

# Board of Governors & Education Council

Info Session

October 1, 2024



# 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 the Board and 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

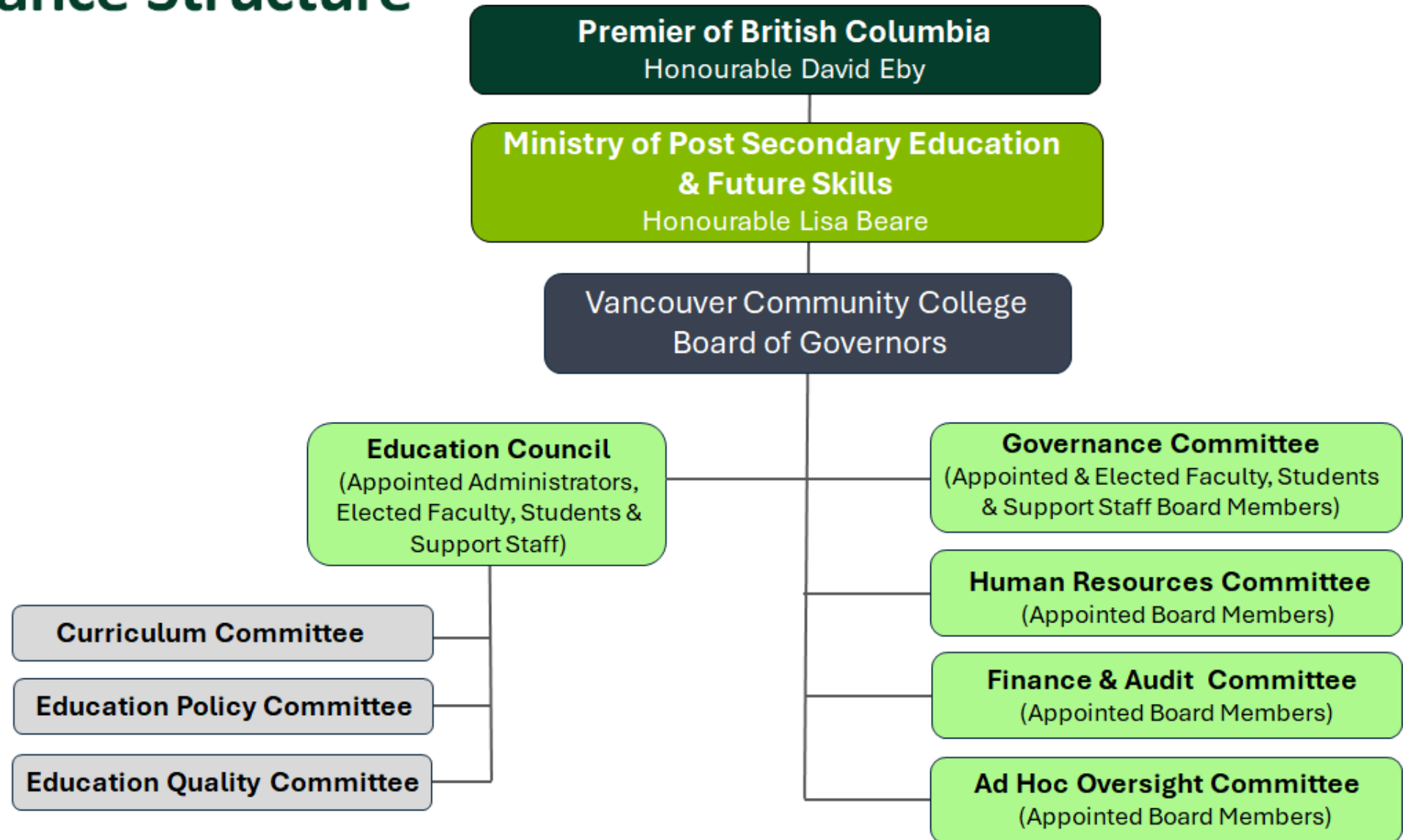


Shape the future of VCC for the best student experience

# Elections

- Check your eligibility to run: [Election Rules](#)
- Candidates can run for either Education Council or the Board, not both.
- Three nominators are required (three separate forms).  
You cannot nominate yourself.
- Nomination forms are posted on myVCC for [employees](#) and [students](#).
- Submit forms to [elections@vcc.ca](mailto:elections@vcc.ca)
- Timeline:
  - Nominations:** Monday, September 23 to Friday, October 4 at [4:00 p.m.](#)
  - Campaign Period:** Monday, October 7 to Friday, October 11
  - Voting (online):** Wednesday, October 16 to Tuesday, October 22
  - Results:** Announced by Friday, October 25

# Governance Structure



# Board of Governors Composition

- Minimum of (8) government appointed members (6-year term)
- (4) elected board members:
  - 1 faculty (3-year term)
  - 1 support staff (3-year term)
  - 2 students (1-year term)
- Ex-Officio (non-voting):
  - President and Chair, Education Council
- Appointed Members and Student Members of the Board are eligible for a \$2,000 honorarium. Paid bi-weekly.

