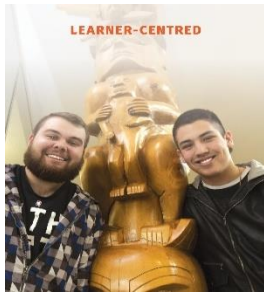


President's Report – November Board Meeting (October – November)



LEARNER CENTRED

<p><i>Goal 1: Motivated and Engaged Learners</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 2: Shared responsibility and accountability for a learner-centered environment</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Forum held both campuses • Setting up the COOP 101 sections for 20/SP. 5 students from Merritt and 2 from Vancouver campus. • Manager Applications & Systems has been providing support to students with use of computers, digital resources (Grammarly, Office365, Moodle, myNVIT). • Mobile App is almost complete and should be launched prior to end of December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elections Canada on campus • Partnership with BC Campus to bring EDUROAM to NVIT • Long Night Against Procrastination scheduled for December 10th at Merritt campus. • 76 documented or attested accommodation students are being supported through the Student Success Centre.
<p><i>Goal 3: Opportunities for career development and training</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 4: Services and supports that honour an Indigenous experience</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$530,000 for Bridging to Trades program • Requested to sit on a Ministry Stakeholder advisory committee on trades certification • Gold sponsor at CANDO National Conference • Corix utilities tour and discussion on Water technician program/coop • Lunch and Learn series launched during noon hours in the Learning Commons. (Wendy Wickwire and chef Andrew George) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ENRT/Arts Lahal games • Culinary Arts students prepare indigenous feast for Okanagan Trades conference • Wellness week Oct 21-25, Activities included yoga, painting and pizza and movie night. • Remembrance Day ceremony held on November 7 with Elder Tom Oleman at Vancouver campus. • Christmas craft fair scheduled for December 17 at Merritt campus. To date, 18 vendors have signed up.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

<i>Goal 1: Reputable as a School of Excellence</i>	<i>Goal 2: Rigorous Academic Standards</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderate two session at CIGAN Indigenous Symposium • Steering committee – Expert mechanism on the rights of indigenous peoples seminar • WIFI survey of campuses currently underway • New video conferencing system ordered for one set of classrooms • Continued work with the First Nations Technology Council to deliver the FITC program in communities throughout BC. • Participation on the Merritt Community Transition team to support the employees impacted by the downturn in the forestry sector. • Verna appointed to the AFN Post-Secondary implementation strategy by Chief Terry Teegee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under the Language Fluency Degree framework all language courses are being redesigned to address the Immersion components to the framework and will have all the ILO'S on the course outlines and syllabi • Continuing to be a member on the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB). • YouTube videos developed on topics such as plagiarism, run on sentences and citations to support students off campus. • Attended graduation ceremonies for community programs. • Development of NVIT's renewable energy program that will utilise the green energy lab in NVIT's Centre of Excellence for Sustainability building. NVIT has established a relationship with Fanshawe College
<i>Goal 3: Faculty practicing Indigenous Pedagogy</i>	<i>Goal 4: Exemplary quality of Instruction</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAID redevelopment (\$112,000 BC Campus) • Many faculty are utilizing Elders in their classrooms • Faculty are sitting on provincial boards to ensure Indigenous content is throughout curricula • Manager Applications & Systems is providing direct training and assistance to CE and on-campus faculty for use of Moodle and other instructional technology • Culinary Arts instructor, Chef Andrew George, continues his work with the Indigenization of the Professional Cook 1 program and the creation of Professional Cook 2 at NVIT as well as explore opportunities to expand Indigenous PC1 and PC2 to other training providers in the province. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with GWES/Prince Rupert and UNBC on language fluency program • In addition to on-campus Continuing Studies deliveries, there have been 10 Continuing Studies courses delivered by contractors in community since the end of June. Courses delivered include: Advanced GIS/GPS (FNCTC), Environmental Field Skills (NRTG), Forestry Field Skills (NRTG), Jobs North Construction Training (SND Industries), Intro to Grid Solar Panel PV (Riverside Energy Systems), and Indigenous Elders Court • Continued development of Indigenous Human Services Program to further integrate IHMS into the Bachelor of Social Work degree by applying similar policies that will ensure cohesiveness.



