

## President's Report – October Board Meeting (June – September)



## LEARNER CENTRED

<p><b><i>Goal 1: Motivated and Engaged Learners</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Goal 2: Shared responsibility and accountability for a learner-centered environment</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Orientation Vancouver and Merritt</li> <li>• Explore the possibility for an NVIT rodeo team</li> <li>• Visit all classes to welcome students</li> <li>• Disability rights presentation at welcome back</li> <li>• NVIT awards ceremony. Over \$75,000 issued.</li> <li>• Excellent student engagement in elections for Board, Edco and student society.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rainbow cross walk installed in Vancouver</li> <li>• Minister Mark visit to NVIT campus</li> <li>• Liberal leader Andrew Wilkinson and local MLA Jackie Tegart visit Merritt campus</li> <li>• \$40,000 received to develop mental health peer support program.</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Goal 3: Opportunities for career development and training</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Goal 4: Services and supports that honour an Indigenous experience</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trades Training BC Meeting (New Society)</li> <li>• \$25,000 from RBC for COOP</li> <li>• NEC / NVIT meeting with Access regarding trades training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commence process for new NVIT Elders</li> <li>• Amphitheatre capital project planning meetings</li> <li>• KVI students visit NVIT for 2 weeks</li> <li>• Change of seasons ceremony</li> </ul>



# 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"> <li>• Minister announcement at NVIT of 2 new Masters programs</li> <li>• Leadership Team presentation on Indigenous education at CICAN leadership summits</li> <li>• Appointment to the indigenous Symposium planning committee</li> <li>• Continued work with the First Nations Technology Council to deliver the FITC program in communities throughout BC.</li> <li>• Participation on the Merritt Community Transition team to support the employees who are impacted by the continued downturn in the forestry sector.</li> <li>• Met with representatives from BCCIE (British Columbia Council for International Education), an organization that supports international education in BC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Works/Mitacs workshop on Indigenous research</li> <li>• Mitacs visit NVIT to explore applied research opportunities</li> <li>• Attended the AEST Presentation on the Indigenous Skills Training Alignment Project to the FNEESC Board</li> <li>• Member on the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB).</li> <li>• Immediate entry bursary extended to all FNEESC grade 12 graduates.</li> <li>• 24 IEB students this year.</li> </ul>
<i>Goal 3: Faculty practicing Indigenous Pedagogy</i>	<i>Goal 4: Exemplary quality of Instruction</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verna visiting Australia (CHAD)</li> <li>• Offering new Indigenous Human Services worker program</li> <li>• Culinary Arts instructor, Andrew George, continues his work with the Indigenization of the Professional Cook 1 program at NVIT.</li> <li>• Continued work on the Language Fluency Degree in partnership with UBC, UBCO, and the Enowkin Center. Both NVIT's Education Council and UBCO's Senate will review the first pilot project, Nsyilxcn, in the coming months.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions with the Consensus Building institute regarding training program</li> </ul>



## Community Relevance

<i>Goal 1: Advocate for Indigenous Education</i>	<i>Goal 2: Meet the educational and training needs of indigenous communities and organizations</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern campus advocacy</li> <li>• Presentation to Village of Burns Lake</li> <li>• Urban Indigenous Youth and Education project (Vancouver Campus)</li> <li>• Aboriginal day festivities (Merritt &amp; Vancouver)</li> <li>• Meet with Lytton Health to discuss Elders Council</li> <li>• Continued participation on the Indigenous Articulation committee, organized by BCCAT.</li> <li>• IAHLA Board meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Ministry/KVI and Haisla regarding Kitimat Campus</li> <li>• Attend the Council of Ministers of Education Canada dinner with Minister Mark.</li> <li>• Attended graduation ceremonies for community programs.</li> <li>• Currently delivering approximately 25 programs in communities throughout the province.</li> <li>• Partners Meeting on Indigenous Languages: FPCC, FNESC, IAHLA, FNSA, MIRR, MED, AEST Ministries at the table</li> </ul>
<i>Goal 3: Develop and sustain relationships/partnerships with organizations that support NVIT's mandate</i>	<i>Goal 4: Deliver accredited, transferable and credentialed programs and services</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend VIU president retirement dinner</li> <li>• Meeting with SD 58 Superintendent</li> <li>• Attend the Native Education College fundraising gala.</li> <li>• Meeting with Coast Mountain College regarding northern campus.</li> <li>• BC Association of Trades and Technical Administrators for Deans of Trades (BCATTA).</li> <li>• Co-chair responsibilities with the Deans and Directors provincial group for Human Service programs.</li> <li>• Indigenous Women's conference on October 5<sup>th</sup> at NVIT</li> <li>• Attended the CANDO Youth Summit in Edmonton.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer enrolment highest ever</li> <li>• First Nations Technology Council partnership</li> <li>• Development of the Bachelor of Education program in partnership with UBC's NITEP program</li> <li>• Participated in a course audit of BCCAT's Transfer Credit System (TCS) to ensure an up to date representation of NVIT's courses listed online for transferability.</li> </ul>



# ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS

<p><b><i>Goal 1: Organizational Culture that supports evidence-based planning and decision making</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Goal 2: Trusted financial processes that are transparent and efficient</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BC Association of Institutes and Universities</li> <li>● PSEA Board meeting and AGM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting with Brent Ashby – KPMG</li> <li>● Working with ITA to fund Trades Trailers</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Goal 3: Positive working environment through engaged employees</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Goal 4: Employ individuals who embrace NVIT values and philosophy</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Welcome Back day for all employees featuring Chief Harvey McLeod</li> <li>● Stronger together workshop offered at both campuses</li> <li>● Off-site retreat - Community Education department to discuss priorities and planning for the 2019/20 school year.</li> <li>● Respectful communications workshop as part of annual welcome back.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yvonne Mensies hired on term for Education program</li> <li>● Rita Cavaliere hired as new librarian</li> <li>● Ashley Nickel hired as HR Advisor</li> <li>● Elijah Sheena, a former NVIT student and graduate of both the Office Administration certificate and Executive Assistant diploma programs, hired as a Departmental Assistant to the Dean’s Office.</li> <li>● Amanda Street hired as new associate registrar.</li> <li>● Hillary Leach hired as the new academic planner</li> <li>● Melissa Pinyon hired as new RARO.</li> </ul>