# Board and Committee Meetings

- There are 6 "in-person" Board meetings each year and 1 retreat.
- Board meetings are on a Wednesday from 4:00-8:00pm (Broadway or Downtown Campus).
- Board Committees meet approximately 4 times a year by Zoom.
- Other educational sessions & Special Board Meetings are scheduled at different times. These can be in-person or virtual.

# What does the Board of Governors do?

**The Board of Governors powers are outlined in the College and Institute Act:**

- Make decisions (sole authority)
- Delegate authority

**The Board deals with matters such as:**

- President's Performance Objectives
- Policies
- New credentials
- Tuition for new and revised programs
- Affiliations with other institutions
- Property related matters



# What is expected of a Board member

## Become familiar with:

- Relevant government mandate, legislation & policies
- VCC Board Bylaws, Education Council Bylaw & College policies

## Be prepared:

- Read advance materials
- Seek more info relevant to governance

## Attend meetings and retreats:

- Participate, question, contribute.
- Refer operational issues to the President.

# 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?

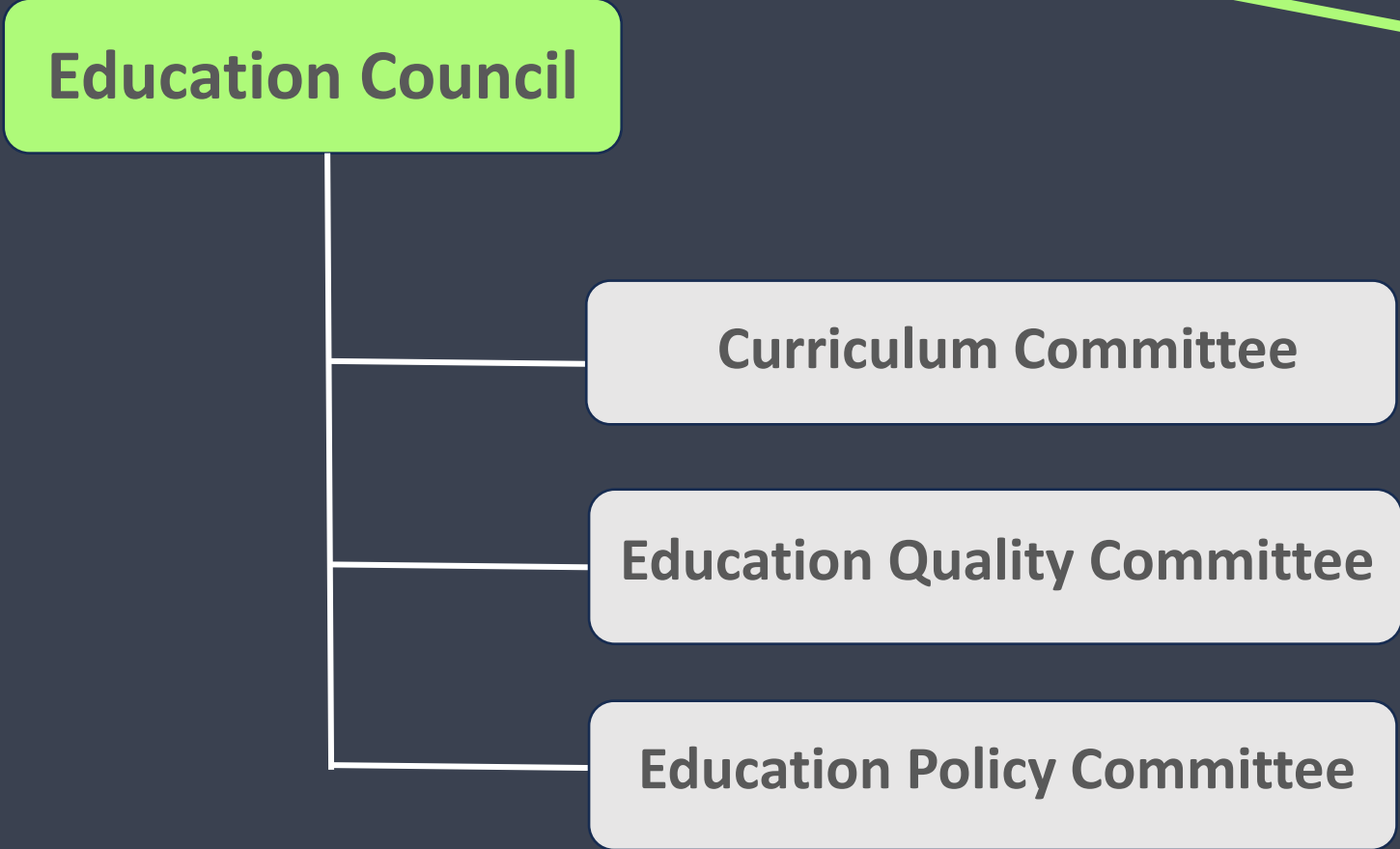
**Education Council has three kinds of powers, outlined in the College and Institute Act:**

