

**MINUTES OF THE
 EDUCATION COUNCIL MEETING**
 March 28th, 2014
 Room 208 at 10:00 AM

Present: Dianne Bell, Chris Gee, Ann Marie Merkel (Vice-Chair), Denis Caron, Phil Bialobzyski, Julia Moore, Ian Hamilton, Rocque Berthiaume, Kim McIntyre
Videoconference: Regina Saimoto, Reto Riesen (Chair), Larry White, Sherry Beal, Dave McKeever, Mercedes de la Nuez
Regrets: Debbie Stava, Gerry Gauthier, Kathy Haley, Brian Badge, Steven Verblac, Denise Henning, Priscilla Michell
Recording Secretary: Meredith MacLeod

Call to Order: Ann Marie Merkel called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

NWCC's Education Council would like to thank the Tsimshian people of Kitsumkalum, especially the Laxgibuu Clan on whose traditional territory Education Council meetings take place. We particularly acknowledge Sigidimnak Xbisuunt, Vera Dudoward.

The Councils would also like to recognize and extend our respect to all First Nations: Tahltan, Gitksan, Nisga'a, Haisla, Wet'suwet'en, Haida, Heiltsuk, Nuxalk, Oweekeno/Wuikinuxv, and Dakelh, who, along with Tsimshian people, we continue to collaborate and share goals of educational success.

EC.14-11	Adoption of Agenda Additions to the agenda: -Business Arising—ECE Motions from May 27 th , 2011—Larry White -New Business—A5 Terms of Reference—Ann Marie Merkel <i>Motion to adopt the agenda, as amended.</i>
<i>Carried</i>	Reto Riesen / Ian Hamilton
	Education Council welcomes to the table Denis Caron, Interim President.
EC.14-12	Approval of Minutes from February 28th, 2014 <i>Motion to pass minutes from February 28th, 2014.</i>
<i>Carried</i>	Reto Riesen / Rocque Berthiaume

EC.14.13 Business Arising	
EC.14.13.1 Tabled	<p>➤ PCook 2—Keisha Reichert</p> <p>Tabled.</p>
EC.14.13.2	<p>➤ ECE Motions from May 27, 2011—Larry White</p> <p>Gerry Gauthier reported back to Larry White regarding the ECE Motions from May 27th, 2011. The ECE Cluster team decided that the ECE certificate would move back to a one-year program. The change to the one-year certificate will be in place for the 2014-15 academic year and its funding on the 2015-16 budget. There was also some discussion about creating an ECE two-year program which could be in place for the 2015-16 academic year. The ECE program will be offered in Terrace while allowing students to join from elsewhere through a mixed mode of delivery.</p> <p>The other discussion at the ECE cluster team meeting was the possibility of courses being offered at Haida Gwaii. Kathryn Fullerton expressed interest in teaching courses offered there.</p> <p>ACTION ITEM: Larry White will contact Gerry Gauthier to inquire about the ECE changes being reflected in the Education Plan.</p>
EC.14.14 New Business	
E.C.14.14.1	<p>➤ CCP Math 047—Phil Bialobzyski</p> <p>CCP Math 047 has been designed to provide students with the mathematical understandings and critical-thinking skills identified for post-secondary studies in programs that do not require the study of theoretical calculus. The student will complete 10 units, 6 core topics and 4 optional topics.</p> <p>It was created to offer an equivalent course to the one of the streams of the secondary school math system. Within the secondary school system there are three streams of math—Apprenticeship & Workplace, Foundations and Pre-Calculus. Math 047 would be equivalent to Foundations 11. The creation of this course will help to guarantee the success of students as the pre-calculus math stream poses an unnecessary hurdle for students.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should Apprenticeship and Workplace Math 10 be removed as a prerequisite? - The grading is based on unit tests as there are no midterms or final exams for the

course. For EDCO, the problem with no final exam is due to the possible combination of topics the students can take. Perhaps there needs to be a final covering the mandatory, core topics in the course?

- There are concerns that the 50% grade requirement is placing the bar too low for students. Other math courses require 75%. Perhaps an advisory line can be put on the outline to make students aware that if they are considering this course as a prerequisite to other courses/programs they need to be aware of the requirements? Could adding a caveat just be a distraction to students?

Math 047 should go back to the CCP Math cluster for discussion and recommendations. Following that it should return to CPAC and EDCO for approval.

EC.14-14.2
 Tabled

➤ **2014-2015 Meeting Schedule**
 Tabled.

