

## President's Report – December 3 Board Meeting (October- November)



# Learner Centered

### ***Goal 1: Motivated and Engaged Learners***

- Student forums held at both campuses.
- Mary Howard Bursary.
- Facilities – Operationalized fitness mezzanine (50 memberships), gymnasium (Merritt Volleyball Assoc. has booked for the year, MSS high-school basketball has booked practices for the season and will host two tournaments (Dec. 14-15, Feb. 2-3), SD 58 to host two elementary tournaments in 2018, 2019).
- Long Night Against Procrastination – Scheduled for Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> on Merritt Campus.

### ***Goal 2: Shared responsibility and accountability for a learner-centered environment***

- Enrolment services offers Consent workshop.
- IT - Fit out of technology for the COES building.
- Meeting with the Education Coordinators from the five founding bands regarding how we can better service students.
- Student Engagement Survey (SES) – SEM Subcommittee formed to review and revise Student Engagement Survey. The intent is to reduce the length of the survey and ensure that the information we are collecting is useful.
- Writing workshops are scheduled every Wednesday from 12: 30 to 1:15pm.
- Tutoring Support - Writing and Math lab support workers have been hired until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- **Stronger Together Project:** Two workshops were delivered on Merritt campus as a part of STSC 101. A campus-wide workshop is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> which will include Student Society members. A workshop is scheduled for Vancouver campus on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Social media sites also have been launched in conjunction with the campaign.

### ***Goal 3: Opportunities for career development and training***

- An informational session for parents of prospective NVIT students was held on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Merritt Campus.
- Developing a Joint Degree with UBC Department of Education.
- Exploring possible Access to Therapeutic Orientation Trauma Training in partnership.
- Association of BC Forest Professionals – Establishing a working relationship regarding jobs/employment in the forest sector.

### ***Goal 4: Services and supports that honour an Indigenous experience***

- Elders Goody Days.
- **Indigenous Elders Court Orientation** – A 25-hour course has been set up under the Continuing Studies program to prepare Indigenous Knowledge keepers for participation in Indigenous Courts. Delivered first intake Oct 2-4 in Prince George with 39 participants.
- **Housing Issues** – AVP Students, SEM & Registrar and Student Society President have scheduled meetings with the various housing providers.



# ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## ***Goal 1: Reputable as a School of Excellence***

- Presentation at CICAN Indigenous Symposium.
- Presentation at Rural Community College Alliance.
- Presentation at CANDO National Conference.
- Presentation at BC Links for Learning (Strategic Planning).
- AFN Review on Post-Secondary Policy Review.
- Building a Made in BC Model for Post-Secondary.

## ***Goal 2: Rigorous Academic Standards***

- IT - Progress on Portal Upgrade, Ellucian Mobile Go Projects.
- HCA Coordinator, Ivy McRae, recently accepted the Chair position for the provincial articulation committee due to her commitment to implementing the spirit of the TRC and UNDRIP into HCA learning objectives and outcomes.
- Continue to meet with Jan Hare UBC for the B. Ed. Program.

## ***Goal 3: Faculty practicing Indigenous Pedagogy***

- John appointed to CANDO Education Committee.
- Building Partnership for Indigenous Focusing Oriented Therapy Program: 18 contracts nationally.
- Working with FNHA – contract for CHAD and Mental Wellness development.

## ***Goal 4: Exemplary quality of Instruction***

- Hiring of Culinary Arts Instructor.
- UFV-NVIT cohort Masters of Social work program start.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Social Work Counselling Lab.
- Xavier Bauby hired as our new Culinary Arts instructor.
- IT - Lapel Mics put into use for Video Conferencing Classes.



# Community Relevance

## ***Goal 1: Advocate for Indigenous Education***

- Continued participation on the Language Fluency Degree committee.
- Supporting the CNA to host the NLEKEPMCIN Conference in mid-November.
- Attended Adams Lake Education dinner.
- Continue to participate in conference calls with FNHA RE: Addictions & Mental Wellness Certificate
- Continuing to be a member on the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB).
- Continue to Chair on the IAHLA Board.
- Continue Language revitalization meetings.

## ***Goal 2: Meet the educational and training needs of indigenous communities and organizations***

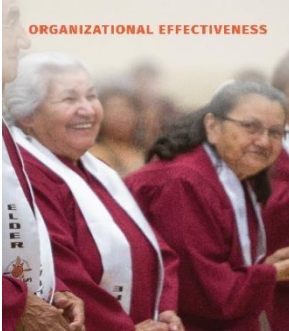
- NVIT continues to deliver approximately 30 programs around the province through community education.
- Delivered AGLP 150: Aboriginal Governance in Lytton in October.
- Supported the delivery of the First Nations Court program Elders Training in Prince George.
- Successfully approved for trades and technology funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training to support various programs including Health, LEPP, and Office Admin.
- Ongoing discussions with NEC/UNYA and ministry regarding Vancouver campus.
- Participate at the First Nations Leadership Gathering.

## ***Goal 3: Develop and sustain relationships/partnerships with organizations that support NVIT's mandate***

- Continued participation with the Regional Alliance for Rural Health.
- Continued co-chair responsibilities with the Deans and Directors provincial group for Health.
- Continued planning with the First Nations Tech Council on the delivery of the Foundations in Innovation and Technology program.
- Gold Sponsor at CANDO conference in Edmonton.
- Westwood Electric sponsors Goody Day.
- Participated in the ASDT hosted Provincial Housing Forum.
- BCAIU President's meeting.

## ***Goal 4: Deliver accredited, transferable and credentialed programs and services***

- Attended various grads in the province for completion of community programs.
- Continue to attend the Aboriginal Teacher Recruitment, Retention and Deployment Working Group.
- Conducted CBAs in Prince Rupert, Musqueam, Penticton Indian Band and Vanderhoof. The Prince Rupert and Musqueam CBAs were carried out as part of the FITC program. This program is also serving as a test for online application and registration.
- Ongoing discussions with Kitimat Valley Institute regarding Northern campus.



# ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

## ***Goal 1: Organizational Culture that supports evidence-based planning and decision making***

- Accommodation Policy – drafting of an NVIT relevant Accommodation Policy.
- CEUG 2018 Conference – Five members of the Enrolment Services team attended the Colleague Ellucian Users Group (CEUG) conference.
- Central Data Warehouse (CDW Draw) - October CDW data passed all Ministry data thresholds.
- A review of the existing Student Conduct Policy and procedures has resulted in the creation of an institute-wide Individual Conduct Policy.

## ***Goal 2: Trusted financial processes that are transparent and efficient***

- Completion of Lecture Theater renovation.
- Excluded Compensation provincial review process.

## ***Goal 3: Positive working environment through engaged employees***

- SEM Committee met October 2<sup>nd</sup> and adopted a monthly meeting schedule for the remainder of the academic year. The committee is highly engaged and includes staff, faculty, management, an Elder and student representatives from both campuses. 24 people attended the October meeting.
- Board orientation with Lara and Xni.

## ***Goal 4: Employ individuals who embrace NVIT values and philosophy***

- Restructuring – Created two full-time continuing learning navigator positions at the Burnaby campus. These positions were created to diversify individual skills and talents in a way that consistently meets the technical, curricular and service needs of the NVIT community.
- CIRPA Conference – Manager of Institutional Research and AVP Students, SEM and Registrar attended the CIRPA Conference in Calgary October 21-23. NVIT to chair the Student portion of the ASC.