

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS & ON TEAMS ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023

APPROVED

PRESENT: Wilma Gus, Faculty, Port Alberni, *Chair*
Aisling Brady, Faculty, Comox Valley
Ashley Blacquiere, Faculty, Comox Valley
Barb Biggs, Support Staff, Comox Valley
Cheryl O’Connell, Administration
David Johns, Faculty, Campbell River
Georgette Whitehead, Faculty, Comox Valley
Jason Wang, Student, Comox Valley
Jennifer Fallis Starhunter, Faculty, Campbell River, *Chair, Curriculum & Fast Track*
Judith Marriott, Faculty, Comox Valley, *Chair, Planning & Standards*
Kelly Goudreau, Faculty, Comox Valley
Kelly Shopland, Administration
Laura Hickey, Faculty, Campbell River
Manpreet Kaur, Support Staff, Comox Valley
Margaret Hearnden, Faculty, Comox Valley
Michelle Badger, Administration
Shubham Chauhan, Student, Campbell River
Tony Bellavia, Administration, Comox Valley
Kara Foreman, Recording Secretary (RS)

REGRETS: Lernard Chiremba, Student, Comox Valley
Xiang Luo, Student, Comox Valley
Lisa Domae, President (Ex-Officio)
Rylee LaTrace, Board of Governors Representative

1. **Indigenous Acknowledgment**
Round of Introductions
Declaration of Quorum
W. Gus declared quorum at 12:30pm.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**
Moved by A. Blacquiere / Seconded by A. Brady **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 15, 2023.**
MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Review of Minutes of the Meeting**
Moved by G. Whitehead / Seconded by J. Wang **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2023.**
Approved as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Business Arising – None**

5. **Committee Reports**

- 5.1 **Education Council Chair Update**

Noted: The Ministry has directed all post-secondary institutions to consider cyber security measures as part of their overall risk management processes. NIC has now adopted a new policy on risk management including a risk registry. Cyber security will be a key element.
There were no other questions.

- 5.2 **Planning and Standards Committee**

There are currently no policies ready for committee review. Two policies are in progress and are anticipated to come to committee early in the new year. Following the QAPA review process, additional policy development is expected.

5.3 Curriculum Committee

The chair clarified with Council about the process of voting in Curriculog and creating a consent agenda. Council was advised that it was fine to fix obvious typos (spelling, punctuation etc.) however, they must leave a comment that they have done so as in some cases the spelling may be industry specific.

The chair referred to the ACD Guidelines, a reference document with NIC's best practices for developing and revising courses. Access to this document will be made available to EdCo members.
Minutes: November 24, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

Items 5.3.1 & 5.3.2 were taken together

5.3.1 Program Revision – Engineering Foundations Certificate

5.3.2 Program Revision – Health Care Assistant Certificate

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by J. Marriott **TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM REVISIONS.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR AGENDA

5.3.3 New Course – ENR 190 Engineering Work Term I

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by J. Marriott **TO APPROVE THE NEW COURSE.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

5.3.4 Program Revision – Indigenous Language Fluency Certificate

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by K. Goudreau **TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM REVISION.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

Items 5.3.5 – 5.3.7 were taken together

5.3.5 Course Revision – ILF 108 Foundations in Indigenous Ecological Knowledge – Kwak'wala

5.3.6 Course Revision – ILF 128 Foundations in Indigenous Ecological Knowledge – Nuu-chah-nulth

5.3.7 New Course – ILF 138 Foundations in Indigenous Ecological Knowledge - Ayajuthem

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by A. Brady **TO APPROVE THE COURSE REVISIONS.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

The longer course descriptions are necessary to clarify a delivery method and methodology that doesn't follow the western model of colonized education for Indigenous programming. It was also important to include the information required for these to be considered on an equal footing as science courses.

The delivery model is based on each Nations' requests and needs.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.3.8 New Course – ILF 131 Ayajuthem Immersion 1

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by J. Marriott **TO APPROVE THE NEW COURSE.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

For all courses

Prerequisite:

- In consultation, communities didn't want to lower the standards of competency. The B prerequisite is consistent with the other language fluency streams.

MOTION CARRIED.

Items 5.3.9 & 5.3.10 were taken together

5.3.9 New Course – ILF 132 Ayajuthem Immersion 2

5.3.10 New Course – ILF 133 Ayajuthem Immersion 3

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by J. Marriott **TO APPROVE THE NEW COURSES.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

MOTION CARRIED.

Items 5.3.11 – 5.3.13 were taken together

5.3.11 New Course – ILF 134 Ayajuthem Immersion 4

5.3.12 New Course – ILF 135 Ayajuthem Immersion 5

5.3.13 New Course – ILF 136 Ayajuthem Immersion 6

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by J. Marriott **TO APPROVE THE NEW COURSES.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

On all 3 courses in Learning Outcome #10

- Add “in collaboration with knowledge holders”

MOTION CARRIED.

5.3.14 New Course – ILF 139 Internship - Ayajuthem

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by A. Blacchiere **TO APPROVE THE NEW COURSE.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

This course is delivered over 3 semesters with student participating in community using their developing language skills.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. New Business – None

7. Information / Correspondence

7.1 (Verbal) Report from VP Academic (*T. Bellavia*)

- Thanks to Wilma for her three years of leadership as chair of Education Council.
- Please take some time to review the QAPA Assessors Report. There will be 2-3 opportunities to discuss this. Information to follow. NIC has until March to respond. The plan is to respond by the end of February.
- Thanks to Council for the fulsome discourse around Indigenous Education. There have been significant changes in delivering this Indigenous-led programming across the province with movement toward a co-governance model.

7.2 (Verbal) Report from Indigenous Education (*K. Shopland*)

- NIC has been working with Nations and VIU to develop a teacher training pathway. There is a huge need in communities for Indigenous teachers in the K-12 system. This pathway would allow students to complete an Indigenous Leadership Certificate or an Indigenous Language Fluency Certificate to meet year one and/or year two of the teacher training pathway program.
- A cultural committee of Komox First Nations members is working a Komox artist to provide a design that will be etched into the concrete main entrance of the new student housing structure. They are also continuing to explore and determine specifics around the Indigenous Gathering Place which will also be included in the housing projects.

7.3 Notification of appointment extension to REB of Antonie Sholtz

- 8. Meeting Evaluation – Roundtable Discussion**
Acknowledgements and thank you to Wilma for her 3 terms as Chair. Everyone agreed it was a good meeting.
- 9. Next Meeting – February 9, 2024**
- 10. ADJOURNED AT 2:13pm**