

President's Report – April Board Meeting (February - April)



LEARNER CENTRED

<p><i>Goal 1: Motivated and Engaged Learners</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 2: Shared responsibility and accountability for a learner-centered environment</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual “Experience NVIT” • 2021/22 Schedule of Events revised. Changes include wellness break in fall term, 22/SP classes begin the second week of January and 2022 graduation ceremonies moved to June. • Completed the 1st recruitment video “Healthy Campus Charter” on March 31, will have “Co-op” and “MyNVIT” recruitment completed by May 31. Planning for an online launch for all three videos. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial meeting on Alumni Association • UIYES – NVITV campus weekly meetings • IT – review of Retention Alert • Merritt Graduation scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021. • Vancouver Graduation rescheduled to Saturday, May 15, 2021. • Student Success Centre hours extended to Saturdays 10am-4pm ONLINE during April for additional exam support.
<p><i>Goal 3: Opportunities for career development and training</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 4: Services and supports that honour an Indigenous experience</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaker Series in partnership with SD 58 transitions project - Ryan Ward, Rob Manuel, Chief Jordan Joe, Andrew George & more • Co-op opportunities – Chamber project • Automotive Service Technician Foundation Program – SD 58 • Practicums successfully completed in Uganda and Jamaica 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moose Hide campaign participation • Online drumming circle • Additional counselling services available for students • Obtained CMHA mental health funding to increase supports for students, offer weekly wellbriety sessions starting in May, provide suicide prevention and mental wellness workshops and training for students and staff in Sept.



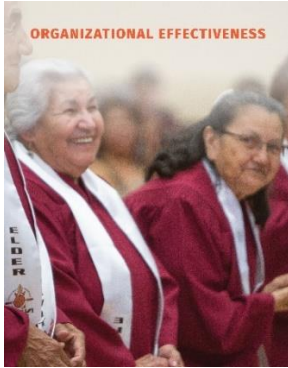
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

<i>Goal 1: Reputable as a School of Excellence</i>	<i>Goal 2: Rigorous Academic Standards</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● UFV and NVIT renew our partnership agreement ● Record attendance for Online Experience NVIT (approx. 216 attendees) ● Solar Energy module training for RNET students ● NSYL Indigenous Language Fluency Degree announcement that garnered national attention ● Continued participation on SAAF & BCAIU VP Academics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continued review of academic policies ● Weekly Health Care Assistant Program meetings for recruitment and enrolment ● The first Bachelor of Social Work degree is being offered in Vanderhoof with Carrier Sekani Family Services. The program will incorporate culture, language and knowledge from the traditional territory and align them with Social Work competencies. ● Complete work on Ministry's mandatory certification committee (trades)
<i>Goal 3: Faculty practicing Indigenous Pedagogy</i>	<i>Goal 4: Exemplary quality of Instruction</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indigenous Holistic Wellness & Addictions program (Rename CHAD) ● Nłe?kəpmxcin language computer in library ● Core competency group created for IECE (AECE) program in anticipation of new program opportunities for early childcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adult upgrading center ● Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training (the Ministry) provides (FNESC) a one-time grant of \$4,000,000 to fund the core expenses of eligible Indigenous post-secondary education institutes in province, in response to FNESC's 2020 proposal.



COMMUNITY RELEVANCE

<p><i>Goal 1: Advocate for Indigenous Education</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 2: Meet the educational and training needs of indigenous communities and organizations</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elder’s Council meetings ● Attending virtual Community Career Fairs around the province ● Participation on the BCCAT Council ● ITA Indigenous Advisory Council ● Logo/Mural project with our five founding bands in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ministry meeting on NVIT funding. ● CICAN Indigenous Education Advisory Committee ● Regional Alliance for Rural Health and connecting with partners to share research on community health needs ● BCAIU President’s meetings (weekly)
<p><i>Goal 3: Develop and sustain relationships/partnerships with organizations that support NVIT’s mandate</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 4: Deliver accredited, transferable and credentialed programs and services</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AVP of Students, attended the UNPFII Regional dialogue with Indigenous Peoples in North America for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls session on March 14. ● AVP Students, Sue Sterling-Bur attended Our Gathering 2021 on March 13 to share information on NVIT’s Immediate Entrance Bursary with Leadership. ● Continued progress on the MMIWG2S memorial in partnership with Conayt Friendship Society. Timeline to install memorial on NVIT grounds is by August 2021. ● COVID 19 Best practices meeting with Facilities Directors of PSI BC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Scw’exmx Child and family – Exploring a Micro-credential in Indigenous language and culture ● SD 58 transitions project ● CE programs continuing; program areas focus on employment skills, trades, early childhood, and human services.



ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

<p><i>Goal 1: Organizational Culture that supports evidence-based planning and decision making</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 2: Trusted financial processes that are transparent and efficient</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chair/ New Board member orientation • Presidents call with Dr. Henry • Cyber security initiative • Launched 2020/21 Student Engagement Survey • Launch COVID 19 Online Learning Survey • Indigenization Committee • Incidence Response Plan for IT breaches 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 88 provincial response • Balanced budget 2021/22 • Excluded Compensation • HVAC Capital Project start up, HVAC upgrade on schedule, on budget • Replaced Hot Water Tank, Student Housing Building B • Tendered RFP Daycare
<p><i>Goal 3: Positive working environment through engaged employees</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 4: Employ individuals who embrace NVIT values and philosophy</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union/Management committee • Exempt Performance evaluations • Wellness committee (Book Club/Birthdays/Moosehide/Earth Day) • Reno of new “Quiet Room” close to completion • Campus Living Centres looking to fill NVIT Housing Coordinator vacancy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Sterling-Bur – AVP Students • Ivy McRae – Health care instructor • Chelsie Letendre – Academic Planner • Collin Budd – Marketing/Recruitment • Jaime Grismer – Instructional Technologist • Rae Porterfield – IHMS Instructor • In negotiations with a Grounds Maintenance company to fulfill the Ground Maintenance RFP