Okanagan College Education Council
Minutes of Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:00 pm
Via BlueJeans

Present: A Hay, B Burge, W Gillett, R Tyner, D Silvestrone, M Somerville, C Farrow, D Marques, G Coulthard, N Davis, A Schmidt, K Douglas, C Newitt, T Walters, V Neykov, S Cook, C Leong

Regrets: J Hamilton, A Krebs, R Sawatzky,

Absent: S Stirling, M Chibota, R Whermann

Guests: R Huxtable, H Hisdal, S Moores, C DiBiase, V Simpson, J Hobart, D Williams, R Light, G De Pluzer, T Berg, W Wheeler, Y Moritz, L Thurnheer

Recorder: M Welsh

1. **Determination of quorum and call to order**
   C Newitt called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

2. **Adoption of the agenda**
   Motion: D Marques/ M Somerville
   That Education Council approves the agenda as prETQ BT/F1 9.96 Tf1 0 0 1 330.53 477.67 Tm0.00000912 0 61

h. Course revision: DSCI 200 Introduction to Data Science 3

Motion: D Marques/ M Somerville

That Education Council approves the course revision: DSCI 200 Introduction to Data Science 3 as recommended by the CPRC STH:

- As above.

Carried

ARP. After Education Council approval, the policy will be presented at the board of governors.

- A member questioned whether the policy meant appointees could only present at a seminar once a year. A Hay noted the policy does not preclude appointees from presenting more than once a year. The inclusion of this language was just to point out that the opportunity to present at seminars is available for appointees.
- A member questioned why the two policies had been combines. A Hay advised that it is simpler to have one policy.

Carried

*** Addition to the agenda***
Program revision: Therapist Assistant Diploma
Motion: D Marques/ M Somerville
That Education Council approves the temporary program revision: Therapist Assistant Diploma program as presented.

- Members were sent documents related to emergency temporary changes to the Therapist Assistant Diploma. Given the pandemic, students are unable to complete their practicum hours.
- Y Moritz noted students were having difficulty finding clinical placements. The accrediting body has been meeting with schools to discuss the issue and have agreed to a reduction of practicum hours over the two year program. This change is temporary.
- A member questioned if there are other programs whose practicums have been delayed and if any changes have been made for those students. Y Moritz noted it depends on the accrediting body as it is their decision hours cannot be reduced without their approval. She added that most health students are still able to attend their practicums as they are considered an essential service. While there have been changes in other programs, hours have not been reduced.
- A member questioned how this would be noted in the calendar. Y Moritz advised that she would work with B Burge to work this out.

Carried

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