

Department of Educational Studies
Department Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 12th 2019 12:30 to 1:10 pm

Present: C. Ahenakew, V. Andreotti, J. Ellis, M. Gleason (Chair), G. Grosjean, D. Kelly, M. Kostandy, M. Marker, B. Opini, K. Regmi, C. Ruitenbergh, T. Sork, M. Stack, S. Stein, J. Walker, T. Wisniewski

Regrets: A. Addy, L. Andres, A. Babunga, J. Chan, A. Mazawi, S. Rocha, S. Salgadoe, W. Traas, R. Vanwynsberghe, P. Walter

Absent: M. Edwards, H. Gill, C. Palacios, W. Poole, A. Taylor, F. Wang, H. Wright, L. Zhang

On leave: G. Fallon, A. Metcalfe, L. Roman, T. Webb

Announcement before agenda

The Department head acknowledged our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam people.

1. **Approval of agenda** – agenda approved.
2. **Approval of minutes (October 2019)** – minutes approved.
3. **12:50 Education Library Report (Wendy Traas)**

There was no December report. November's report highlighted the Library's extended subscription to [Curio](#), the streaming educational content service from CBC and Radio-Canada. Educators now have the option to create playlists and share content with students. Contact Wendy at wendy.traas@ubc.ca.

4. Topics for discussion/decision

a. Head's report (Mona)

Congratulations were in order for Dr. Cash Ahenakew on the publication of his new book, *Towards Scarring: Our Collective Soul Wound* (Musagetes, 2019).

Killam Teaching Prizes: Calls for nominations for the Killam Teaching Prizes have been circulated across faculty. Only one nomination per category, per department are eligible. Therefore, if more than one nomination is received, HAC committee will adjudicate and forward one file.

Self-Study Report (draft): The first draft of the EDST Self Study has now gone to the HAC Committee for feedback. After revisions, the report will be circulated to GPACC members for distribution across the Department for comments. GPACC will then gather comments from their respective constituents for a more manageable process.
PhD Admissions Criteria: Minutes from the PhD Criteria meeting were circulated to the Department. Action items can be discussed in the PhD Committee and GPACC.

Cohort: The JIBC cohort is approved. The off-campus M.Ed program will run at the Justice Institute of British Columbia, beginning in September of 2020.

Heads and Directors Meeting recap: Several key issues were discussed at the December 2nd UBC Heads and Directors lunch with Provost, Andre Szeri including: 1) faculty renewal over the next 7 years (phase one will mean 100 new hires above replacements); 2) promise of more financial support from Central for graduate student support, including funding support for incoming PhD students; 3) the University “straw” budget will be coming out in February for consultation; 4) the search for an Academic Director of Vantage College has been extended. In addition, Drs. Margaret Moss and Sheryl Lightfoot shared an update on the Indigenous Strategic Plan implementation process. The plan can be accessed at <https://aboriginal.ubc.ca/indigenous-strategic-plan/>.

b. Deputy Head’s report (Lesley)

Course scheduling for 2020/21: This is now complete. A meeting with coordinators and program chairs will be held in the New Year to discuss more effective and efficient ways of approaching course scheduling for 2021/22. Many thanks to Shermila for the work she had done on this year’s course schedule.

The development of a protocol for offering 565 and 508 courses: This is underway. At the moment, EDST does not have a process in place to ensure equitable distribution of courses offered under these numbers. The goal of this exercise is to create a process that provides equitable opportunities for faculty members from all program areas to propose and offer new courses within and across program areas, with the goal of curriculum renewal.

The PhD Review Committee: The Committee, (Lesley Andres, Chair; Sam Rocha, Claudia Ruitenber, Jude Walker, Fei Wang, committee members; Lena Ignatovich, student representative) will meet in January 2020 to define the terms of reference and specify a plan of action for this committee. Regular updates will be provided at our monthly department meetings.

c. Graduate advisor report (André)

Mentioned in the December report were two policies discussed and approved by GPACC, which will be submitted to Department for discussion and final vote at the January 2020 Department meeting. Both drafts were also circulated.

Process to Guide EDST’s Engagement with Off-Campus MEd Programs: This policy suggests a coherent and transparent protocol in the planning, designing, and coordination of suggested off-campus MEd Programs.

Procedures Governing Program Change Requests into the EDST PhD: This policy provides guidance on how various program change requests into the PhD should be handled in a way that is consistent with university policies and with the principles and procedures approved within EDST. GPACC suggests that the term “program change” is used instead of “transfer” for reasons explained in the draft.

Other ongoing businesses in GPACC: Include 1) the importance of all organizational entities active within EDST to clearly articulate their Terms of Reference (TOR); 2) continue discussions on the approaches to PhD funding; 3)

GAAs: Mary Kostandy and Lena Ignatovich were recognized as they brought their term as GAA to a successful conclusion.

Research Day: The GAA and the Graduate Advisor discussed possible dates for Research Day, *tentatively* thinking about Thursday, April 9th or Saturday, April 18th, 2020. More information coming soon.

d. Operations report (Shermila)

There was no December report. November's report was circulated.

PSI: Upon discussions with Clara Ng, Associate Dean, Finance, and Mary Bryson, Senior Associate Dean, Administration, it was agreed that the PSI measurements are no longer necessary. All remaining deficits have been forgiven.

e. GAA report (Maria)

Both November and December's reports were circulated.

Career Connections Day: Held on November 14th was a success. The GAA team thanked all students, faculty and alumni who attend and supported this.

Research in Focus (RIF): These monthly sessions will continue in the next term, January to April 2020. Faculty and students interested in hosting any of the 4 sessions is encouraged to contact the GAA at edst.gaa@ubc.ca.

5. Announcements

a. TEAC report (Jude)

Marianne has tasked all TEAC reps give a brief report at their respective, monthly Department meetings about what is happening in the teacher education program. This will allow for greater communication and transparency and a space for all representatives to bring questions back to TEAC for the next month's meeting.

Key Points from Past TEAC Meeting:

- They were looking into whether faculty representatives on special CCASA meetings, for evaluating cases of teacher Ed. candidates needing to retake practicums, needed to have a teaching certificate and teaching experience.
- The IB elementary cohort was being reduced to half a cohort given struggles securing practicum places for students.
- The approval of a new elementary cohort in 'diverse learners' is likely going ahead to complete a full cohort (along with half IB program)
- There had been incidences of student racist remarks in classes which has sparked further conversations of the need for ongoing professional development for instructors and for students for how to deal with such issues

Note that all TEAC Committee past minutes can be accessed from TEO website.

6. Forum Discussion – postponed in lieu of Holiday Party.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2020.