

Minutes – March 11, 2025

4:30 pm, Teams

P = Present - A= Absent

In Attendance:

P	A. Spielman	P	J. Langham	P	D. Biin
P	D. Falkenhagen (Chair)	P	K. Webb	P	T. Clarke
P	M. Attorp	P	C. Philipson	P	T. Punchard
P	S. Lechthaler	P	M. Keczan (1 st Vice Chair)	P	T. Snauwaert
P	P. Spence	P	D. Sakwan	P	T. Whitehead
P	A. Fahrenbruch	P	G. Kaur	P	M. Matear (President)
A	C. Duarte	A	H. Kulwant Singh Ghag	P	J. Heth (Registrar)
A	G. Rein	A	J. Kaur	P	N. Makortoff (recorder)

Guests:

Donna Wright

Allison Alder

Jonathan Doyle

Call to order and welcome.

Meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm.

Elder Donna Wright opened the meeting in a good way.

1 Territorial Acknowledgment

Chair of Education Council, Darcy Falkenhagen presented the Territorial Acknowledgement.

2 Approval of Agenda of 2025-03-11

CARRIED

The agenda was approved as presented.

3 Approval of Minutes of 2024-11-12

CARRIED

The minutes were approved as presented.

4 Membership Engagement and/or Updates

Housekeeping updates:

The Board of Governors meet and greet was very successful. They plan to have another one at some point.

If you have acronyms that you are speaking, please let all know what it stands for before proceeding with extra information.

The April 8, 2025, meeting will be moved to an online meeting. There was a tentative meeting scheduled for April 29, 2025, and with the number of items being moved forward this meeting will take place. Still to be determined if it will be online or in person.

There will be a feedback form prepared for the next meeting.

Executive Leadership Update:

There have been some program intake suspensions. Currently there are no plans to cancel these programs. Some layoffs coming. There are also some new programs coming to EdCo.

The FAQ section on selkirk.ca is being continuously updated. If you hear any questions that do not appear to be answered in the FAQs, let Leadership know and they will update them. Trying to discourage rumors. There are no live interviews being given at this time in order to keep messaging consistent and true.

The Leadership Team is very proud of Selkirk College and will continue to provide the best service possible.

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

The two items remaining on this page are still being worked on.

6 Standing Committee Reports

A Circle for Inclusive Indigenous Education (CIIE)

- 1 The meeting minutes of 2025-01-13 and 2025-02-03 were submitted for information. Information

B Curriculum Committee (CC)

- 1 The meeting minutes of 2025-01-29 and 2025-02-26 were submitted for information and required motions. Information

- 2 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f), and the CIA Interpretation Tool for the Board, Education Council and President (March 2016, Updated June 2021), Education Council approves the updated EDCP 02, CPST 02, and CPSC 60 courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

These courses had the handbook link update to the most current version.

- 3 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f), and the CIA Interpretation Tool for the Board, Education Council and President (March 2016, Updated June 2021), Education Council approves the updated CASH 20 and CASH 23 courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

The learning outcomes were missing and have been added.

- 4 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f), and the CIA Interpretation Tool for the Board, Education Council and President (March 2016, Updated June 2021), Education Council approves the updated AESP 266, FOR 271, RFW 272, RFW 280 and GIS 316 courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

These courses have had the learning outcomes updated. GIS 316 also had the description updated.

- 5 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f), and the CIA Interpretation Tool for the Board, Education Council and President (March 2016, Updated June 2021), Education Council approves the updated MATH 160 course.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

This course had the learning outcomes updated.

- 6 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f), and the CIA Interpretation Tool for the Board, Education Council and President (March 2016, Updated June 2021), Education Council approves the updated NURS 350 course.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

This course had the hours per week corrected.

C Education Policy Committee (EPC)

- 1 The meeting minutes of 2025-02-19 were submitted for information.

Information

D Program Quality Committee (PQC)

- 1 The meeting minutes of 2025-02-11 were submitted for information.

Information

7 Unfinished Business

- A No unfinished business to review at this meeting.

Information

8 New Business

- A *"Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b), and Board delegation document of March 22, 2016, Education Council approves the Approval in Principle request for the new Interdisciplinary Applications in Rural Data Science Program."*

CARRIED

Discussion:

The Interdisciplinary Applications in Rural Data Science program will teach applied, advanced technical skills to prepare students for a wide variety of data science careers. This new program is about data science not data analytics. Graduates will be able to analyze and interpret data to extract meaningful insights and develop data-driven solutions for various rural challenges.

- B *"Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b), and Board delegation document of March 22, 2016, Education Council approves the Approval in Principle request for the new Advanced Certificate in Ceramics Program."*

CARRIED

Discussion:

There has been a need for some time to develop this program. Currently students keep coming back to the same program and it is not ideal to take the same courses over and over. This will be an intensive and self-directed program. The students will get studio time to continue developing their skills and will also have some time with the instructor for review and feedback.

- C *"Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b), and Board delegation document of March 22, 2016, Education Council approves the Approval in Principle request for the new Advanced Certificate in Teaching Program."* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

This program will offer workshops and courses for faculty and instructors. The Teaching and Learning Centre proposed the development of an Advanced Certificate in Teaching that would include courses it already delivers annually with transfer credit to the Professional Instructor Diploma Program (PIDP) courses at Vancouver Community College (VCC) as well as proposed electives for a total of 15 credits.

- D *"Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b), and Board delegation document of March 22, 2016, Education Council approves the Approval in Principle request for the new Associate Certificate in Entrepreneurship Program."* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

We are hearing from advisory committees that there is a need in the region for more entrepreneurship skills. This program could be for those that already have a diploma, or it could be used for laddering into a diploma.

- E *"Pursuant to the CIA Section 19(1)(e), and Board delegation document of March 22, 2016, Education Council has reviewed that Policy has been followed and recommends that the Selkirk College Board of Governors approve the deletion of the Community Support Worker Program."* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

After careful consideration, the decision was made to request the deletion of the Community Support Worker Associate Certificate program due to a lack of enrollment over the past several years. Additionally, the courses offered within this program are already covered in the Education Assistant and Community Support Worker Certificate program, which continues to see consistent enrollment. By consolidating our resources, we can ensure that students receive a high-quality education in a sustainable program while maintaining our commitment to community support training.

F Mental Health and Addictions Program suspension

Information

Discussion:

This program has been suspended. It will go through a review process. We currently have a Mental Health and Substance Use - HCAP (MHSU) certificate program which better aligns with current community and societal needs and offers a more robust curriculum that ladders into our Social Service Worker certificate and diploma programs, as well as the Education Assistant and Community Support Worker certificate.

9 Reports

A VP Education Report (*submitted*)

Information

B Engagement Task Force (*submitted*)

Information

C EdCo Chair Report (*submitted*)

Information

Adjournment

Next meeting is on April 8, 2025, at 4:30 pm on Teams.