

Education Council Minutes – April 28, 2026

4:30 pm, Teams

P = Present - A= Absent

In Attendance:

A	M. Bleier	P	D. Sargent	A	D. Biin
P	L. Boehm	A	T. Render	P	T. Clarke
P	S. Curran	P	C. Philipson	P	T. Punchard
P	R. Deane	P	K. Tillapaugh	A	T. Snauwaert
P	A. Fahrenbruch	P	D. Sakwan	P	T. Whitehead
P	D. Falkenhagen (Chair)	A	G. Kaur	P	M. Matear (President)
A	J. Langham	A	G. Singh	P	J. Heth (Registrar)
A	C. Hillary		-----	P	N. Makortoff (recorder)

Guests:

Melody Diachun

Call to order and welcome.

The meeting was called to order at: 4:41 pm

1 Territorial Acknowledgment

Territorial Acknowledgement given by the Council Chair.

2 Approval of Agenda of 2026-04-14

CARRIED

The agenda was approved as amended. Agenda item D.3. Social Work was added to the agenda.

3 Approval of Minutes of 2026-03-10

Deferred

The approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

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| <p>4 Membership Engagement and/or Updates</p> <p>Election update – The terms for the Faculty and Support Staff members are ending in June 2026. Nominations to fill these seats will be sent at the beginning of May.</p> <p>There is one Faculty and one Support Staff seat on the Board of Governors. There are two Support Staff seats on Education Council.</p> <p>There are also two empty Faculty seats on Education Council from member resignations.</p> <p>Nominations will be open until May 20, 2026 with elections taking place May 25 and 26 if necessary.</p> | <p>Member engagement</p> |
| <p>5 Past Action Items, Approval in Principle, and Items that need further consideration document.</p> <p>The document was reviewed. The Medical Laboratory Assistant Approval in Principle is the only item left on this document from this term.</p> | <p>Information</p> |
| <p>6 Standing Committee Reports</p> <p>A Circle for Inclusive Indigenous Education (CIIE)</p> <p>1 The April 13, 2026 meeting minutes will be sent out for the next meeting.</p> <p>B Curriculum Committee (CC)</p> <p>1 Draft minutes from the April 13, 2026 meeting are provided for required motions and information.</p> <p>2 <i>“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated Forestry courses.”</i></p> <p>FOR 200 Field Trip Study</p> <p>FOR 278 Forest Technology Field School</p> <p>FOR 251 Silviculture II</p> | <p>Information</p> <p>Information</p> <p>CARRIED</p> |

FOR 253 Forest Policy and Resource Management

Discussion:

These courses have had the hours updated. The courses will be going through a bigger review soon.

- 3 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated RFW 200 Field Trip Study and RFW 255 Spring Field School courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

These courses have had the hours updated.

- 4 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated BIOL 214 Comparative Vertebrate Morphology course.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

This course was sent back to the submitter to update the learning outcomes to represent the intended Indigenous perspective and content.

- 5 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated SROM 155 Computer Applications course.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

This course had much discussion around the learning outcomes. Are they too broad? Should there be more specific details added as to what the students will learn? It was decided that this course could move forward as is and the recommended suggestions would be shared with the school chair for future updates.

- 6 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated MUSC 170 Arranging course.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

In this course the title and description were updated.

- 7 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated SSW 167 Field Work I and SSW 168 Field Work II courses with the understanding that the Dean will consult with the team about learning outcome revisions.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

After the Level 3 review it was found that there is a heavy workload for a one-year certificate program. It was decided to remove 2 courses and create a new course, SSW 167. SSW 168 had updates to the hours, credits, description, and learning outcomes.

There was much discussion around the learning outcomes for both courses and there were suggestions on how to update them. These courses will move forward and will be brought back to a future meeting if the suggested learning outcome changes are accepted.

- 8 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated ECCE 287 Inclusive Practices ECCE 289 Responsive Inclusive Environments courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

These courses have been updated to reflect current practices in the courses and in the industry. Clarity was provided on why there are so many hours in these courses. They are higher because of the number of hours required for training by the registry. Some minor edits were made at the meeting to the prerequisites and to the description.

C Education Policy Committee (EPC)

- 1 There was no meeting in April. **Information**

D Program Quality Committee (PQC)

- 1 Draft minutes from the April 14, 2026 meeting are provided for required motions and information. **Information**

- 2 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the updated Music Program policies.”* **CARRIED**

Music and Technology, Contemporary – Songwriting Diploma
Music and Technology, Contemporary – Production Diploma
Music and Technology, Contemporary – Composition Diploma
Music and Technology, Contemporary – Performance Diploma
Music and Technology, Contemporary – General Studies Diploma
Music and Technology, Contemporary – Advanced Diploma

Discussion:

These policies were brought forward to include the addition of the Competency Based grading table that will be used in the private lesson courses.

- 3 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the updated Social Work – Certificate Program policies.”*

Discussion:

This program has had a name change, some courses were changed, and the overall credits changed.

7 Unfinished Business

A No unfinished business.

8 New Business

A No new business.

CARRIED

9 Reports

A VP Education and Students Report (*verbal*)

Information

Nothing new to report at this meeting.

B Education Council Chair Report (*verbal*)

Information

Nothing new to report at this meeting.

Adjournment

Next meeting is on June 9, 2026, at 4:30 pm on Teams.