 10, 2026 agenda as presented.

Moved by L. Dannhauer, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

4. APPROVE PAST MINUTES

MOTION: THAT Education Council approves the January 13, 2026 minutes as presented.

Moved by L. Dannhauer, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

5. ENQUIRIES & CORRESPONDENCE

- L. Dannhauer is in conversation with C. Munro around the elimination of the Arbiter of Student Issues role and continuance of the ASI’s former functions at the College. Policies and terms of reference will eventually need to be updated.

- At the meeting, T. Rowlett inquired about the October 2025 Supreme Court ruling related to enrollment and program suspension authority at Thompson Rivers University, and potential implications for VCC's processes. There was a longer discussion, with D. Wells sharing system-wide context and updates from a recent closed VCC Board meeting, including plans for upcoming policy development.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

a. Deans' & Directors' Presentations – Part 2

- Annual updates were presented by S. Lew, Dean of Arts & Sciences and Library; L. Griffith, Dean of Trades, Technology and Design; and A. Lipsett, Dean of Continuing Studies.
- ABE (Adult Basic Education) was restructured to a subject-based model, supported by the new Upgrading Hub. Two degree proposals are under review by the Degree Quality Assessment Board DQAB (American Sign Language – English Interpreting and Music). Library highlights include the Indigenous Story Booth installation and the relaunch of the OER working group
- New trades programming is in development, and several trades programs are undergoing modernization to reflect the clean energy transition and strengthen partnerships with industry, secondary schools and system partners. The Modernized Apprenticeship Pathway (MAP) is a key initiative in the School of Trades, Technology and Design.
- In Continuing Studies, micro-credentials remain a priority. Key initiatives include strategic enrolment management, partnerships, and expansion of the Collaboration Framework (a curriculum-sharing framework for public BC institutions). The coming year will focus on industry-validated program development, increased corporate training, conferences such as CredX, and exploring MAP in the context of non-trades CS programming.

b. Enrolment Plan 2026-27 – Update

- D. Wells and N. Mandryk provided an overview of the refreshed Enrolment Plan format. The new structure integrates clearer data visualization, ratios comparing budgeted and actual registrations, and details around cohorts and classes. The redesign aims to make the plan more transparent and usable. Members were invited to share feedback related to the new format. The 2026-27 Enrolment Plan will be presented to Education Council in March.

c. Annual Affiliation Agreements Update

- D. Wells reported on the status of affiliation agreements, which are largely up to date. A small number are undergoing renewal or renegotiation, including the curriculum agreement with the province for EAL Pathways. Dual-credit agreements are transitioning to a new standardized template. An updated spreadsheet will be shared with EdCo once finalized.

d. EdCo By-Election

- L. Dannhauer announced that a by-election is underway to fill three vacant EdCo seats (one staff and two student seats). The election runs February 11–17, with results to be announced by February 20.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Curriculum Committee

- T. Rowlett reported that there was no meeting in January, as there were no curriculum proposals. The next meeting will be held on February 17.

b. Education Policy Committee

i) Selection of Library Materials (511)

MOTION: THAT Education Council recommends the Board of Governors approve, in the form presented at this meeting, the Selection of Library Materials Policy (511) policy and procedures.

Moved by E. Logan, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

- E. Logan presented the Selection of Library Materials (511) policy, which underwent a full review. The committee initially reviewed drafts in November 2025 and suggested embedding equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) and consideration of lived experiences and knowledge systems in the policy's context & purpose section (in addition to policy principles) and procedure #1d. These changes and a few clarifying edits were completed. The policy was posted for College feedback from January 6 until January 28, 2026. One submission was received but did not result in any changes. The committee had no further comments at its February 4, 2026 meeting and recommended the policy for approval.

ii) 2024–25 Policy Report

- The report outlines policy changes over the last two years, as well as policies due for a scheduled review. There were questions around prioritization of policies for review. Policies referencing the former Arbiter of Student Issues role will need to be updated.

c. Education Quality Committee

i) EQC Terms of Reference Update

MOTION: THAT Education Council approves, in the form presented at this meeting, the updated Education Quality Committee Terms of Reference.

Moved by L. Dannhauer, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

- A. Sellwood presented minor updates to the membership section in the committee's terms of reference to reflect changes in administrative positions.

ii) Chair Report

- Topics discussed at the last committee meeting included the draft five-year program and education services renewal schedules, program restructuring outside of formal renewals, updates on curriculum development (CD)-funded projects, and planning for the upcoming CD Fund adjudication. The deans' panel discussion around the 2025 Annual Program Reviews will take place later this month.

8. CHAIR REPORT

- No report.

9. STUDENT REPORT

- N. Garcia raised concerns regarding cleaning in the Music department and auditorium, as well as lack of accessible parking due to ongoing construction. These issues will be brought to the attention of the relevant areas and Operations Council.
- M. Ng reported on upcoming Lunar New Year celebrations at the Downtown Campus on February 18, hosted by SUVCC and International Education.

10. NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

- The next Education Council meeting will be held on March 10, 2026, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

APPROVED AT THE MARCH 10, 2026 EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING

**Louise Dannhauer
Chair, VCC Education Council**