

President’s Report – June Board Meeting (February 2023 – early June 2023)



LEARNER CENTRED

<i>Goal 1: Motivated and Engaged Learners</i>	<i>Goal 2: Commitment to a Learner-Centred Environment</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience NVIT for incoming students ● Weekly drumming ● PC1 Students provide free lunch for staff ● Movie Nights for students and staff ● IPC-2 students operating cafeteria 3 days a week ● Sexual Violence Policy Review Forum for Students moved to Fall 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Essay Building Week at both campuses. ● Night Against Procrastination ● Sharing Knowledge Preparing Leaders - Student and Community Event ● Student research and writing workshops with the Learning Commons and Success Centre ● Education Planner BC 3.0 Platform (applications) will launch in June 2023 – more holistic online application process. ● SSC team virtually attended the annual BC Inclusive Post-Secondary symposium
<i>Goal 3: Opportunities for NVIT Learners</i>	<i>Goal 4: Services and Supports Honouring Indigenous Ways of Knowing</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March 2nd Indigenous Night with the Vancouver Canucks ● Circle of Sisters Conference 2023 on campus ● Emergency First Aid provided to students ● Spring Break Youth Conference 2023 on campus ● Men’s Wellness Conference 2023 on campus ● Cultural Conference March 2023 on campus ● April 29th Vancouver Warriors Experience for Burnaby students ● Participation in SD 58 Online presentation for MMIWG2S May 5th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Three new Elders hired, Sandra Tiessen, Mary Charters, and Mary Angus. ● Smudge and cleanse the Culinary Arts classroom & kitchen and student residence ● IECE micro-credential graduation with OKIB ● Opportunities for students to make a ribbon skirt/shirt for grad ● Pink Shirt Day & Pink Shirt Painting



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

<i>Goal 1: School of Excellence</i>	<i>Goal 2: Academic Integrity</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New NVIT 40TH Year logo • Graduation Planning Committee • 40th Gala Planning Committee • Education & Community Career Fair • Preliminary granted credential number for 22-23 Academic Year: 408 • Purchased 30 passenger Bus (2022 Eldorado / F550 XL, 4X4 Diesel Chassis) • Purchased 2023 Ford Escape Plug-in hybrid • Easier Guest Wi-Fi Access in both campuses • New Server installed in Merritt. • Boardrooms owl technology implementation and 2nd screen for Merritt. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Policy review initiated. • Two new Associate Deans hired. • Academic Schedule Policy approved by EdCo. • Course Outline and Course Syllabus Policy approved by EdCo • Indigenous Language Fluency Framework approved by EdCo • Curriculum Development and Approval Policy approved by EdCo • Quality Assurance Process Audit (QAPA) initiated by the Degree Quality Assurance Board (DQAB).
<i>Goal 3: Indigenize Education</i>	<i>Goal 4: Innovative Programming & Supports</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elders Meetings & Goody Day lunches • Gift of Appreciation to Chris Bur for making the Red Dress cabinets and Carole Basil for teaching staff how to make ribbon skirts • Hand drum making workshop • Sweat Lodge Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Case Study – Management course • ENRT Ecology Course & local wildfire base personnel cut two trees on NVIT property and analyzed their fire history • ENRT Prescribed interface fuel reduction burn • Culinary Arts students hosted a St. Patrick's Day Lunch/ Irish Stew/Maccha doughnuts • Construction Trades Sampler program to build tiny homes included for Board approval • Wrapped up 2 successful Indigenous Human Services student practicum placements



COMMUNITY RELEVANCE

<i>Goal 1: Advocate for Indigenous Education</i>	<i>Goal 2: Indigenous Language Revitalization</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RRU meeting • BCAIU meetings • UIYEP (Vancouver Capital project) meetings • PSEA Benefits Consortium meetings • PSEA Board of Directors meeting • BC Links for Learning • MSS Grade 10 class visit • League for Innovation Conference • Colleges & Institutes Canada [CICAN] conference in Montreal • Board Governance Workshop • Ministry meetings Merritt and Victoria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third graduation scheduled for language grads across BC • Cottonwood Harvesting with Elders • Harvesting Sage for campus and 40th gala • Updated Indigenous Language Fluency courses. • Ceremonial PLAR witnessed in Nadut'en • 6 Nleʔkepmx Language Fluency Diploma graduates to start the Bachelor of Nleʔkepmx Language Fluency Degree with UBCO in Fall. • Nadut'en Language Fluency credentials for 2023: 49 certificates and 31 diplomas
<i>Goal 3: Partnerships</i>	<i>Goal 4: Meet the Educational & Training needs of the Indigenous Communities & Organizations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement sessions - Urban Indigenous Youth and Education Project (UIYEP) • Meeting with Merritt Mayor Mike Goetz • Merritt Centennials present NVIT with an Indigenous jersey. • Emergency Management BC (ESS site) • Staff & Community Engagement Sessions for the Sexual Violence Policy review • Grade 5 Visits to Merritt Campus • SD58 Transitions (regular visits to MSS and CLC 12 classes on Merritt campus) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with local communities, other PSI's and Industry on what collaboration means to NVIT. • The Ministry Digital Learning Advisory Committee • League for Innovations webinar "ChatGPT and AI's Effect on Community Colleges" • Lisa and Sue presented to BC Post-Secondary's for Inclusive Education on an Indigenous Perspective for student support • BCACCS partnership with IECE program • Occupational First Aid Level 3 – intake FULL (12 students). 2nd intake scheduled July. • Wildlife Safety Training Course – June 6th



ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

<i>Goal 1: Evidence-Based Planning and Practices</i>	<i>Goal 2: Transparent Finance Process</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EWC distributes NVIT sustainable Lunch Kits for those who make a pledge • Change of Seasons event • Ellucian Live Conference • Three graduations held on campus in June • Final 2022/23 FTE Report submitted to Ministry, NVIT at 97% of FTE Target • Central Data Warehouse semi-annual data submission met all data thresholds • Completed a 3rd review of Emergency Management Plan with LT, OH&S, Emergency management table tops on June 5th. • Prescribed burn (fuel management) on campus. • 0365 Geo blocked outside of Canada, Mexico, United States. Sustained cybersecurity attack. • Automated 1 click Windows 11 upgrade. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved 2023/24 Budget • Clean audited financial statements • Operating to Capital submission approved by Ministry – office renovations, IT upgrades etc. • NVIT Awards Ceremonies in June \$26,000. Estimating an additional \$58,000 in entrance awards in September 2023. • Incorporated children's language books into the Wellness Room theme
<i>Goal 3: Engaged Employees</i>	<i>Goal 4: Value-Based HR</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellness Challenge • Bargaining - Collective Agreement signed • Fire and Saskatoon Trail Walk in Honor of World Cancer Day • TRU MBA Program • Campus Clean-up and lunch • President's Council meetings • New Accessibility Advisory Committee • Staff workouts, volleyball and yoga • Staff potlucks & monthly birthday cakes • Annual Respect in the Workplace Training • MooseHide Campaign Day • Lunch and Learns • Wellness Committee • NVIT Garden Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kennedy Bergstrom, new RARO • Retirement Party for Dean Catharine Crow • Marcelle Escobar, new EA to CFO • Jade Peers, new Receptionist (Burnaby) • Nikki Sanderson new A/R clerk • Bryson McClure joined the I.T. team • Shyla McColl new HR Officer • Shanny McIvor new Academic financial planner • Naomi Bruce new Learner Navigator • Heather Bartch ongoing Health Lab Instructor • Spotted Fawn Minnabarriet ongoing APN Instructor