

April 8, 2008

REVISED – Please note meeting time

VCCFA Education Plan Bulletin - #1

By now you will have heard about the very serious and real program cuts at VCC. Once again we are facing the loss of many of our instructors, students, programs. Once again we are hearing that there is a budget shortage, and once again we are seeing the direction of the College changing. As well as over 30 instructors leaving with VDIs, we are facing many layoffs of term and regular instructors. We've attached a summary of the Training Plan which lists the many cuts we are facing. We've all also included a list of important meetings coming up that we would urge you to attend and voice your concern about what is happening to our College.

We've had meetings with the College and continue to meet with departments and members directly impacted by the cuts, working with FPSE on a response to this and organizing to protest these cuts.

We are having a special meeting to discuss these cuts and to plan our union's response to them.

VCCFA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

2:00 PM

ROOM 112 (THEATRE)

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. You can leave work for your students in order to attend this meeting.

Encl Education Plan Summary
Important Dates

IMPORTANT DATES

Education Council

4:30 – Tuesday, April 8th

Room 5025, Broadway Campus

Education (Training) Plan presented to Education Council

President's Forums

12 noon – Wednesday, April 16

Auditorium, Downtown Campus

3:00 – Wednesday, April 16

Room 5025, Broadway Campus

VCCFA Emergency General Meeting

2:00 – Thursday, April 17th

Room 112, Downtown Campus (Theatre)

Board Forum

4:00 – Thursday, April 17th

Room 240, Downtown Campus

Education Council – Special Meeting

3:30 p.m. – Tuesday, April 22

Room 5025, Broadway Campus

Presentations from departments, instructors, students regarding implications of the education plan

College Board – Public Meeting

6 p.m. – Thursday, April 24

Room 420, Downtown Campus

Education Council

4:30 – Tuesday, May 13th

Room 5025, Broadway Campus

Vote on Education Plan provides advice to College Board.

College Board – Public Meeting

6:00 p.m. – Thursday, May 29th

Room 420, Downtown Campus

The College Board will vote on the budget and education plan.

Education Council

3:30 – Tuesday, June 3

Room 5025, Broadway Campus

Note: All Education Council, Operations Council and College Board meetings are open to the public.

Education Plan Summary

VCC will provide **558** fewer FTEs in 2008/09 than in 2007/08. Since an FTE is often made up of more than 1 student, this can mean over 1,000 fewer students will be attending programs at VCC. There are some plans for additions, all of which will be in contract training, cost recovery or Continuing Studies.

The policy C.3.3 noted several times below is the VCC policy dealing with program cancellation. It provides a framework for process and criteria for the cancellation of programs and departments.

What are the proposed cuts?

1. Centre of Business Studies

- Transportation Logistics policy C.3.3
- Accounting policy C.3.3
- Financial Management policy C.3.3
- Business Management Diploma not offered 07/08

2. Centre for Design

- First Nations Jewelry not offered 07/08
- Nail Technician not offered 07/08
- Hair Design ESL 1 stream reduction

3. Centre for Technology

- Electronics – Common Core cancelled 07/08
- Electronics – Telecommunications policy C.3.3
- Drafting policy C.3.3
- Information Technology Specialist policy C.3.3

4. Centre for Transportation Trades

- VSB Diesel 1 section reduction
- Auto Body Apprentice 3 stream reduction
- Automotive Refinishing Prep 2 stream reduction
- Auto Prep Apprentice 2 stream reduction

5. School of Arts and Sciences

- EEAW (CCA) eliminated in 08/09
- CF Humanities (ABE) 6 section reduction
- CF Mathematics (ABE) 4 section reduction
- UT Humanities 5 section reduction
- UT Mathematics 9 section reduction
- UT Science 6 section reduction
- CCA 40 FTE reduction

- 6. School of Health Sciences**
 - Dental Technology and Denturist 50% reduction
 - Practical Nursing 1 stream reduction

- 7. School of Hospitality**
 - Culinary Arts Apprenticeship 2 section reduction

- 8. School of Language Studies and ELSA**
 - English Language Studies 28 section reduction
 - College Prep English 12 section reduction
 - Outreach 9 section reduction
 - ASL and Deaf Studies policy C.3.3

- 9. School of Music**
 - Overall 11 FTE reduction

- 10. Centre for International Education**
 - ESL International Education 165 FTE reduction
 - This department will close June 30th

- 11. Educational Services**
 - Counselling 1.5 FTE counsellor reduction

* Call the Union office if you want a copy of the 08/09 Education Plan

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