



EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday October 29th, 2014
BOARDROOMS 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Present:

Aruna Gore	Joanne Armstrong	Verna Billy-Minnabarriet	John Badger
Sandra Tiessen	Jennifer Lisle	Catharine Crow	John Chenoweth
Annie Major	Nedra McKay	Eric Ostrowidzki	Denyse Oswald-Finch
Alexa Tyler	Linda Epps	Neil Mathur	Jaime Grismer
Mandy Jimmie	Kylie Thomas		

Regrets:

Ken Tourand	Trevor Day
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Absent:

Guests:

Dave McCauley (FNESS) Brent Langlois (FNESS) Mil Juricic Stefan Zabek Elaine Herbert

Opening Remarks:

Joanne asked for introductions by new student members: Alexa Tyler, Annie Major, and John Badger. Joanne also asked all guests to introduce themselves. Joanne added two agenda items: C.2 Academic Governance Council Meeting Updates and C.3 Release or Compensation for EdCo chair.

1. Review and/ or acceptance of Agenda

Motion 1: To accept the agenda, as amended.

Moved by Nedra McKay, seconded by Linda Epps

Motion Carried

2. Review and/or acceptance of Minutes June 25th, 2014

Motion 2: Move to accept the minutes for June 25th, 2014, as presented.

Moved by Jaime Grismer, seconded by John Chenoweth

Motion Carried

3. Review and/or acceptance of SPAC Minutes October 15th, 2014

Motion 3: Move to accept the SPAC minutes for October 15th, 2014.

Moved by Annie Major, seconded by Jaime Grismer

Motion Carried

4. Summary of Decision items as per email response requested of the Council

i.) Motion 1: To make STSC 101 Strategies for Success a mandatory course for all new students enrolled in the 2014/2015 academic year.

Moved by: John Chenoweth, Seconded by: none.

Motion Rejected

ii.) Motion 2: To remove ENRT 140 Wildland Recreation, 3 credits, from the Environmental Resources Technician Certificate Program, effective September 2nd, 2014.

Moved by: Jennifer Lisle, Seconded by: Linda Epps

Motion Carried

iii.) Motion 3: To add ENRT 110 Intro to Environmental Resources, 3 credits, to the Environmental Resources Technician Certificate Program, effective September 2nd, 2014.

Moved by: Jennifer Lisle, Seconded by: Linda Epps

Motion Carried

Discussion:

- i.) There were not enough responses received by Council members to meet quorum. The Council will review the pilot of this course after one year of delivery, and will ask for feedback from all NVIT community members.
- ii.) The Council votes met quorum and this motion has been carried.
- iii.) The Council votes met quorum and this motion has been carried.

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

A.1 First Nations Emergency Services Society Course Outline

Motion 4: To accept the NVIT course outline, as amended, for:

NVIT XXX – Critical Incident Stress Management, 3 credits

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet, seconded by Catharine Crow

Motion will go to email voting

Discussion:

Brent and Dave provided the Council with the First Nations Emergency Services Society (FNESS) Annual Report and Strategic Plan as background information for the organization. John Chenoweth provided a brief history of the development of this course and why it is being created. This is the first course of hopefully many, possibly a full 10 course certificate in partnership with FNESS. This course will provide an introduction and primary skill set required by FNESS volunteers and community workers. FNESS has trained approx. 5,000 people with this curriculum, but they want this course to be accredited. This initiative is in partnership with the First Nations Health Authority as well, and will help build capacity to respond to all of the community requests. Within this course, students are taught how to work directly with the primary and secondary person(s) affected by an incident, and also how to conduct group circles, etc. The course learning outcomes will be updated to reflect practical components and practices as well.

This course will be emailed out to all Council members for a final vote. All changes to the course description and learning outcomes will be reflected in the final copy. The department name and number will be determined in the final copy as well.

A.2 University Transfer, Associate of Arts Degrees Course Requirements

Motion 5: To remove ENGL 111 as a core requisite from all Associate Degrees, effective September 2nd, 2014.

Current English courses required for all Associate of Arts Degrees:

ENGL 110 – College Composition, 3 credits

ENGL 111 – Introduction to Modern Fiction, 3 credits

Moved by n/a, seconded by n/a

Tabled.

Discussion:

This motion will be tabled until next meeting.

A.2 University Transfer, Associate of Arts Degrees Course Requirements

Motion 5: To include “UT English 100-level”, effective September 2nd, 2014

Previous English courses required for all Associate of Arts Degrees:

ENGL 110 – College Composition, 3 credits

ENGL 111 – Introduction to Modern Fiction, 3 credits

Revised English courses required for all Associate of Arts Degrees:

ENGL 110 – College Composition, 3 credits

UT ENGL 100-level, 3 credits

Moved by n/a, seconded by n/a

Tabled

Discussion:

This motion will be tabled until next meeting.

A.3b College Readiness Course Outline

Motion 7: To accept the revised course outline for:

ENGL 060 – English – Provincial Level, 0 credits

Moved by Elaine Herbert, seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet

Motion Carried

Discussion:

Stefan Zabek introduced the course and explained the updates to this course outline have been directly “copied and pasted” from the BCABE Articulation Committee standards and requirements, and they cannot be changed. There are three levels of the course to choose from, Stefan has chosen “Technical & Professional”, as he sees this course as a best fit for the average NVIT student. The decision was made in consultation with English instructors.

The BCABE Articulation Committee is trying to standardize the dogwood courses. They want to know and approve of teaching styles, and are the deciding body for granting dogwoods. This is their “push” to standardize programming across the board, and NVIT needs their approval to stay on the BCCAT grid.

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

B.1 Learning Tablets Cost Course

Discussion:

As per SPAC minutes, this course will be a cost course which can be requested by communities for delivery. A cost course is non-transcriptable.

Part C Other Items

C.1 Future Education Council meeting dates:

SPAC: December 10th, 2014

EdCo: December 17th, 2014

**please note there is only one week in-between meetings due to Christmas break.*

C.2 Academic Governance Council Updates
Provided by Joanne Armstrong

- Dorothy Rogers of Quality Assurance of Advanced Education the BC Government is looking at Skills to grow the economy blueprint.
- 17% increase for funding for Aboriginal training
- 18 million for Aboriginal Learners with 76 projects
- "Green Paper" on their web site to answer "What is quality assurance?"
- Review course descriptions. Look at course objectives to move to learning outcomes.
- Ministry of Education and Ministry of Advanced Education now has one person who will work within both Ministries. Discussed post degree diploma/certificates. Recycled course or 500 or 600 level courses.
- Rod Allen, Superintendent of Learning K-12
- Rubric of a rainbow evaluation.
- Do not have grades assigned but to have a colored rubric Joanne

C.3 Release or Compensation for EdCo Chair

Education Council Chair Joanne Armstrong would like to advise the Council that she will be seeking release time or compensation for her time put towards EdCo Chair duties. Every post-secondary grants their EdCo Chair release time, the average being 25%. BCIT grants 70% release time. Joanne will be requesting this from management.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55 pm.