

President's Report

October 1 – November 30



LEARNER CENTERED

Goal 1: Satisfied and Engaged Students

- NVIT Award's ceremony with approximately \$75,000 handed out
- Student Leadership breakfast at both campuses
- Investigating the student planning module of our integrated system to provide students an overview of their academic plan.
- Investigating the possibility of a mobile App that would enhance the student experience.

Goal 2: Design Policies & Practices that are Conducive to a Student-Centered Experience

- Student forums held at each campus
- Speaker Series – Vancouver Health Authority
- Facilities updates (New Boiler installed - lighting and heat issues being worked on)
- Researching the possibility of implementing CRM Advise. CRM Advise is a much more robust tool than Retention Alert and would provide more tools for intervention and retention.

Goal 3: Dedicated Employees that Enhance a Student-Centered Learning Environment

- Enrolment services recruitment team across BC in high schools and communities
- New Librarian assistant to replace the retiring Sherry Garcia
- Student support services including disability services, tutoring support, breakfast etc.

Goal 4: Clear Academic and Career Pathways Tailored for Each Student

- Independent Contractors & Businesses Association of BC – Meeting & Tour
- Bridging to Trades – Upper Nicola and Penticton Indian Bands
- Increasing NVIT's employment centre through networking and partnership with Work BC, ITA and STEP.

Goal 5: Holistic Student Support Services

- Elders Memorial garden
- Elders workshops – Slow Cookers
- Elders meeting – Elders Goody day
- Healthy Minds Healthy campus initiative
- Initiated the “give a coat-take-a-coat” rack at the Vancouver Campus



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Goal 1: Reputable as a School of Excellence

- MOU partnership with UBC (ENRT)
- MOU with Coast Salish Employment and Training (HCA – Duncan)
- Hosted an introductory sustainability committee meeting (drafting terms of reference)
- IAHLA Aboriginal Teacher Recruitment and Retention Meeting (Verna)
- Connecting with BCAAT to encourage the review of the ABE articulation process and terms of reference for the Articulation Committee.
- Participating in the BCAAT research project related to admission of non-graduates.
- Panelist at the BCCAT Jam in Richmond that discussed *Indigenization of the BC Post-Secondary System*. (John)

Goal 2: Excellent Academic Standards

- Partnership exploration with UNBC
- The Deans Office is working with the Education Council Chair to streamline course and program development processes to improve efficiency and thoroughness.
- Meeting with President and VP from Thompson Rivers University
- Attended the November 29th K-12 Curriculum Modernization Forum to analyze the impact to post-secondary institutions. (Kylie)

Goal 3: Superior Quality of Instruction

- Chemical Addictions – Williams Lake
- HCA – Seabird college
- Kitimat Valley Institute – Office Administration
- Presentation at SEM on an alternative method for course evaluations and the opportunity for NVIT to adopt a similar process but within an Indigenous framework. (Deans office)



COMMUNITY RELEVANCE

Goal 1: Certified Programs and Services that Meet the Needs of Aboriginal Communities

- Westbank First Nation and SD 23 – Elders Council
- Presentation at BC Agricultural forum (John)
- CANDO – Presentations Verna and I (two separate)
- Community Education has approximately 27 communities/programs across BC
- Assessed over 50 students through Community Based Assessments in 6 communities since August.

Goal 2: Sustained Relationships/Partnerships Among NVIT, First Nations Communities, and Aboriginal Organizations – Provincially, Nationally & Internationally

- Attended opening of the Nicola Valley Indigenous Court
- NEC – Vancouver campus
- Annual Chiefs meeting with 5 founding bands
- Gold Sponsor – CANDO Conference
- Verna sitting as a BC rep on the AFN Post-Secondary Review committee
- Language Fluency Partnership Degree Partnership Curriculum
- Working with the Chief Atahm School in Chase to deliver Secwepemctsin language courses (Deb).
- Met with the Campus Principal of Yorkville University Dr. Hancock to discuss possible partnership (Verna & John)
- Met with Thomas Carey of KPU RE: possible extension of our Knowledge Synthesis to include Innovation and Indigenous Ways of Knowing (Verna)

Goal 3: Established Relationships with Government, Industry, and Other Stakeholders

- BC Aboriginal Business Awards
- President and CEO of Knowledge Network – Cross Cultural training in 2018
- Shannon Baskerville – Deputy Minister
- Discussion on Aboriginal Institutes' funding Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada(Verna)

Goal 4: Continued Advocacy for Literacy, Numeracy, and Skills Attainment in Communities

- Coastal First Nations Group exploring training opportunities
- Tuition Waiver for Kids in care – Additional exemptions for aboriginal students Working with AVED regarding lobbying for relevant conditions and processes for the Youth in Care Tuition Waiver and for the expansion of the program to learners participating in community based programs.
- College Readiness is currently being delivered locally in the Q2 program and in 2 northern communities.



ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

Goal 1: Enhanced Organizational Culture that Supports Evidence-Based Planning and Decision Making

- Board succession planning
- HR committee to review all HR policies and practices
- Bargaining Conference held in preparation for 2018 bargaining (Ken & Diane)
- NVIT contingent attended the Colleague Ellucian User Group Conference in Vancouver
- New approved Strategic Plan and discussing operational relevance and planning to meet the strategic goals.

Goal 2: Trusted Financial Processes that are Transparent, Efficient, and Financially Viable

- Key Performance Indicators – Institutional Research office – preparation for 2018 roll out
- Capital Project – Budget and schedule management
- Kitchen RFP awarded to Pacific Restaurant Supply
- RFP for Audit services – KPMG Awarded the contract

Goal 3: Established and Positive Working Environment

- Mental Health awareness week October 1 - 7
- Online harassment training renewed for 3 years
- NVIT fitness group (Aboriginal run/Walk) – students and staff
- Enrolment Services will send 5 representatives to the “Let’s Get Consensual” Train the Trainer training to meet institutional obligations stemming from the provincial Sexual Violence policy legislation.

Goal 4: Shared Policies and Practices that Promote Organizational Effectiveness and Student-Centered Learning

- BCAIU presidents meeting
- Aboriginal Policy working group (Verna)
- October Central Data warehouse submission passed all data thresholds

Goal 5: Recognized Strategic Relationships with Provincial, National and International Partners who Actively Support NVIT

- Emily Carr Grand Opening of their new campus
- Moderator at the 2017 BCCAT Joint Annual Meeting (Verna)
- Host Indigenous Court meetings