

MINUTES OF THE  
EDUCATION COUNCI Meeting  
April 24, 2015  
Room 208 at 10:00 AM

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**Present:** Amanda Kirkham, Chris Gee, Julia Moore, Gerry Gauthier, Brent Speidel, Debbie Stava, Kezia Sinkewicz, Priscilla Michell, Emily Suderman, Catharine White, Reto Reisen

**Guests:** Melanie Wilke, Ann Marie Merkel, Kathy Haley

**Videoconference:** Sandy Clark, Mercedes de la Nuez, Dave McKeever, Regina Saimoto (Tanya Rexin), Desiree Louis,

**Regrets:** Ken Burt, Allison Conway, Reilly Walker, Lothlan Olson

**Recording Secretary:** Jessica Scafe

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Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

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.15-16	Adoption of Agenda for April 24, 2015 Add Melanie Wilke to ACKAC report and CRIM program review Add Stella Webster to CCP Bridging Certificates
<i>Carried</i>	<i>Motion to adopt the agenda as amended, Kezia Sinkewicz/Brent Spiedel</i>
EC.15-17	Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2015 Fix Spelling of Amanda's name on previous minutes.
<i>Carried</i>	<i>Motion to approve the minutes Deb Stava/Chris Gee</i>

EC.15-18	<b>Business Arising</b>
EC.15-18.1	<p><b>EdCo Elections</b></p> <p>Most seats are filled. Two seats still empty: Developmental Education (Terrace) and Trades/Culinary Arts.</p> <p>Phil Bialobzski would like to take the developmental education seat. EdCo requires a nomination form to be submitted.</p> <p>Brent Speidel - Dean of trades, will take this information back to his department and try to find representation.</p> <p><b>Chair Elections</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> call for nominations - Dave McKeever was nominated for chair</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> call - No nominations</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> call - No nominations</p> <p>Dave McKeever has been appointed chair of EdCo by acclamation.</p> <p><b>Vice Chair Elections</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> call for nominations - Chris Gee was nominated for vice chair</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> call - No nominations</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> call - No Nominations</p> <p>Chris Gee has been appointed vice chair of EdCo by acclamation.</p>
EC.15-19	<b>New Business</b>
EC.15-19.1	<p><b>LPAT 107 (CPAC) - Gerry Gauthier</b></p> <p>New Introductory course that is connected to the proposal for the completion of the Retail Services Program. Additional required course under the Retail Services Certificate. This course will become a pre-requisite course to the RSP program. The following housekeeping items were to be made from CPAC: course hours to be updated from 10-20 to 15. New/changed course forms for (LPAT 107, RSP 100, and RSP 101) need to be updated to indicate this is a pre-req course to the RSP program. New/changed program form for RSP needs to be updated to include LPAT 107.</p> <p><i>Carried</i>      <i>Motion to approve LPAT 107 once housekeeping items from CPAC have been completed and resubmitted to EdCo for final approval</i></p> <p>Deb Stava/Reto Reisen</p>
EC.15-19.2	<p><b>UC Update (CPAC) - Gerry Gauthier</b></p> <p>Decline in enrollment over the last few years, notably in UC. An analysis of low enrolled offerings was completed and the data and 188 sections are low enrolled (under 10 students). It is not effective for the college to offer these low enrolled courses. There are about 30 sections of UC that will not be offered this year, all of them in arts and humanities. Hopefully in the</p>

near future they will be offered again. Reduction in sections at PR campus and complete reductions in Smithers. New “niche” program hopefully coming to CPAC/EDCO for January 2016 – Environmental studies. Faculty will be consulted to find the best solution.

**EC.15-19.3 ABT Suspension – Gerry Gauthier**

The college is proceeding with withdrawing from the ABT collaborative. NWCC is not suspending it as it is not NWCC’s program. Students are registered through BC Campus, not NWCC. It is part of a collaborative and NWCC is moving away from the collaborative. Other colleges will continue to offer the program. Students will have the same access they do now to enter the program. Many students registering with us are not local students within our region. There is a significant net cost with offering this program. Instead of ABT, NWCC wants to offer a full-time face to face cohort office admin program. Face to face plans for January 2016, development and marketing will begin in the fall. It will serve our region and area better, give us better FTEs and be more cost effective. A lengthy discussion took place around the concerns from the faculty for the students currently enrolled in this program and what suspension of this program could mean. There will be a collaborative consultation process before this suspension is finalized and will be brought to FNC. The document that was submitted states a suspension. The document will be reworded and resubmitted to EdCo. This discussion will continue at the next EdCo meeting which will be joint with FNC on May 22.

