NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Board of Governors

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Monday, January 31, 2022
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Jo Gunter (Chair)	Steve Hudson	alison lewis	Jen Crothers	Stewart Cook
Kelly Hobbs Bruzzese	Jamie Corfield	Renata Medeiros	Randy Dreger	Dong Ye
Annemarieke Hoekstra	Shauna MacDonald	Steve Chattargoon	Mark Schneider	Natalie Sarzynski
Jerilyn Kotelniski	Jorgia Moore	Kody Shwaga	Narish Momin	

GUESTS: Dennis Sheppard, Jodi Howick, Elli McDine

REGRETS: Leshan Masikonte

RESOURCE: Lynda Robertson

1. OPENING

1.1 Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Laura Jo Gunter welcomed everyone to the Academic Council meeting and called the meeting to order.

For transparency, Angela Skuba declared she helped put together the proposals for agenda items 3.1.1 and 3.1.2.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Moved by alison lewis that the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

1.2 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2021.

Moved by Angela Skuba that the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2021, be approved with corrections to members names as discussed.

Seconded, Carried

1.3 Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

There was no business arising from the previous meeting to bring forward.

2. UPDATES KEY TO NAIT

2.1 Enrolment Planning

Steve Hudson provided a highlight of where enrolment currently stands, where NAIT is looking forward and discussion about the challenges and opportunities for next year including:

- how to manage a challenging fall enrolment that trended into January
- the move of apprenticeship programming into the institutional mandates
- IMA agreements and reporting
- tuition grants and enrolment targets
- strategies to increase enrolment and aid student retention

2.2 COVID status update

Online learning has been extended to end of the Reading Break with an updated communication expected in early February once new restrictions set in place by the province can be reviewed with what can be accommodated on campus.

Consultations for post-COVID delivery in fall of 2022 continue.

3 ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Program Proposals

Jodi Howick and Dennis Sheppard spoke to the degree program proposals brought forward from the JR Shaw School of Business. Briefing notes were provided along with the formal proposals to highlight the reasons to support each proposed change. Both proposals presented to Academic Council have been previously approved by APLC and EMC.

3.1.1 BBA – Accounting and Analytics *(Dennis Sheppard/Jodi Howick)*

Provide a specialization for students in the BBA who wish to gain a designation and recognition on parchment in the pathway of Accounting and Analytics.

Moved by Mark Schneider that the degree specialization Bachelor of Business

Administration (Accounting and Analytics) be recommended to the Board of Governors for submission to Advanced Education for approval.

Seconded, Carried

3.1.1 BBA-Finance *(Dennis Sheppard/Jodi Howick)*

Provide a specialization for students in the BBA who wish to gain a designation and recognition on parchment in the pathway of Finance.

Moved by Mark Schneider that the degree specialization Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) be recommended to the Board of Governors for submission to Advanced Education for approval.

Seconded, Carried

3.2 Honorary Degree nominees

As Chair of the Honorary Degree Sub-Committee, Mark Schneider provided information to Academic Council on recommendations from the sub-committee for nominees to receive an Honorary Degree Award at Convocation. The names and information on these recipients is confidential until they have been contacted and agree to accept their award.

Moved by Mark Schneider that Academic Council supports the recommended nominees for Honorary Degrees and recommends approval by the Board of Governors.

4 OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 No other business brought forward.

5 PRESENTATION

5.1 Program efficacy metrics

Steve shared a Program Efficacy PowerPoint with Academic Council to provide an understanding on how NAIT determines program viability and how this triggers a process set in place when it's necessary to take a deeper dive into a program.

5.2 Blended learning update

Blended Learning - a purposeful mix of face-to-face and online educational experiences to achieve learning outcomes in a course.

Elli joined Steve to provide an update to Academic Council and discussion on the move to blended learning and promote a shared understanding about engagement and the desire to move away from COVID driving the decisions (as it did throughout the pandemic) and into a

state of allowing educational practise, technology and flexibility lead the way post-COVID to help students achieve the best outcomes.

6   **NEXT MEETING –** Monday, April 25, 2022, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

7   **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Stewart Cook that the meeting be adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Seconded, Carried