Intro to EdCo

VCC EDUCATION COUNCIL
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What is Education Council?

• Education Council (EdCo) is a key part of VCC’s internal governance structure

• All public BC colleges are required by the College and Institute Act (1996) to have a Board of Governors and an Education Council, the two branches that make up bicameral (literally “two-chambered”) governance

• EdCo has four standing committees to support its work: Appeals Oversight Committee, Curriculum Committee, Education Policy Committee, and Education Quality Committee
Who’s on EdCo?

• Education Council has 20 voting members:
  • 10 faculty members elected by faculty
  • 4 students elected by students
  • 4 educational administrators appointed by the president
  • 2 support staff members elected by support staff

• The president is a non-voting member of EdCo

• The Board of Governors can appoint a non-voting member for one year
What does EdCo do?

• Sets curriculum content, academic policies, and academic standards/criteria

• Shares joint approval responsibility with the Board of Governors in evaluating curriculum for course transfer outside the institution or equivalency across the institution (e.g., program-to-program or course-to-course equivalents from different areas in the college)

• Advises the Board of Governors on the development of academic policies as described in the *College and Institute Act* (Section 23(1))
What are EdCo meetings like?

• EdCo meets the second Tuesday of every month except July and August from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. (although this meeting time is currently being reviewed by the EdCo membership and could change in the future)

• Members receive the meeting agenda and materials for review about one week in advance

• Quorum (the minimum number of members needed to conduct official EdCo business) is a simple majority; members who cannot attend a meeting should contact the EdCo Chair and/or EdCo Assistant ahead of time

• EdCo meetings are open to the VCC community

• Meetings are currently online due to pandemic restrictions, but the meeting format may change after these restrictions are lifted
Why join Team EdCo?

• Be empowered to make changes to improve student life on campus
• Learn how the College is run
• Gain valuable experience working in a team with people across the College
• Develop your leadership skills by representing the students of VCC
• Shape the future of VCC for the best student experience
• Engage with the VCC community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators
"Every person on EdCo speaks for an area of the College that needs to be heard. We can’t make good change without listening to each other. I hope that students, in particular, will join to learn about how academic changes are made, and to influence those changes."

Natasha Mandryk, Education Council Vice-Chair