

# Education Council

By-Election Information

Winter 2025



# Governance at Vancouver Community College

- All public BC colleges are required by the College and Institute Act (1996) to have a Board of Governors and an Education Council.
- Both make important decisions at the College, but they have different roles and powers.
- Both have standing committees to support their work.

# Why run for EdCo?



Be empowered to make changes to improve student life on campus



Gain valuable experience working in a team with people across the College



Learn how the College is run



Develop your leadership skills by representing faculty, students or staff at VCC



Engage with the VCC community—students, faculty, staff, and administrators



Shape the future of VCC for the best student experience

# Elections

- Check your eligibility to run: Election Rules
- One student seat is up for election at this time.
- Three nominators are required (three separate forms).  
You cannot nominate yourself.
- Nomination forms will be available on myVCC as of February 3, 2025.
- Submit forms to elections@vcc.ca
- Timeline:
  - Nominations:** Monday, February 3 to Friday, February 14 at 4:00 p.m.
  - Campaign Period:** Monday, February 17 to Friday, February 21
  - Voting (online):** Wednesday, February 26 to Tuesday, March 4 at 4:00 p.m.
  - Results:** Announced by Friday, March 7, 2025

# Education Council Composition

Education Council has 21 voting members:

- 10 faculty members
- 4 students
- 5 educational administrators
- 2 support staff members



# What does Education Council (EdCo) do?

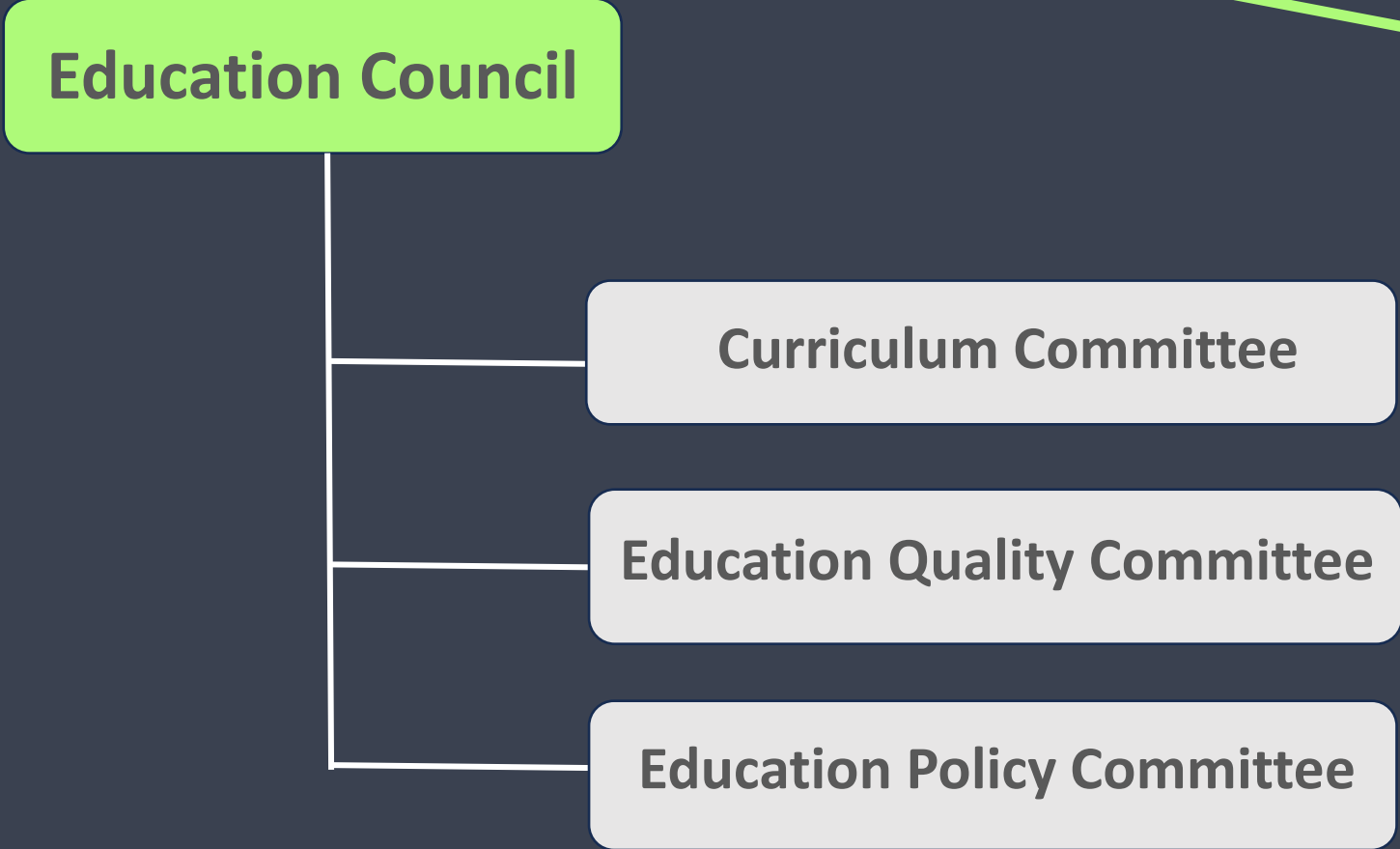
**Education Council has three kinds of powers, outlined in the College and Institute Act:**