- 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



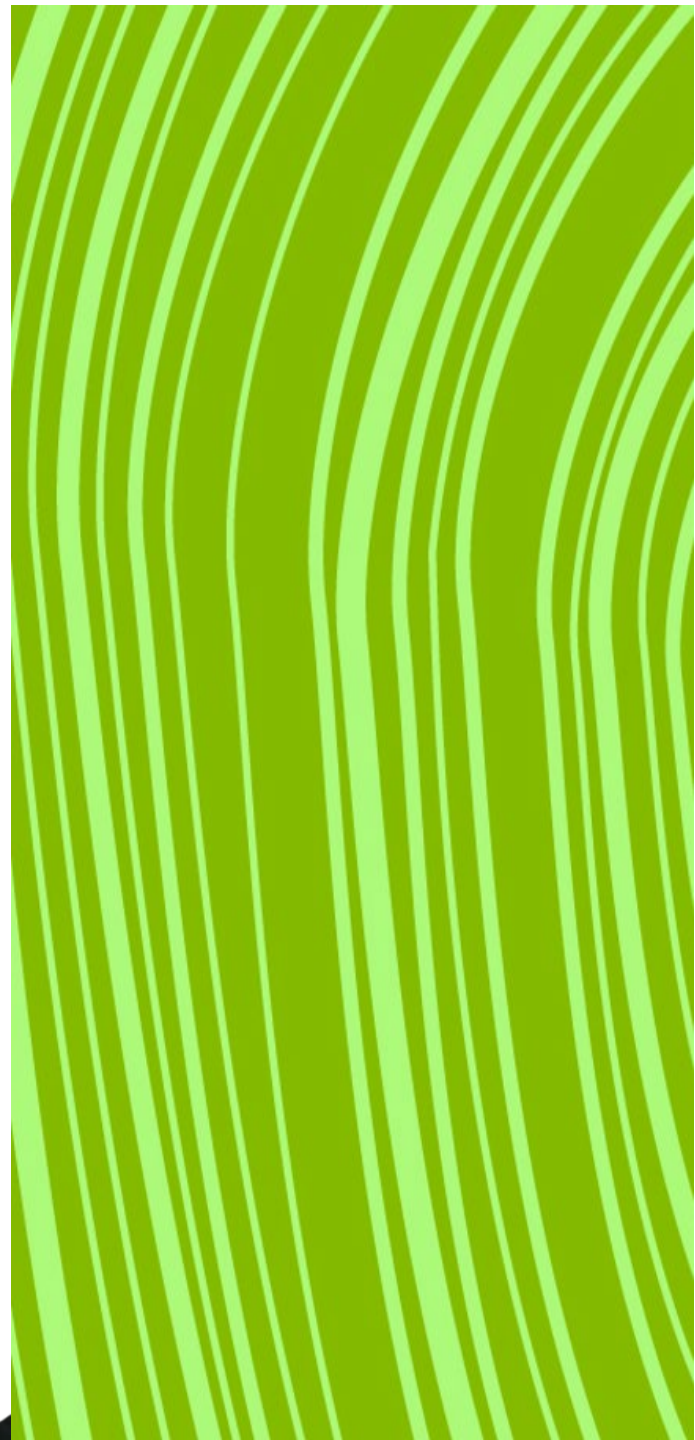
# What is expected of EdCo Members

- **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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