

## Education Council Minutes – February 10, 2026

4:30 pm, on Teams

**P = Present - A= Absent**

**In Attendance:**

P	M. Bleier	P	A. Langhorn	P	D. Biin
P	L. Boehm	A	T. Render	P	T. Clarke
--	J. Buttle	P	C. Philipson	P	T. Punchard
P	S. Curran	P	M. Keczan (1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair)	P	T. Snauwaert
P	R. Deane	A	D. Sakwan	P	T. Whitehead
P	A. Fahrenbruch	P	G. Kaur	P	M. Matear (President)
P	D. Falkenhagen (Chair)	A	G. Singh	P	J. Heth (Registrar)
P	J. Langham		-----	P	N. Makortoff (recorder)

**Guests:**

Allison Alder

Dylan Sargent

Martin Keyserlingk

**Call to order and welcome.**

The meeting was called to order at: 4:31 pm

**1 Territorial Acknowledgment**

Territorial Acknowledgement given by the Council Chair.

**2 Approval of Agenda of 2026-02-10**

**CARRIED**

The agenda was approved as amended. Item 6 B 2 was updated to show the correct School Chair name.

**3 Approval of Minutes of 2025-12-09**

**CARRIED**

The minutes were approved as presented.

**4 Membership Engagement and/or Updates**

**Member  
engagement**

There was a presentation on the plans for a revised course outline. The primary reasons for the update are the Curriculum Strategy syllabus module is sun-setting and the forthcoming updates to Policy 8101 Academic Programs. We also want to align our course outlines with BCCAT recommendations and the new strategic plan and brand. There have been extensive consultations around these changes.

More information will be brought to EdCo at a later date.

Information on the TRU court case. In summary it was determined that program and course suspensions need to be approved by the Board of Governors and will only come to EdCo as an information item.

**5 Past Action Items, Approval in Principle, and Items that need further consideration document.**

**Information**

The document was reviewed.

**6 Standing Committee Reports**

**A Circle for Inclusive Indigenous Education (CIIE)**

- 1 Draft minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting were provided for information.

**Information**

**B Curriculum Committee (CC)**

- 1 Draft minutes from the January 29, 2026 meeting were provided for information and required motions.

**Information**

- 2 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the new PSYC 60 course.”* **CARRIED**

PSYC 60 Introduction to Psychology Provincial Level

Discussion:

This course has had a code change to better reflect what the course is about.

- 3 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the new CART 181 course.”* **CARRIED**

CART 181 Work Term

Discussion:

This is a new course in the new Culinary Arts program. It was mentioned that the course credits are in variance to Policy 8102 and will remain as presented.

It was noted that the credit variance should be noted in the Curriculum Committee minutes that it had been discussed and each course that has a variance should have a separate motion.

- 4 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the new TADM courses listed below.”* **CARRIED**

TADM 120 Tourism for People, Place and Planet

TADM 125 Digital Applications

TADM 130 Indigenous Rights and Tourism Sustainability

TADM 135 Professional Communication

TADM 140 Destination Marketing and Brand Management

TADM 150 Financial Accounting

TADM 155 Leadership Perspectives: Voices from the Tourism Landscape

TADM 160 Outdoor Recreation Operations and Management

TADM 165 Food Systems and Sustainable Practices

TADM 170 Field Studies: Relationships and Destination Immersion

TADM 175 Reservations and Guest Service Management

TADM 181 Work Term

TADM 220 BC Craft & Culture: Wine, Spirits, Cannabis and Beer

TADM 225 Profit & Performance: Sustainable Cost Controls

TADM 230 The Experience Lab: Hospitality and Events in Action

TADM 235 Business Case: Business Planning and Entrepreneurship

TADM 240 Emerging Leaders: Finding Your Voice and Style

TADM 250 Capstone

TADM 255 Simulation Lab: Business Strategy & Forecasting

TADM 260 Hosting with Presence

TADM 265 Liability & Risk Management

TADM 270 Human Resources Management

**Discussion:**

These are new courses in the Tourism and Management Destination program. There has been much consultation with many groups within the development of these courses. It is noted that the TADM 170, TADM 181, and TADM 230 course credits are all in variance to Policy 8102. These credit variances were discussed and will remain as presented.

TADM 160 was updated at the meeting to remove a specific reference from the description and from the learning outcome.

**C Education Policy Committee (EPC)**

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| 1 | No meeting in January | <b>Information</b> |
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**D Program Quality Committee (PQC)**

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| 1 | Approved minutes from December 9, 2025 and the draft minutes from January 27, 2026 were provided for information and required motions. | <b>Information</b> |
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| 2 | <i>“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the new Tourism and Destination Management Program policies.”</i> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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Discussion:

An overview was provided on this new program.

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|  | <i>“Education Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the new Tourism and Destination Management Program.”</i> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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| 3 | <i>“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the new Culinary Arts Program policies.”</i> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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Discussion:

An overview was provided on this new program.

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|  | <i>“Education Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the new Culinary Arts Program.”</i> | <b>CARRIED</b> |
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- 4 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the updated Rural Pre-Medicine Program policies.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

There were small changes to this program policy. Some courses were moved from one term to a different term and there were minor word changes throughout the policy to add clarity.

- 5 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the new Foundations in Rural Data Science Program policies.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

An overview was provided on this new program. The program pathways were discussed. The admission requirements, particularly around computer literacy, were discussed. It was suggested to create either a bootcamp or a set of resources to offer students before they start some of these programs. This will be taken to the Education and Students group to discuss further.

*“Education Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the new Rural Data Science Program.”* **DEFEATED**

Discussion:

Education Council voted to not recommend sending this program to the Board until all courses for it are approved.

## 7 Unfinished Business

- A No unfinished business to review at this meeting. **Information**

## 8 New Business

- A** “Education Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the deletion of NURS 217 Relational Practice.” **Deferred**

Discussion:

The deletion of this course was deferred until the program policies have been updated to reflect the removal of this course.

## 9 Reports

- A** VP Education and Students Report (*verbal*) **Information**

The VP was not present for this agenda item and will provide a report to the March meeting.

- B** Education Council Chair Report (*submitted*) **Information**

Reminder that the Board of Governors will be hosting a cookies and coffee hour on February 24, 2026 at 3:30. All are also invited to attend the open session Board meeting.

## Adjournment

**Next meeting is on March 10, 2026, at 4:30pm on Teams.**

## Addendum to February Minutes

### Report submitted by the VP Education and Students

The winter semester is off to a busy start with increased domestic FTE's and the start of a new cohort of the practical Nursing Diploma program. Historically, the program runs every-other-year, however, starting in January 2026 the program will now be open to annual intakes. Additionally, the winter 2026 intake is being taught from the Castlegar Campus (previous intakes have been offered in Trail). Schools are working to align programs and courses with the new strategic plan and continue to explore ways to increase opportunities for land based & experiential learning opportunities. Applications for Spring & Fall 2026 are open and looking strong for the upcoming semesters. If you haven't had a chance - pop by and check out the Learning Commons pilot projects on the Castlegar & Silver King campuses. Finally, I continue to represent the college on several internal and external committees (local, provincial and federal).