EDUCATION COUNCIL

December 7, 1998 ? 4:15 p.m.
Surrey Campus Boardroom (C230)

MINUTES

Present   Larry Anderson
          Roni Clubb
          Derek Francis
          Jim Gunson (Chair)
          Dave Hardy
          Julie Hobart
          Jim Jamieson
          Wayne Jeffrey
          Judith McGillivray
          Barbara Melnyk (Recorder)
          Robin Russell
          Ron Shay
          Barbara Smith
          Dieter Thomas
          Skip Triplett
          Newton Wainman

Absent    Shane Cooke
          T.N. Foo
          Charon Graham
          Gerry Kilcup (Ex-Officio)
          Keith Lowe

Guests   Robert Attridge
          Priscilla Bollo
          David Davidson
          Roger Elmes
          Kevin Hamilton
          Jim Urquhart

1. Confirmation of Agenda

   Ron Shay requested an addition: For discussion: Review of Course Outlines (4.2)
   The December 7, 1998 agenda was confirmed as distributed.

2. Approval of Minutes

   Moved by R. Clubb, seconded by S. Triplett
   THAT the minutes of November 2 and 16, 1998 be approved as distributed. CARRIED

3. Chair?s Report

   The Chair read an e-mail message from Jonathan Katz that was sent to a select group of Council members with regard to minimum faculty qualifications. This policy has been ratified by the Board of Governors.

   At the Provincial level, a committee made up of three members of CoEdCo and three senior vice-presidents, instruction, will determine how the ?Act? gives Education Councils? prerogative with respect to certificates, diplomas and degrees. The committee also will explore other pertinent issues on how the ?Act? can be improved.

   A tentative date for the educational initiatives retreat has
been set for January 29, 1999. Please pencil this in your calendars.

The Recorder canvassed Council members regarding their preference for meeting days (either Fridays (2-4 p.m.) or Mondays (4:15-6 p.m.)). The majority requested that Council continue to meet on Mondays. We will re-consider this decision for Fall 1999, however, the new cross college meeting time is now on Friday, from 2 - 4 p.m. Council may have to move its meeting time to adhere to Collective Agreement provisions.

4. Committee Reports

4.1 Degree Proposal Assessment Committee - No report

4.2 Curriculum Approval

Moved by S. Triplett, seconded by L. Anderson,
THAT the following courses be approved with revisions:
MATH 2234 - Computer Applications of Linear Algebra for Applied Science Students
FINA 1244 - Exploring Printmaking
PSYC 3301 - The Psychology of Work and Human Performance
CARRIED

In discussing the Psychology 3301 course outline, Kevin Hamilton explained that the course directly transfers to a third year course at UBC. In looking at the conceptual nature of the course, there are several degree programs that have indicated they will access this elective.

Reviewing Course Outlines

Ron Shay stated that in recent discussions with some of his colleagues, he was asked to bring forward their concerns regarding Council’s expectations on the new course outline format. There are difficulties in making a course concept fit the new outline. Course designers are being asked to re-script their outlines, to examine the participation component of the grade, and to explain how the learning objectives are being met.

In response to these concerns, it was stated that Council is endeavouring to achieve a degree of uniform productivity. The course outline is a highly interpretable document and needs to be clear to those who are not closely aligned to the specific discipline. The calendar description must be understood by somebody who has not taken the course. Most importantly, the course outline is a legal document. Students can bring a suit against the University College if we don’t deliver what the course outline says. Council is working on revising the course outline manual to make it more ?user-friendly?.

ACTION: Skip Triplett will provide Council members with his response to Communications instructor, David Wiens.

4.3 Grant Applications Review - No report
4.4 Liberal Education Curriculum Committee - No report.
4.5 International Education - No report.
4.6 Prior Learning Assessment - No report.
4.7 Intake Testing and Assessment
Membership for this committee is now in place.

ACTION: Barb Melnyk will provide the administrative support for this committee and will contact members to organize the first meeting in January.
5. Prerequisite Changes for English 0099, 1100 and 1110

Moved by R. Russell, seconded by W. Jeffrey,
THAT the English grade 12 prerequisite for English 0099 be
changed from a C- to a C, and
THAT the English grade 12 prerequisite for English 1100 and
1110 be changed from a C to a B.

Discussion

A few years ago, English raised its prerequisites and this
changed the registration requirements for a number of
programs. The proposed change will allow students who need
English help to get that help, but Council needs to be certain
that enrollment patterns will not be seriously altered in
programs that have English as a requirement. Last time, when
changes to English prerequisites were made, some programs
changed their English elective requirement to Communications.
It was stated that the English department is well aware that
they may lose some sections and are also aware that students
may have to wait longer before they can take certain English
courses. Implementation must provide high school students
with enough notice to prepare for this change.

As changing the English grade 12 prerequisite entry in English
1100 and 1110 could eliminate 50% of the students that would
normally enroll in these courses, Kwantlen will need to open
more English 0099 sections. However, even in English 0099,
students are experiencing difficulties. The only options
available to them at this time are ESL and ACP.

It was pointed out that there might be a flaw in the research
provided to support this change. It appears that student
withdrawals and the reasons why they withdrew, were ignored.

The Chair asked Council to vote on the motion.
CARRIED

6. Policy on Transfer of Courses into Kwantlen

Roger Elmes has made the requested changes to the policy.

Moved by D. Francis, seconded by N. Wainman,
THAT the Policy on Transfer of Courses into Kwantlen
University College be approved.
CARRIED

7. Degree Program Concept: Bachelor of Technology in Landscape
   and Environmental Management

The Chair stated that the Degree Proposal Assessment Committee
has recommended this concept for approval.

Moved by D. Thomas, seconded by S. Triplett,
THAT Council approve the degree program concept for a Bachelor
of Technology in Landscape and Environmental Management.
CARRIED

8. Draft Letter of Intent (non-degree program) - Geriatric
   Therapeutic Activation

At the request of the department, this item has been deferred.
9. Draft Letter of Intent (non-degree program) - Associate of Arts Degree, Major in Geography

Jim Urquhart stated that the Degree Proposal Assessment Committee has reviewed this letter of intent. The program will provide the first two years for the degree program in Geography. It will make use of all our existing courses by putting them into a program framework.

Moved by S. Triplett, seconded by N. Wainman, THAT Council approve the Draft Letter of Intent for an Associate of Arts Degree, Major in Geography. CARRIED

10. Information Only: Introduction of a New Specialization for the Horticulture Technician Program

Dieter Thomas stated that the Horticulture Department hopes to launch a new specialization - a greenhouse vegetable technician program. The philosophy behind this is to offer program options within Horticulture that allow students to focus on specific subjects within the Horticulture industry. The Horticulture Department is designing this with the help of industry. More information will come to Council in January 1999.

11. Information Only: Introduction of a Combined Specialization for Horticulture Technology Programs: Greenhouse and Nursery Production

As stated above, more information regarding this program will be brought to Council in January 1999.

12. Letter of Intent: Bachelor of Applied Design in Multidisciplinary Communications Design

Deferred to January 4, 1999.

13. Adhering to Assigned Times for Agenda Items

Larry Anderson asked that Council consider having a time keeper in place at meetings so that members can collectively agree if we should extend the discussion time on certain agenda items.

14. Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on January 4, 1999 - 4:15 p.m. - Surrey Campus Boardroom (C230).

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.