Community Relevance

<p><i>Goal 1: Advocate for Indigenous Education</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 2: Meet the educational and training needs of indigenous communities and organizations</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to attend the legislature for introduction of UNDRIP legislation • Appointed to the Indigenous Advisory committee of the Justice Institute of BC • IAHLA Board meeting • Partners Meeting on Indigenous Languages: FPCC, FNEESC, IAHLA, FNSA, MIRR, MED, AEST Ministries at the table • Continue to participate in conference calls with FNHA RE: Addictions & Mental Wellness Certificate • Manager Applications & Systems is member of CEUG (Canadian Ellucian Users Group) Board and is also sitting on the CSAB (Colleague Student Advisory Board) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar training on campus • Meeting with the five founding Chiefs • Attended meeting with Human Capital Strategies with Kerry Jochen RE: BC Indigenous Mine Training • Verna sits on ICBOC as Chair and attend Board meetings. • Six CBAs have been conducted (Kitimat, Vanderhoof, Williams Lake, Quesnel, Fort St. James) since August 2019, reaching a total 85 learners. This total is higher than the 17/18 and 18/19 total number of students assessed through CBAs. • Continued participation on the Indigenous Articulation committee organized by BCCAT.
<p><i>Goal 3: Develop and sustain relationships/partnerships with organizations that support NVIT's mandate</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 4: Deliver accredited, transferable and credentialed programs and services</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corix utilities visit – Water management • Attended meeting with UFV RE: MSW & CHAD • Verna met with Dr. Bob Morgan and his team in Australia RE: CHAD year 1 • Verna on the Advisory Board that will help guide our emerging Indigenous and Northern research program under Canada's new Future Skills Centre • Continued participation on the BC Association of Trades and Technical Administrators for Deans of Trades (BCATTA). • Continued participation on the Deans and Directors meetings for Human Services and Health and completed term as co-chair of the Human Services group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to meet with Vanessa Smith, Dr. Jan Hare RE: NVIT/UBC Cohorts • New course offerings have been delivered through the Continuing Studies program on Merritt campus this fall including; Occupational First Aid Level 3, Emergency Medical Responder and Mental Health First Aid. • Attended graduation ceremonies for community programs. • Development of NVIT's renewable energy program with Fanshawe College • Development of the Bachelor of Education program in partnership with UBC's NITEP program is on- going.



ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

<p><i>Goal 1: Organizational Culture that supports evidence-based planning and decision making</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 2: Trusted financial processes that are transparent and efficient</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners Table (3 Tables, Ministers table, Language table and Teacher Recruitment table) • Attended Sexualized Violence Community of Practice meeting at SFU Harbour Centre on October 22nd. We will be undertaking a review of the policy. • Kylie Attended BC Registrars Association, Outgoing Student Mobility Consultation meeting, and CSSAL meeting. • Joint Operating Committee met November 21st. In the process of investigating options for installing/replacing video surveillance cameras in student housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Boiler installed at Merritt campus • Amphitheater Capital project approved • Met Ministry target thresholds October CDW data submission • Enrolment Services Team is working with Manager of Application and Systems to integrate some new practices and procedures in Colleague as a result of information obtained at the 2019 CEUG Conference. • Number of conferences held in gymnasium, • Fitness mezzanine sound system installed. • AED installed in gym
<p><i>Goal 3: Positive working environment through engaged employees</i></p>	<p><i>Goal 4: Employ individuals who embrace NVIT values and philosophy</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Territorial welcome at both campuses • SEM Meeting held November 5th with 22 people in attendance including 2 students and 2 Elders. There seems to be a high level of engagement and renewed energy in the committee this year. Four staff volunteered to co-chair the committee this year – Faye, James, Rita and Kylie. • Learning Commons concept is progressing and there has been an increase in students and staff using the library/learning commons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former student Board member Melissa Pinyon hired as RARO. • Two new Elders hired for Vancouver campus – Tom Oleman and Gibby Jacob. • Glen Peters hired back as custodian