

# NEWS

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## **Mission statement the 'main event' for Langara**

The Transition Council has received a proposed Langara College mission statement which opens the door to a wide range of educational offerings in the future.

One key phrase in the document supports a "comprehensive range of educational opportunities".

Acting Langara Principal Linda Holmes said the concept of comprehensiveness might include instruction ranging from some elements of Adult Basic Education--all the way to degree granting status in certain areas of the curriculum.

President John Cruickshank said the document lays the foundation for the new Langara College.

"For some people this document may be seen as a non-event, but in fact it's really the main event...it comments on what Langara will be all about," said Cruickshank.

The complete draft mission statement says:

"Langara College is committed to excellence in teaching and the pursuit of life-long education by providing flexible, innovative and student-centred education. The College promotes a mastery of skills, analytical abilities and creativity in its students and fosters tolerance, self-respect and respect for the rights of others.

"Langara is responsive to the educational needs of adults in an urban, multi-cultural society and strives to improve accessibility to a comprehensive range of educational services. It encourages the pursuit of knowledge through a multi-disciplinary and

varied curriculum encompassing careers, arts and sciences with a diversity of modes of delivery while integrating knowledge with practice, individual growth with social responsibility and personal enrichment with skills development."

Holmes added that more details would be specified later in a statement of goals and objectives for Langara.

She also reported that Langara expects to have a proposed organizational structure ready for discussion at the next TC meeting.

She told the council that the structure will likely call for the internal appointment of three Deans of Instruction, each of whom would have responsibility for both career and arts and sciences programs. Details of the structure are still being discussed.

Cruickshank noted, for information, that Langara Dean of Instruction Joan Horsley, who has been away on sick leave, probably will not be returning to the college until August 1 at the earliest.

The TC also approved changes to its governing policy. These include:

- \* Acting Langara Principal Holmes will serve as Co-chair of the TC along with Cruickshank.

- \* Membership of the TC will remain unchanged until formation of the VCC Council.

- \* Members will face a split agenda. The first half will deal with issues of separation while the second part will address the day-by-day administration of the College.

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In other TC business, a sub committee of the council was struck to map out a “critical path” for dealing with separation. The sub-committee, which will be chaired by Acting Bursar Fred Wylie and has a membership of most TC members, will suggest a step-by-step process that lays out the dates by which all key decisions relating to separation need to be made.

Because of the Easter holidays, the TC will not meet again until April 19.

**If you have any comments or questions, please send them to Chuck Poulsen,  
Manager of The Exchange, in care of College Administrative Services.**

