1. Approval of Agenda: October 9th, 2019
   Motion: A. DaCosta moved to approve the agenda.
   Seconded by H. Kanuka…..........................CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes: September 11, 2019
   Motion: S. Carpenter moved that the September 11, 2019 minutes be approved.
   Seconded by H. Kanuka.............................CARRIED

3. Business arising from the September 11, 2019 Minutes

4. Library Report
   • D. Feisst reported that C. Gareau-Brennan will not be returning as the representative from the library.
   • Debbie reported on the Digital Scholarship Center (DSC) located in the Cameron Library 3rd floor is a great resource for Grads and Faculty.

5. Discussion on the time to completion of the MEd course-based degree
   S. Carpenter informed about parallel universities that have 2 courses less than the programs in our department. The possibility of advanced standing was discussed at length. While students have this option they must apply to get credit. It was determined to direct to Specializations for further discussion.

   A. Da Costa talked about his findings and provided some comparisons between courses at UBC versus UofA. The Chair requested that A. Da costa send the data he collected before next meeting.

   Action Item: A. Da Costa will forward a chart comparison of UBC versus UofA to the Chair.

6. ACHE Calendar course changes(2)
   Motion: S. Carpenter moved that Department Council approve the calendar and title change of EDPS 578 Learning in Social Movements to EDPS 578 Learning through Struggle: Social Movements, Resistance, and Popular Education.
   Seconded by J. da Costa.............................CARRIED

   Motion: S. Carpenter moved that Department Council approve the calendar and title change of EDPS 579 Transformative Learning to EDPS 579 Facilitating Transformative Adult Learning.
   Seconded by J da Costa.............................CARRIED

   It was mentioned that EDPS 579 hasn’t run for almost a decade
7. Application requirements, post deferral - proposal

J. White, Graduate Administrator, originally brought this forward to the committee for further discussion and the possibility of streamlining post deferral process.

J. Sousa informed committee that 44 applications received so far and 20 reviewed.
- 44 applications received
- 20 reviewed
- Down from previous year
- Mostly international students
- Guaranteed tuition

Motion: H. Kanuka moved that GAC approve the requirements for post-deferral applications for MEd applications only.
Seconded by J. DaCosta.................CARRIED

A discussion arose about the Departments English Language Proficiently minimums. S. Carpenter commented that in the IELTS exam a 7.0 is impacting students in a negative way. J Sousa mentioned that applicants have a choice what test they can take, but the IELTS is the most popular. A. DaCosta requested more information regarding the recent MEd applicants who have completed an ELP but were not eligible for entry into the program.

8. Master thesis based and course biased equivalency

This has been an ongoing issue for more than a decade and there needs to be a motion.
- J. da Costa suggested to drop the program to 30 credits then to send to TQS for evaluation
- EDPS is at 36 credits
- EDPY at 48 credits
- S. Carpenter posed question - Should the Thesis and Course based programs be equivalent?
- J. da Costa talked about undergraduate courses count as 1.25 years and Graduate courses count at 1.5 years. Discussion continued...

Motion: J. DaCosta moved that GAC approves that the EDPS Thesis-based masters program is equivalent to the EDPS Course-based masters program in terms of and credits.
Seconded by Sara Carpenter.........................CARRIED

9. Impact of enrollment caps

The Committee discussed issues about the same instructors teaching the same classes from term to term.
- J. da Costa mentioned that there is a policy stating that an instructor can teach a course up to 2 terms and then switch to a new instructor on the 3rd term.
- A. Alshammary mentioned the difficulty of finding enough courses for her Master's program in the department. Discussion continued about capping course at 15 students.

10. Other Business: None

11. J. Sousa adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

12: Next meeting: 10:00 am on November 6, 2019.