

# Education Council

Info Session

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# Governance at Vancouver Community College

- All public BC colleges are required by the College and Institute Act (1996) to have a Board of Governors and an Education Council.
- Both make important decisions at the College, but they have different roles and powers.
- Both have standing committees to support their work.

# Why run for EdCo?



Gain valuable experience working in a team with people across the College



Learn how the College is run



Develop your leadership skills by representing faculty, students or staff at VCC



Engage with the VCC community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators

# Elections

- Check your **eligibility** to run: Election Rules
- **3 separate nomination form** are required (from 3 different people). You cannot nominate yourself.
- Nomination forms are posted on myVCC for students and employees.
- Submit forms to elections@vcc.ca. Biographic statements **cannot** include photos.
- Timeline:
  - Nominations:** Monday, January 19 to Friday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m.
  - Campaign Period:** Monday, February 2 to Friday, February 6
  - Voting (online):** Wednesday, February 11 to Tuesday, February 17
  - Results:** Announced by February 20

# Education Council Composition

Education Council has 21  
voting members:

- 10 faculty members
- 4 students
- 5 educational administrators
- 2 support staff members



# What does Education Council (EdCo) do?

**Education Council has three kinds of powers, outlined in the College and Institute Act:**

- Make decisions (sole authority)
- Advise the Board (advisory role)
- Approve matters jointly with the Board (joint approval)

**EdCo deals with matters such as:**

- Academic policies (evaluation of student performance, grading, academic appeals, etc.)
- Curriculum for programs and courses
- Course/program proposals or cancellation
- Affiliations with other institutions

# Education Council (EdCo) Structure

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**Curriculum Committee**

**Education Quality Committee**

**Education Policy Committee**



# What is expected of EdCo Members

- **Regularly attend meetings and planning sessions:**
  - EdCo meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 3:30–5:30 p.m. (except July/August) – online (Teams)
  - Two planning sessions and occasional special meetings (Teams or hybrid)
- **Prepare & engage:**
  - Become familiar with EdCo Bylaws and relevant College policies
  - Review meeting packages in advance
  - Actively participate in meetings, bring forward questions, and suggest topics for discussion
  - Vote on proposals for new or revised curriculum and policies
- **Note:** There is no honorarium for EdCo members.



# Bring your voice to the table

Every person on EdCo speaks from 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

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