



ATTENDANCE

Board Members

- Joey Hartman (Chair, Board/HRC)
- Libby Davies (Vice Chair)
- Jeffrey Yu (Chair, FAC)
- Mahin Rashid (Chair, Governance)
- Justine Gonzales
- Karen Brooke
- Nadia Belokopitov
- Paul Yeung
- Seung Oh
- Shobha Rajagopalan
- Sue Hammell REGRETS
- Yanni Wong REGRETS

Staff Resources

- Jamie Choi ED, Finance & CFO
- David Wells VP, Academic & Applied Research
- Ian Humphreys VP, Admin & International Development
- Kate Dickerson VP, People Services
- Jane Shin VP, Students & Community Development
- Elmer Wansink AVP, IT & CIO
- Clayton Munro AVP, Student & Enrolment Services
- Tannis Morgan AVP, Academic Innovation REGRETS
- Karen Wilson ED, Marketing & Communications
- Deborah Lucas EA, Board (Recording Secretary)

Ex-Officio

- Ajay Patel President & CEO
- Natasha Mandryk Chair, Education Council

VCC recognizes and acknowledges the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh people, on whose traditional and unceded territories we live, learn and work.

1. CALL TO ORDER, LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & OPENING REMARKS

- J. Hartman called the meeting to order at 9.17 a.m., presented the land acknowledgement and opening remarks.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: THAT the Board of Governors approve the Apr 14, 2023, Special Public Meeting agenda. Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

3. SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION DIPLOMA

3.1 Credential

- The Sign Language Interpretation Diploma Program was suspended by Douglas College as of Mar 30, 2023, over concerns about the program’s sustainability due to low enrolment. VCC and Douglas agreed on a proposal to the transition curriculum and operations to VCC. Due to the expedited nature of this matter, a Special Board Meeting was required to approve the credential and tuition.
- This acquisition of this diploma is being done in consultation with the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills, and representative groups from within the Deaf Community and Interpreting profession. It meets the mandate obligations of the Ministry and VCC and will be in support of the recently passed provincial accessibility legislation.
- Prior to its suspension, most of the students accepted into Douglas College’s program were graduates of VCC’s ASL and Deaf Studies Certificate. This supports the results of an earlier provincial study that indicated the diploma program aligned more closely with VCC’s ASL and Deaf Studies programs.

- Currently, only the Program Outcomes are available for review. The curriculum (Program Content Guide (PCG) and course outlines) are undergoing consultation and revision, with the goal of September 2023 deployment. Only the credential is being presented for approval to allow for the expedited program development.
- The sustainability of the program was the primary concern of the Board. The government has committed to one-time funding, but VCC will enter discussions with the Ministry for a long-term plan. Adding an international stream, and including online delivery were suggested.
- EdCo approved the credential on Apr 11, 2023.

MOTION: THAT, on the advice of Education Council, the Board of Governors approve the new Sign Language Interpretation Diploma credential.
Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

3.2 Tuition

- Tuition for the Sign Language Interpretation Diploma is bound by provincial legislation and regulations in relation to post-secondary programming for domestic students. It is the same tuition that Douglas College would have set for the Fall 2023 intake and is inclusive of the 2% increase.
- The closest comparative program is George Brown College in Toronto.
- With sustainability of the program being the concern, FAC approved a Motion which provides a layer of risk mitigation, in that VCC's support of this expedited transition is on the condition of government approved one-time funding, and that through 2023/24 and 2024/25, Ministry staff will work with VCC to develop a longer-term sustainability plan. During this time the program will be reviewed, in consultation with community and professionals, presenting the opportunity for the tuition to be reviewed and revised.
- FAC approved the proposal at a Special Meeting on Apr 14, 2023.

MOTION:

Whereas the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (the "Ministry") has asked Vancouver Community College (VCC) to support the transition of the Sign Language Interpretation Diploma program from Douglas College to VCC on an expedited basis, with classes starting in September 2023; and

Whereas it is the intention of the Ministry, based on the letter received March 31, 2023, and subject to funding approval, to provide additional one-time support for the September 2024 program intake. Through 2023/24 and 2024/25, Ministry staff will work with VCC to develop a longer-term sustainability plan for the program, following anticipated program improvements that will be initiated over the next 18 months; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Finance & Audit Committee recommend the Board of Governors approve domestic tuition of \$7,415.95 for the Sign Language Interpretation Diploma Program, effective April 14, 2023.

Moved, Seconded & CARRIED (Unanimously)

4. NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT

- The next regular Board of Governors Public Meeting is on May 31, 2023.
- With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9.55 a.m.

APPROVED MAY 31, 2023, PUBLIC BOARD MEETING



Chair, VCC Board of Governors