EC.14-14.3

➤ **Education Policy Committee—Larry White**

Education Policy Committee met on March 20th to discuss the purpose of the committee. Following review of the College & Institute Act, the purpose of Education Policy Committee remains unclear. Where does EPC fit in? What kind of policies does it handle? Does it need to exist?

From the many versions of EPC Terms of Reference, the only item that still seems to apply is providing strategic policy planning to Education Council. All other items are clearly covered by A5 or CPAC.

A pause is needed in regards to the status of EPC in order to properly review the committee and allow time for recommendations. A group will come together in the summer to understand the rationale for EPC and will report back to Education Council in the fall.

ACTION ITEM: Form a working group to review EPC and present to EDCO in the fall. (Working Group Volunteers—Ann Marie, Rocque, Reto, Dave)

Regina left the meeting 11:04 a.m.

EC.14-14.4

➤ **A5 Terms of Reference**

A5 has written its Terms of Reference and is looking for approval from Education Council.

Carried	<p><i>Motion to approve the A5 Terms of Reference.</i></p> <p>Ann Marie Merkel / Reto Riesen</p>
EC.14-15	Reports
EC.14-15.1	<p>➤ Chair – Reto Riesen</p> <p>The Board of Governors meeting was last Friday, March 21st. The Enbridge Scholarship was discussed. The college had previously accepted the \$15000 donation which would fund six \$2500 scholarships. There were strong opinions around the table that the College should have announced the scholarship differently and not have accepted it at all. The motion was carried to return the funds. The Board is drafting a message to notify the college community.</p> <p>The next Education Council meeting is on Friday, May 2nd. An invitation was sent to the First Nations Council Chair to have a joint meeting. First Nations Council will make a decision at their meeting on April 4th.</p>
EC.14-15.2	<p>➤ CPAC—David Try</p> <p>Education Council reviewed the draft minutes submitted by CPAC. The new Vice-Chair is Debbie Stava.</p>
EC.14-15.3	<p>➤ A5 – Ann Marie Merkel</p> <p>With the Terms of Reference approved A5 can begin work on reviewing policies. The admissions policy and the probation/suspension policy are on the April 8th agenda.</p>
EC.14-15.4	<p>➤ FNC</p> <p><i>No Report</i></p>
EC.14-15.5	<p>➤ Educational Policy Committee—Larry White</p> <p>Education Policy Committee reported in New Business.</p>
EC.14-15.6	<p>➤ Educational Planning and Program Review—Larry White</p> <p>An Academic Plan presentation, which emerged from EMC, is scheduled with the President’s Council. Once completed, the Academic Plan will be shared with the college community for additional feedback and editing as needed. The Strategic Management Plan is also moving along and will be presented at President’s Council. It will be circulated with the Academic Plan as they are interconnected.</p>

The chosen program reviews—Crime, Community and Social Justice, Heavy Duty Mechanic, and Freda Diesing—were approved last year but have yet to start any review work. These reviews are high priority and recommendations should be made no later than a year from now.

EC.14-15.7

➤ **Clusters**

The next CCP cluster meeting will be in April.

Kim and Mercedes were part of a team that went to Haida Gwaii this month to put on an event hosted in Skidegate and Old Masset called Learning Legacy. It was two, separate day-long events where stations were set up for drop-in with the purpose of helping people identify their past experiences/skills and how they can use them in the future. Those who attended filled in a NWCC application and a new staff member hired in Haida Gwaii is helping them to create portfolios. It was a successful event and has helped to identify what is missing and needs to be offered in Haida Gwaii. Larry had attended a conference in Prince Rupert on regional jobs and skills in the LNG context. He used the Learning Legacy as an example which resonated with the audience. Hartley Bay is interested in a Learning Legacy event in their community which is being spearheaded by Tanya Helton.

EC.14-15.8

➤ **Core Review**

The Core Review report has been sent to the Ministry and waiting for guidance from them.

Gerry Gauthier will be assuming the role of Interim VP of Education, taking over the Core Review responsibilities.

EC.14-15.9

➤ **Growing Through Giving—Debbie Stava**

The concerns from the last meeting were given to Debbie Stava to bring up at the Growing Through Giving committee meeting and report back to EDCO.

Some of the concerns of EDCO included the shortlist of charities, the deadline, the restrictiveness of the event, the involvement of people and programs already with charities, and a committee planning an event without input from the rest of the College.

In order to get the information we want, we must task ourselves to get it and pass it along to our colleagues. Members with questions should go directly to their local college reps for further information.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: **May 2, 2014**