- Make decisions (sole authority)
- Advise the Board (advisory role)
- Approve matters jointly with the Board (joint approval)

**EdCo deals with matters such as:**

- Academic policies (evaluation of student performance, grading, academic appeals, etc.)
- Curriculum for programs and courses
- Course/program proposals or cancellation
- Affiliations with other institutions

# Education Council (EdCo) Structure



# What is expected of EdCo Members

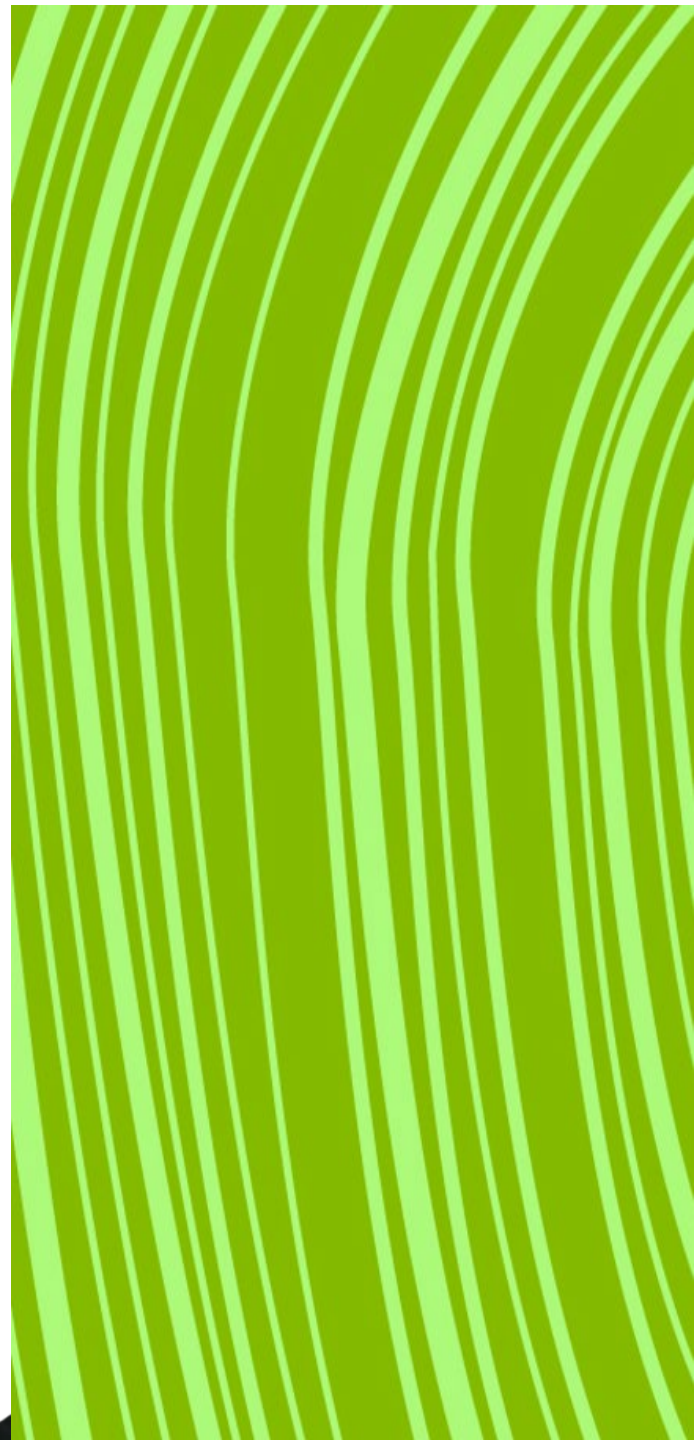
- **Regularly attend meetings and planning sessions:**
  - EdCo meets on the second Tuesday of each month, 3:30–5:30 p.m. (except July/August) - Zoom
  - Two planning sessions and occasional special meetings (Zoom or hybrid)
- **Prepare & engage:**
  - Become familiar with EdCo Bylaws and relevant College policies
  - Review meeting packages in advance
  - Actively participate in meetings, bring forward questions, and suggest topics for discussion
  - Vote on proposals for new or revised curriculum and policies
- **Note:** There is no honorarium for EdCo members.



# Bring your voice to the table

"Every person on EdCo speaks for an area of the College that needs to be heard. We can't make good change without listening to each other. I hope that students, in particular, will join to learn about how academic changes are made, and to influence those changes. "

*Natasha Mandryk, Education Council Chair*



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