



EDUCATION COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

BOARDROOMS 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

PRESENT:

Elaine Herbert
Eric Ostrowidzki
Denyse Oswald-Finch
Shane Isaac

Nedra McKay
Mandy Jimmie
Tom Willms
Angela Scott

Aruna Gore
Bev Currie-McLean
Linda Epps

Jaime Grismer
James Beck
Tessa Quewezance

ABSENT:

Ken Tourand
Ursula Katic

John Chenoweth
Esther De Waard

Deb Canada
Trevor Reed

Kylie Thomas

GUESTS:

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet

Recorder: Kelly Donaldson

Chair Elaine Herbert called the meeting to order at 12:13pm.

1. Review and/ or acceptance of the Agenda

Motion 1: To accept the Agenda as amended.

Moved by Nedra McKay, 2nd by Bev Currie-McLean

CARRIED

Discussion: Meeting date was amended. Elaine added to Part C an update from Eric on his research on first year English requirements.

2. Review and/ or acceptance of the Minutes from January 31, 2018

Motion 2: Move to accept the Minutes from January 31, 2018.

Moved by Aruna Gore, 2nd by Shane Isaac

CARRIED

Part A Education Council Decision Items (Section 24 of Act)

A.1 ENRT 280: Coastal Field School

Motion 3: To accept the course outline for ENRT 280: Coastal Field School

ENRT 280: Coastal Field School, 3 credits, 45 hours

Moved by Tom Willms, 2nd by Bev Currie-McLean

CARRIED

Discussion: This optional course was created to credential the 2nd year ENRT students who participate in a field school trip at the end of their diploma. This year, the students are travelling to Haida Gwaii and will complete a weeklong field study along the way. Corequisites for the course ensure that entry into the course is limited to students in the ENRT diploma program.

Part B Education Council & Board of Governors Advisory Items (Section 23 of the Act)

B. 1 SPAC Minutes dated February 28, 2018 were presented and acknowledged.

Part C Other

C. 1 Schedule of Events 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 – REVISED FINAL

The proposed 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 Schedules of Events based on NVIT's approved Scheduling Principles.

Motion 2: Move to accept the revised Schedule of Events for 2018/19 & 2019/2020

Moved by Bev Currie-McLean, 2nd by Angela Scott

Opposed: Jaime Grismer

CARRIED

Discussion: The Schedule of Events for 2018/2019 & 2019/2020 were revised based on the provincial government's date change of the Family Day statutory holiday.

C. 2 EdCo Formalization and Procedures Update

Elaine to provide an update at the next SPAC meeting. She included that a course release would be helpful for EdCo chairs to be able to commit the necessary time needed for improving EdCo processes. Elaine will be attending the EdCo provincial meeting in Victoria in May.

C. 3 Future Education Council meeting dates:

SPAC: February 28, 2018

EdCo: June 6, 2018

C. 4 First Year English Requirements: Eric Ostrowidzki

Eric advised that he reviewed ABE standards for English skills required to fulfill the grade 12 equivalency and noted his concerns that although students have the skills on paper, they do not necessarily possess the skills.

Eric noted the English admission requirements at NVIT and other schools:

- UBC: 75%

- UVic: 86%
- SFU: 60%
- NVIT: 64%

Eric made the following suggestions:

- NVIT consider raising our English admission requirement
- Add English 101 as a pre-requisite to those who do not meet the admission requirement

Elaine directed the committee consisting of: Eric, Nedra, Elaine, Deb, Stef and Angela to meet in April to continue the thorough evaluation and to bring findings and recommendations to the next SPAC meeting.

The Council discussed access to subject matter journals both on campus and at home. Linda reminded members that she offers classes for students on navigating the library's databases.

C. 5 Adjournment

Motion 5: To adjourn

Moved by Linda Epps

CARRIED