

**Okanagan College Education Council  
Minutes of Thursday, March 2, 2023 4:00 pm  
S 103B – Student Services Boardroom – Kelowna Campus & Zoom**

**Present:** J Garrett, W Gillett, D Marques, A Krebs, B Hall, D Mehus, B Penfound, M Somerville, R Tyner, R Dupuis, L Mallory, (Zoom):S Chhabra, J Ragsdale, T Walters

**Regrets:** N Fassina, A Hay, S Lembke, M Martin

**Absent:** A Alexander





- Following a discussion, D Marques recommended that as an action item, there would be a report -up to EdCo regarding same.
- R Dupuis concurred and indicated that a broader discussion was required.
- A Krebs reiterated the ten (10) year course offering.

**Carried as outlined**

**c. Course revision: ASTR 111 Astronomy I**

**Motion:** D Mehus/R Tyner

That Education Council approves the course revision: ASTR 111 Astronomy I as recommended by the CPRC ST:

- T Bridges explained to members that the revisions for ASTR 111, ASTR 112, ASTR 121 and ASTR 122 are similar changes to prerequisite requirements.
- Although there was not a significant amount of math done in the course, expanding the math prerequisites would enhance student success.
- A Krebs reiterated that Principles of Mathematics 11 and Applications of Mathematics 11 have not been offered for ten (10) years.

**Carried**

**d. Course revision: ASTR 112 Astronomy I**

**Motion:** B Penfound/J Garrett

That Education Council approves the course revision: ASTR 112 Astronomy I as recommended by the CPRC ST:

- Expanding prerequisite offering.
- A Krebs reiterated the issues outlined for ASTR 111, which would be similar for ASTR 121 and ASTR 122.

**Carried**

**e. Course revision: ASTR 121 Astronomy II**

**Motion:** M Somerville/R Tyner

That Education Council approves the course revision: ASTR 121 Astronomy II as recommended by the CPRC ST:

- As outlined.

**Carried**

**f. Course revision: ASTR 122 Astronomy II**

**Motion:** B Penfound/A Krebs

That Education Council approves the course revision: ASTR 122 Astronomy II as recommended by the CPRC ST:

- As outlined.

**Carried**

**g. New program: Associate of Science Degree: Combined PHYS/MATH Emphasis**

**Motion:** D Mehus/B Penfound

That Education Council approves the new program: Associate of Science Degree: Combined PHYS/MATH Emphasis as recommended by the CPRC ST:

- R Federley provided an overview of the new program/specialization noting that there was currently no emphasis for physics.
- There is a need for Physicists and a drive for students to take the program.
- New program will open doors for students to transfer to UBCO.
- New program follows other specializations in Associate of Science.
- W Gillett sought clarification on whether career opportunities would be available for a student who completes the specialization.
- R Federley clarified that this might be possible and dialogue was in progress with stakeholders regarding same.

- T Bridges added that courses were being developed to build a strong two-year emphasis.
- D Mehus sought clarification on whether this was an additional diploma or stream within the Associate of Science degree.
- R Federley clarified that the new program was a specialization.

**Carried**

#### **5.4 Standing committee reports**

- a. Operations Committee
  - Minutes to come in camera.
- b. ARP Committee
  - Not met.
- c. CCC Committee
  - Not met.
- d. Tributes Committee
  - Not met.
  - Two new members approved for the committee - T Berg and J Garrett.

#### **6. Reports**

##### **6.1 Council Chair's report** D Marques

- D Marques outlined the following:  
 Advised members to have persons experiencing any difficulties with Kual  
 reach out to the EdCo office or the Chair of EdCo.  
 Matters around Tributes communicated to the Chair of Tributes.

##### **6.2 VP Academic and Provost report** A Hay

- No report.

##### **6.3 Registrar's report**

- No report.

##### **6.4 Board of Governor's report** A Alexander

- No report.

#### **7. In camera session**

**Motion:** A Krebs/M Somerville  
 That Education Council moves in camera.

**Carried**

##### **a. December 19, 2022 Operations Committee minutes**

**Motion:** J Garrett/D Mehus  
 That Education Council accepts the December 19, 2022 Operations committee meeting minutes as presented.

**Carried**

##### **b. February 24, 2023 Operations Committee minutes**

**Motion:** M Somerville/D Mehus

That Education Council accepts the February 24, 2023 Operations committee meeting minutes as presented.

**Carried**

**Motion:** M Somerville/R Tyner

That Education Council moves out of camera.

**Carried**

**8. Date, time of next regular meeting** – Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

**9. Deadline for agenda items** – Wednesday, March 28, 2023 at 12:00 pm.

**10. Adjournment** at 5:14 pm

**Motion to adjourn:** D Mehus/A Krebs

**Carried**