PRESIDENT'S REPORT
TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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This report covers the time period from April 20 to June 15, 2018. It is intended to provide an overview (not an exhaustive list) of the activities and events that the President has participated in during the time period. Other information notes are also provided under the related NIC Plan 2020 Strategic Priority headings. In some cases, items may be related to more than one strategic priority.

Student Experiences and Success

School of Business Spring Social

On May 31, I attended the 6th annual NIC School of Business Spring Social at the Blackfin Pub in Comox in support of the NIC School of Business alumni and 2018 BBA graduates. The event was well attended by NIC faculty and administration, current and former students as well as community members.

High Quality, Relevant, Responsive Curriculum and Programs

1st Year Nursing Students

On May 11, I along with other faculty, staff and administration colleagues, volunteered to participate in health interviews and basic physical assessments with our 1st year Nursing Students. It was an opportunity for the students to practice basic health assessment skills on a one to one basis, for the very first time.

Access to Learning and Services Across the Region

Student Leadership Team

On April 22, I attended the Student Leadership Team Year End celebration at Port Alberni Campus. Through the Student Leadership Team program, students develop their own leadership skills, meeting and working with other students and NIC employees. They have taken part in leadership workshops and retreats, network with community and volunteer at community events. Recently, they volunteered as Comox Valley campus tour guides for registrants at the CICan pre-conference event hosted by NIC.

Aboriginal Education and Indigenization

Campbell River Campus Gathering Place

On April 24 and June 7, I chaired meetings of the Campbell River Campus Gathering Place and Indigenization Project Committee. On April 24, Fran Prince, Chair and K'ómoks First Nation Elder; Amanda Chickite, NVIATS; and Audrey Wilson, Laichwiltach Family Life Society attended on behalf of the NIC Aboriginal Education Council. The agenda included discussions regarding the background and history of the project, visioning, indigenization of the whole campus, and the project plan/charter process.

International Education

Student Welcome and Orientation

On April 25, I attended the International Student Orientation event and welcomed approximately 80 new students for the Spring 2018 semester.

People, Organization, Culture

Year End Celebration

On June 1, I hosted NIC's annual Year End Celebration for employees from across the College held at Comox Valley Campus Campus. The purpose of the event was to celebrate progress achieved in 2017/18 in relation to our Plan2020 Priorities and Goals, express appreciation to all college employees for their work and to recognize our Emeritus recipients (John Marton and Derek Hanebury). Funds were also raised to support NIC student scholarships and bursaries.

Diversity Matters

On June 13, I co-chaired the Diversity Matters Working Group meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the analysis of the campus conversation circles and student survey data in preparation for the development of a draft report which will serve as the basis for creation of a future action plan.

Resources, Investment, Sustainability

NIC Foundation Board

On April 24 and May 29, I attended the monthly meetings of the North Island College Foundation Board of Directors. Agenda topics included CV ElderCollege's Leaving a Legacy presentation, matching funds draft policy development, awards program, donor recognition and board development.

MLA Ronna-Rae Leonard

On May 11, L. Domae, C. Fowler and I met with Ronna-Rae Leonard, MLA Courtenay-Comox. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss student housing and instructional space and to review the concept paper for temporary student housing and instructional space in the former St. Joseph's Hospital building.

MLA Scott Fraser

On June 4, Eric Mosely and I met with Hon. Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, MLA Mid Island-Pacific Rim to provide him with an update on NIC's progress and plans for the College overall, the Alberni-Clayoquot Region and for Aboriginal Education and Indigenization.

Active Connections to Community

Comox Valley ElderCollege

On April 23, R. Heidt, T. Bellavia, L. MacFadgen and I met with the Comox Valley ElderCollege Executive Committee to review activities of the past several months and to chat about opportunities to strengthen our relationship.

Meeting with Comox Valley Elder College Executive

Pictured left to right: T. Bellavia, G. Priestman, J. Bowman, S. Harrison, L. MacFadgen, R. Heidt

Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Community Representatives Meeting

On May 9, I attended the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce's Annual Community Representatives Meeting. I provided an update on NIC's progress and plans.

Other Topics

BC Colleges (BCC) Council of Presidents (COP) Planning Meeting

On May 2-3, I chaired the BCC COP Strategic Retreat for a discussion and reflection on current BCC 2017/18 priorities and to determine potential new priorities for 2018/19.

On May 16, BCC President Colin Ewart, visited the Comox Valley Campus to meet with members of the Senior Leadership Team.

On June 7, I chaired the BCC Executive monthly teleconference. On June 12, I chaired the COP conference call.

Irving K Barber BC (IKBBC) Scholarship Society AGM and Board of Directors Meeting

On June 12, I attended the IKBBC Scholarships Society AGM and Board of Directors Meeting in Victoria, in my role as a Board member.

Board Executive Committee

On May 31, I participated in the College Board Executive Committee meeting. I provided the Committee with brief updates on a variety of topics and we reviewed the schedule and agendas for the June 14, 2018 Board of Governors meetings, as well as the June 15 joint meeting with the Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) and Education Council.

Special Meeting of the Board of Governors

On May 8, I participated in Board of Governors special teleconference meeting regarding the new Excluded Administration Compensation Framework.

President's Performance and Compensation Committee (PPCC)

On May 8, following the special meeting of the Board of Governors, I participated in the PPCC teleconference meeting with Scott Borland from Cygnus Management Consultants to wrap and close the 360 Feedback Project.

CICan Pre-conference Forum, April 27-28

On April 27-28, we hosted the Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) Pre-conference Forum for Colleges and Institutes Serving Rural, Northern and Remote Communities. A total of 88 participants from 30 institutions across Canada registered for the event. The Forum offered us an excellent opportunity to learn from other institutions and to showcase some of the great work being done at NIC.

CICan Annual Conference, April 29-May 1

The 2018 Annual Conference of Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) was held in Victoria (April 29-May 1) and was hosted by Camosun College. A group of NIC employees and Board members attended the conference which provided a unique opportunity to capitalize on individual, team and organizational learning and development.

EducationPlannerBC (EPBC) All Presidents Session

On May 17, I attended the EPBC All Presidents session in Vancouver which provided an overview of the EPBC project and benefits, and what is being proposed as the future vision – transitioning from the Ministry to a non-profit. The purpose of the session was to ensure that each institutions' president understood EPBC's vision and plan. The recommendation was to leave the application fees static but implement an EPBC service charge which could be paid either by student, institution or both. K. Kuhnert, Associate VP, Student Services and Registrar and Casey Black, Director, Information Technology – Application Services have both been the lead contacts for NIC on the EPBC initiative. K. Kuhnert has advised that NIC is currently fully onboard for both domestic and international applicants.

Post-secondary Employers' Association (PSEA)

On May 18, I attended the PSEA Presidents' Strategic Planning Session at the PSEA office in Vancouver. We reviewed changes to the PSEA Governance/Bylaws, as required under the Societies Act, which will be brought forward at the AGM in the fall for adoption. Other items of discussion included governance and collective bargaining, and the sectoral bargaining plan.

Vacation

I was on vacation from May 21 to May 25