

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE EDUCATION COUNCIL
HELD AT THE COMOX VALLEY CAMPUS & ON TEAMS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 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*
Kelly Goudreau, Faculty, Comox Valley
Lernard Chiremba, Student, Comox Valley
Manpreet Kaur, Support Staff, Comox Valley
Margaret Hearnden, Faculty, Comox Valley
Michelle Badger, Administration
Shubham Chauhan, Student, Campbell River
Tony Bellavia, Administration, Comox Valley
Xiang Luo, Student, Comox Valley
Kara Foreman, Recording Secretary (RS)

REGRETS: Judith Marriott, Faculty, Comox Valley, *Chair, Planning & Standards*
Kelly Shopland, Administration
Laura Hickey, Faculty, Campbell River
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 12:35pm.
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
Moved by A. Blacquiere / Seconded by K. Goudreau **TO ADOPT THE AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2023.**

MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Review of Minutes of the Meeting**
Moved by B. Biggs / Seconded by A. Brady **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2023.**
Approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Business Arising – None**
5. **Committee Reports**
 - 5.1 **Education Council Chair Update**
There were no questions.
 - 5.2 **Planning and Standards Committee**
Chair was unable to attend. There was no meeting.
 - 5.3 **Curriculum Committee**
Chair Report
The chair explained how a consent agenda is generated. It requires that members vote on each proposal in Curriculog in order for the chair to be confident that an item has been reviewed and approved and can be added to a consent agenda. She clarified that a reject vote only indicates that further discussion is required.

5.3.1 Course Revision – WXT 105 Trades Work Experience Abroad

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

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

- Based on feedback from EdCo at the previous meeting, the proponent consulted with Margaret Hearnden and Sara Child on the learning outcomes.

MOTION CARRIED.

Items 5.3.2 & 5.3.3 were taken together.

5.3.2 Course Revision – ENR 100 Introduction to Engineering I

5.3.3 Course Revision – ENR 101 Introduction to Engineering II

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

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

- Learning outcomes 3 & 4 were adapted based on feedback from Sara Child.
- Noted that adding credits adds to tuition. The increase brings the courses into alignment with provincial standards.
- (ENR 100) Course content were made consistent as questions.
- Other typos were corrected.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.3.4 Program Revision – Fine Arts Diploma

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by B. Biggs **TO APPROVE THE PROGRAM REVISION.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

- Actually no change in credits.
- Residency requirement was clarified to be 50%.

MOTION CARRIED.

5.3.5 Course Revision – MAT 053 Advanced Mathematics

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

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

- ABE Math-Science articulation requires strict adherence to their learning outcomes.
- Hours have not changed. (Ministry has established hours for ABE courses.)

MOTION CARRIED.

Items 5.3.6 & 5.3.7 were taken together.

5.3.6 Course Revision – MAT 181 Calculus I

5.3.7 Course Revision – MAT 182 Calculus II

Moved by J. Fallis Starhunter / Seconded by A. Blacchiere **TO APPROVE THE COURSE REVISIONS WITH FEEDBACK TO THE DEPARTMENT.**

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

(MAT 182) Concerns were expressed about the Grade of D as a prerequisite. This may be related to balancing student success with access and retention. It was agreed that EdCo make a recommendation to the department to review this and consider a C-.

MOTION CARRIED.

Items 5.3.6 & 5.3.7 were taken together.

5.3.8 Course Revision – SSA 100 The Solar System and Space Exploration

5.3.9 Course Revision – SSA 101 Stars and Deep Space Astronomy

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

EFFECTIVE/START DATE: FA 2024

Discussion:

- Changes were made to Learning Outcome 1 in both courses and Learning Outcome 7 in SSA 100.
- Centre for Teaching & Learning Innovation (CTLI) confirmed that it was ok to have the same learning outcome in two courses if they were being applied differently.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. New Business – None

7. Information / Correspondence

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

- Regarding QAPA, the VP encouraged all participants to be as forthright as possible during the sessions.
- In 2025, NIC will be 50 years old.
- The program development process is being revamped for quality assurance. Documentation will be brought to EdCo in the future. The Education Team will review each program for credentialing and feasibility.

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

- Agreements between Indigenous Education and the Faculty of Arts, Science and Management are underway to look at pathways to Education degrees with VIU. Students will be able to use the credits they've achieved through the Indigenous Leadership Certificate (30 credits), the Aboriginal Leadership Certificate (30 credits), the Indigenous Language Fluency Certificate (30 credits) and potentially some bridging courses if they need upgrading in Math and English, toward an Education degree.

8. Meeting Evaluation – Roundtable Discussion

It was agreed that this was an efficient and effective meeting. New members feel they are learning a lot at each meeting.

9. Next Meeting – December 15, 2023

10. ADJOURNED AT 2:00pm