

Education Council Minutes – March 10, 2026

4:30 pm, on Teams

P = Present - A= Absent

In Attendance:

P	M. Bleier	P	D. Sargent	P	D. Biin
P	L. Boehm	A	T. Render	P	T. Clarke
A	S. Curran	P	C. Philipson	P	T. Punchard
A	R. Deane			P	T. Snauwaert
P	A. Fahrenbruch	P	D. Sakwan	P	T. Whitehead
P	D. Falkenhagen (Chair)	P	G. Kaur	A	M. Matear (President)
P	J. Langham	A	G. Singh	P	J. Heth (Registrar)
P	C. Hillary		-----	P	N. Makortoff (recorder)

Guests:

Allison Alder

Darcy Ingram

Call to order and welcome.

The meeting was called to order at: 4:31 pm

1 Territorial Acknowledgment

Territorial Acknowledgement given by the Council Chair.

2 Approval of Agenda of 2026-03-10

CARRIED

The agenda was approved as amended. Membership updates and elections were added.

3 Approval of Minutes of 2026-02-10

CARRIED

The minutes were approved as presented.

4 Membership Engagement and/or Updates

**Member
engagement**

The Vice Chair position is currently empty. There will be an election at the April meeting to fill this position.

There is a vacant support staff seat so nominations will go out to the support staff group. This is a temporary seat from April to June 2026.

Membership reflection

A questionnaire will be sent out to the members in the next week or two to see how everyone is doing.

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

Information

The document was reviewed. This document may be expanded to include other updates that the council may be interested in.

6 Standing Committee Reports

A Circle for Inclusive Indigenous Education (CIIE)

- 1 Draft minutes from the February 9, 2026 meeting are provided for information. **Information**

B Curriculum Committee (CC)

- 1 Draft minutes from the February 26, 2026 meeting are provided for required motions and information. **Information**

- 2 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated AESP 281 Water and Air Pollution Chemistry course with minor edits made at the March 10, 2026 meeting.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

During the meeting the following were updated: the word breakdown was separated into two words (break down). Outcome two was decided to leave as is. In outcomes 5, 6, and 7 there were some commas added and the word Indigenous was capitalized.

- 3 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated BIOL 214 Comparative Vertebrate Morphology course.”* **Defeated**

Discussion:

An overview of this course was provided. Council questioned why Indigenous content was not present in the outcomes when it was referred to in the Summary. This course will go back to review the outcomes again and then be resubmitted to an April meeting.

- 4 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated MATH 180 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers course.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

This course had some minor edits to correct the title in the description and remove some capitals and make some spelling corrections.

- 5 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the new HIST 230 Environment and Society and HIST 231 Animals and Society courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

These courses are new courses in UAS. They have been reviewed by the Indigenous Education Developer.

- 6 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the new RDS 100 Introduction to Data Science and RDS 101 Foundations in Rural Research courses.”* **CARRIED**

Discussion:

These courses are part of the new Foundations in Rural Data Science program. The verbs in the outcomes were discussed and were clarified that the verbs are correct for a foundational course.

- 7 *“Pursuant to the CIA Section 24(2)(f) Education Council approves the updated Nursing courses.”* **CARRIED**

AHSC 218 Health Sciences III: Applied Health Sciences I

AHSC 228 Health Sciences IV: Applied Health Sciences II

NURS 212 Professional Practice III: Nursing Ethics

NURS 216 Health & Healing III: Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives

NURS 219 Nursing Practice II: Promoting Health & Healing I

NURS 226 Health and Healing IV: Health Challenges/Healing Initiatives

NURS 229 Nursing Practice III: Promoting Health and Healing

NURS 230 Consolidated Practice Experience II

NURS 260 Professional Practice IV: Nursing Research

Discussion:

The Bachelor of Nursing program is currently going through a program curriculum refresh. This year they are updating year 2 of the program. AHCS 228 was updated to show the correct title (Applied was missing).

C Education Policy Committee (EPC)

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| 1 | Draft minutes from the February 18, 2026 meeting are provided for information. | Information |
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D Program Quality Committee (PQC)

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| 1 | Draft minutes from the February 10, 2026 meeting are provided for required motions and information. | Information |
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| 2 | <i>“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the updated Bachelor of Nursing Program policies.”</i> | CARRIED |
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Discussion:

Only the year 2 changes are being brought forward currently. All changes that were made to year 3 have been removed from the policy.

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| 3 | <i>“Pursuant to the CIA Section 23(1)(b) Education Council approves the updated Engineering Transfer – Certificate Program policies.”</i> | CARRIED |
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Discussion:

This program had clarity added to all sections of the policy.

7 Unfinished Business

- A** “Education Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the new Foundations in Rural Data Science Program.” **CARRIED**

Discussion:

The new courses that are part of this program have now been approved so the council recommended to send this program to the Board for final approval.

- B** “Education Council recommends that the Board of Governors approve the deletion of NURS 217 Relational Practice.” **CARRIED**

Discussion:

The content from this course was moved to two other relational practice courses. This course will be deleted to allow for a new course in year 4.

8 New Business

- A** No new business at this meeting.

9 Reports

- A** VP Education and Students Report (*verbal*) **Information**

A verbal update was provided on the report that was submitted. It was asked that the Council provide some input on what they would like to see in the VP report.

- B** Education Council Chair Report (*submitted*) **Information**

Reminder that the next meeting will be in person in Nelson.

Adjournment

Next meeting is on April 14, 2026, at 4:30 pm in Nelson.