*Carried*

*Motion to resubmit ABT background document to reflect proper intention and include feedback from this meeting and bring to next EdCo meeting for further discussion*

Gerry Gauthier/Dave McKeever

**EC.15-19.4 CRIM Program Review – Melanie Wilke**

Four internal members were a part of the committee and did extensive review of the criminology program as it stands at NWCC.

Looked at current program delivery, community engagement, barriers to student success compared to similar programs, student demographics and enrollments.

Once all those came together there were more recommendations that came out in the self-study guide. Such as a hybrid program delivery model, rotating timetable, modified practicum and promoting dual credit within the high schools. The review then went to an external team and they reviewed the self-study. The external team included a member from NWCC as well as once from SFU. The team reviewed the study and discussed the program at length before coming to some recommendations of their own. The team requested an update the learning outcomes, exploring different delivery methods and would like to encourage the exploring of a shared criminology and SSW practicum. The review has been completed and EdCo should receive the report.

*Carried*

*Motion for the program review report to be submitted to EdCo*

Brent Speidel/ Chris Gee

**CCP Bridging Certificates – Stella Webster**

**Background:** In December the ministry changed the guidelines for ABE. Students could only get upgrading at high school or online, all other colleges now need to charge tuition. This could have a significant impact to our students. If they have to pay lets help them as much as we can. Most participating programs mentioned are on board with these bridging programs and have agreed to pilot these certificates for one year. Students will concurrently take CCP courses as well as UC courses. No courses are being changed. Only the pre-requisites to become co-requisites. With these bridging certificates students can in enroll in a UC program as well as CCP at the same time. There are 4 bridging certificates to be discussed today: University sciences, University Arts, Health Programs, and Business Admin.

**Health Programs Bridging Certificate**

Students coming from CCP with a minimum B+ will be allowed their choice into RN, PN, or HCA and guaranteed a seat. The nursing faculty at NWCC or with the collaborative (UNBC/CNC) were not engaged into this decision and do not agree with this bridging certificate. Program needs to be accredited by NCBNP. Nursing faculty is deeply concerned to give seats to B+ students. To be successful with BSCN program GPA's need to be higher than a B+ average. NWCC already has a higher failure rate than CNC and believe it is because they have a lower GPA admission standard. UNBC/CNC is concerned that if CCP gets priority to those seats other than the seats reserved for aboriginal students, that a high school student with a higher GPA would be denied a seat over the CCP student with a lower GPA. Students from CCP are already competing for seats and they are being successful so NWCC does not see a need to have to reserve seats. The program is full every year and there is no problem getting students.

*Motion to bring the Health Programs Bridging Certificate to discussion with program areas including faculty for further discussion*

**Amanda Kirkham/Catharine White**

**All Other Bridging Certificates:**

Should be cautious until we find out if students can get funding for the programs. AUG funding is only for development programs, programs with UC courses may not be eligible for funding. Typically funding is not usually involved in developing new programs however it is something that should be under consideration.

English 050 credits are listed incorrectly in the health programs bridging certificate.

English 050 is worth 6 credits as well as Chemistry, there needs to be consistency with the credits in the developmental programs as students will be paying per credit for developmental courses.

The credits are going to be changing because of those changes in tuition fees and should be changed at the same time for the advantage to the students.

Carried	<p><i>Motion to approve the following bridging certificates: University sciences, University Arts, Business Admin in principal while looking at questions around sequencing, credits, and funding.</i></p> <p>Gerry Gauthier/Catharine White</p> <p>None opposed</p> <p>One abstained</p>
Carried	<p>Motion to consider this model (Bridging certificates) for FN communities</p> <p>Reto Riesen/Julia Moore</p>
EC.15-19.6	<b>MGMT 259 – David McKeever - TABLED</b>
EC.15-19.7	<b>ETHC 150 – Dave McKeever – TABLED</b>
EC.15-20	<b>Reports</b>
EC.15-20	<p>➤ <b>Chair – Reto Riesen</b></p> <p>New chair for the next meeting: Dave McKeever. The BOG has decision powers and EdCo should be present at the board. Academic governance council, next one is in fall and recommends the chair or someone else should be in attendance.</p>
EC.15-20.1	➤ <b>CPAC – Debbie Stava – No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.2	➤ <b>ACKAC – Melanie Wilke - No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.3	➤ <b>A5 – Ann Marie Merkel – No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.4	➤ <b>Education Policy Committee – No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.5	➤ <b>Educational Planning and Program Review – Tanya Rixin – No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.6	➤ <b>FNC – Priscilla Michell - No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.7	➤ <b>Core Review – Tanya Rixin – No Reports</b>
EC.15-20.8	➤ <b>Clusters – No Reports</b>
<b>Meeting Adjourned 12:08pm; Next meeting: May 22, 2015 joint with FNC</b>	