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1.0 Policy Statement

Scholarly activity, as defined within a polytechnic context, is the investigation, integration and dissemination of knowledge that is subject to polytechnic peer review, whether industry, teaching or research based.

The notion of peer review is foundational to post-secondary scholarly activity. Scholarly peer review is the process of subjecting scholarly work to the scrutiny of others who are experts in the field being studied. The frame around polytechnic peer review can differ from other post-secondary institutions and should align with where polytechnic expertise resides.

2.0 Scope

This policy applies to NASA instructors who are engaged in scholarly activity as part of their planned and approved workload assignment.

3.0 Definitions

Term	Definition
Expertise	Expert skill and knowledge in a particular field, and the ability to demonstrate mastery and currency of practice in a particular field
Polytechnic Peer Review	The sharing of scholarly activity with industry, teaching or research peers with the aim of sharing knowledge and/or gathering feedback on the value and trustworthiness of the scholarly activity
Scholarly Activity	Any activity that involves the intentional creation, investigation, integration and dissemination of knowledge that is subject to polytechnic peer review. Scholarly activity intends to inform professional practice, contribute to the state of practice within a field, and/or impact the broader external environment.

4.0 Guiding Principles

- 4.1 Scholarly activity goes beyond good teaching practice and includes sharing knowledge through polytechnic peer review.
- 4.2 NAIT instructors who are assigned scheduled instructional hours in degree programs will engage in forms of scholarly activity enabled through workload assignments.
- 4.3 NAIT has various mechanisms to support scholarly activity.
- 4.4 Scholarly activity is documented as part of NAIT's performance enhancement process.
- 4.5 To support reporting requirements of Campus Alberta Quality Council (CAQC) NAIT instructors, with teaching assignments in degree programs, formally report on their scholarly activity on an annual basis.
- 4.6 Scholarly activity is related to NAIT programs and associated industries.
- 4.7 NAIT will ensure that the freedom in the method of research is maintained. NAIT instructors are free to examine and to test all knowledge appropriate to their disciplines without fear of reprisal.

5.0 Other Related Documents

- NAIT Instructor Performance Enhancement Plan and supporting documentation.
- NASA Collective Agreement.
- Campus Alberta Quality Council Handbook: Quality Assessment and Quality Assurance.
- Documents related to Human Resource Training and Development programs and benefits.

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