



EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

BOARDROOMS 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

PRESENT:

Elaine Herbert	John Chenoweth	Aruna Gore	Jaime Grismer
Ursula Katic	Kylie Thomas	Bev Currie-McLean	James Beck
Denyse Oswald-Finch	Tom Willms	Linda Epps	Mandy Jimmie
Shane Isaac	Trevor Reed	Angela Scott	

ABSENT:

Ken Tourand	Nedra McKay	Deb Canada	Eric Ostrowidzki
Esther De Waard			

GUESTS:

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet

Recorder: Kelly Donaldson

Chair Elaine Herbert called the meeting to order at 12:12pm.

1. Review and/ or acceptance of the Agenda

Motion 1: To accept the Agenda as amended.

Moved by John Chenoweth 2nd by Jaime Grismer

CARRIED

Discussion: Elaine added *Indigenous Human Services program* to C. 5.

2. Review and/ or acceptance of the Minutes from November 29, 2017

Motion 2: Move to accept the Minutes from November 29, 2017.

Moved by John Chenoweth, 2nd by Aruna Gore

CARRIED

Part A Education Council Decision Items (Section 24 of Act)

A.1 Computer Systems Information Technology (CSIT) NAME CHANGE

Motion 3: To accept the program name change from Computer Systems Information Technology to Foundations in Innovation and Technology (FIIT).

Moved by John Chenoweth, 2nd by Kylie Thomas

CARRIED

Motion 4: To accept the amended course code from FIIT to FITC.

Moved by John Chenoweth, 2nd by Kylie Thomas

CARRIED

Discussion: Concern was raised over the FIIT course code and suggested the course code be amended to the course code FITC. It was noted that it is important to the First Nations Tech Council that *foundations* and *innovation* be in the name to reflect the level of training.

Course Name Change for Courses in the *Foundations in Innovation and Technology* program

Motion 4: To accept the course outlines to reflect the amended program name and course code for

CSIT 110 -> FITC 110
CSIT 120 -> FITC 120
CSIT 130 -> FITC 130
CSIT 140 -> FITC 140
CSIT 150 -> FITC 150
CSIT 160 -> FITC 160

Moved by John Chenoweth, 2nd by Jaime Grismer

CARRIED

No discussion.

A.2 Formation of EdCo Sub-Committee

Upcoming meeting for those who volunteered to sit on this committee on February 7 at 12:00. Committee will focus on establishing processes, guidelines, and procedures on moving new programs and courses through SPAC and EdCo.

Elaine advised that a committee has also been struck to review ENGL standards and current courses will be meeting in the near future. Committee consists of Eric, Nedra, Deb, Stef, and Angela Scott (student).

Part B Education Council & Board of Governors Advisory Items (Section 23 of the Act)

B. 1 SPAC Minutes dated December 13, 2017 were presented and acknowledged.

Part C Other

C. 1 Schedule of Events 2018/2019 & 2019/2020

The proposed 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 Schedules of Events based on NVIT's approved Scheduling Principles.

Faculty and students voiced concern over the return to school date after the winter break as well as the spring exam schedule. For example, in 2018, the institution reopened the following day after the New Years stat. However, the local elementary schools and daycares remained closed and students with children found attending classes during the first week challenging. As well, faculty heard complaints from students about travelling back to school on the stat holiday.

In regards to the spring exam schedule, it conflicts with Easter weekend every second year and programs like ENRT have a compressed exam schedule of up to 6 exams in 3 days. A solution may be to consider having exams on Saturdays as well. Faculty were reminded that the draft exam schedule is circulated in February and if there are any concerns, they can be raised then.

Dates are generated by NVIT's scheduling principles that are based on course hours, weeks of instruction, breaks, grad, statutory holidays, and exam schedules.

Verna suggested that if EdCo is seeking changes to the Scheduling Principles, that Elaine form a sub-committee to review both the principles and the collective bargaining agreement and bring back to the council for discussion.

EdCo discussed the impact of pushing the return to school date after winter break by one day. It was noted that students and faculty would have to make up the extra hours as there is little wiggle room in the instruction weeks to add additional time in the semester in consideration of preparing for grad.

Elaine requested that the members vote to indicate their support or opposition of the 2019/20 calendar as presented.

For: James, Ursula, Linda, Kylie, Bev, Trevor, Arura, John (8) (+1 ABSTENTION)

Against: Elaine, Mandy, Denyse, Jaime, Angela, Shane (6)

Abstained: Tom

C. 2 New K-12 Curriculum and Transition to Post-Secondary Forum: May 30, 2018

Kylie advised that NVIT will be hosting a forum with local educators on May 30 to discuss how the new curriculum changes in the K-12 system will impact post-secondary requirements. Kylie recommended that the EdCo chair draft an email to encourage institute-wide attendance. The Dean's Office offered support to draft the message and will work with Elaine to distribute. Verna requested that faculty make this meeting a priority and that at least one representative from each department be in attendance.

The forum conflicts with the proposed May EdCo meeting date and EdCo will be rescheduled to accommodate the forum. Tentative date is June 6th.

C. 3 EdCo Formalization and Procedures Update: See above.

C. 4. Future Education Council meeting dates:

SPAC: February 28, 2018

EdCo: March 28, 2018

C. 5 Indigenous Human Services program

Elaine advised that she has been revising the existing human services program and will be presenting the updated program at the next SPAC.

C. 6 Adjournment

Motion 5: To adjourn

Moved by John Chenoweth

CARRIED