



NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Board of Governors

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Monday, November 15, 2021
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

GUESTS: Michael Haworth, Gail Kelly, Dennis Sheppard, Denise MacIver

REGRETS: Mark Schneider, Steve Hudson

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.

Stewart Cook declared a conflict of interest and he would abstain from voting during the program proposal voting in 3.1 of this agenda for those programs that fall within the School of Applied Science and Technology.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Moved by Angela Skuba that the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

1.2 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2021.

Moved by Stewart Cook that the minutes of the meeting of September 13, 2021 be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

1.3 Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

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

2. UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Laura Jo Gunter confirmed that NAIT is now under the full vaccination mandate that came into effect November 8th and thanked everyone working through the final accommodation requests and appeals for going the extra mile,

At the Board retreat in October, members looked at the strategic plan and began working on annual and multi-year goals with a focus on the following:

- ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance).
- WIL
- Culture and employee engagement
- Applied research
- Campus development
- Financial sustainability

3. ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Program Proposals

Denise MacIver and Stewart Cook spoke to the program proposals being brought forward from the School of Health Sciences and the School of Applied Science and Technology. Briefing notes were provided along with the formal proposals to highlight the reasons to support each proposed change. All proposals presented to Academic Council had been previously approved by APLC. (Academic Portfolio Leadership Team)

3.1.1 Power Engineering 4th Class (Stewart Cook)

Suspend Power Engineering 4th Class Certificate with the intention to review labour market demand in 2024 to determine if a reactivation is appropriate or if the program should be considered for termination in 2025.

Moved by alison lewis that the suspension of the Power Engineering 4th Class Certificate until June 30, 2025 be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried*

****Stewart Cook abstained***

3.1.2 Forest and Construction Co-Op (Stewart Cook)

Adding a co-op program option to both Forest Technology and Construction Engineering Technology will allow NAIT to meet its WIL growth target.

Moved by Angela Skuba that the addition of a Forest Technology co-op program option be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried*
****Stewart Cook abstained***

Moved by Angela Skuba that the addition of a Construction Engineering co-op program option be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried*
****Stewart Cook abstained***

3.1.3 Geological Technology (Stewart Cook)

Suspension of Geological Technology – Exploration will increase program delivery efficiency while continuing to maintain employer needs, the program name will change from Geological Technology to Geoscience Technology reflects the redeveloped program and the addition of a co-op program option will allow NAIT to meet its WIL growth target.

Moved by alison lewis that a suspension of the Exploration specialization in the Geological Technology be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried*
****Stewart Cook abstained***

Moved by alison lewis that a name change from Geological Technology to Geoscience Technology be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried*
****Stewart Cook abstained***

Moved by alison lewis that the addition of a Geoscience Technology co-op program option be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried*
****Stewart Cook abstained***

3.1.4 Biological Sciences (Stewart Cook)

The Biological Sciences diploma program has evolved to support changing industry and employer needs and splitting this program into three specializations will align the programs to similar programs across Canada. The addition of a co-op program option to each of the three specializations will allow NAIT to meet its WIL growth target.

Moved by Angela Skuba that splitting the Biological Sciences diploma into three separate individual program records (Conservation Biology, Laboratory Research and

Biotechnology, and Environmental Monitoring and Assessment) effective July 1, 2022 be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

***Seconded, Carried*
*Stewart Cook abstained***

Moved by Angela Skuba that the addition of a Conservation Biology co-op program option be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

***Seconded, Carried*
*Stewart Cook abstained***

Moved by Angela Skuba that the addition of a Laboratory Research and Biotechnology co-op program option be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

***Seconded, Carried*
*Stewart Cook abstained***

Moved by Angela Skuba that the addition of an Environmental Monitoring and Assessment co-op program option be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

***Seconded, Carried*
*Stewart Cook abstained***

3.1.5 Magnetic Resonance (Denise MacIver)

The current program names, Magnetic Resonance diploma and Magnetic Resonance Imaging post-diploma do not describe the pathways clearly, creating confusion for applicants which results in many selecting the wrong program when applying. Changing the program names will alleviate this confusion.

Moved by Renata Medieros that a name change from Magnetic Resonance diploma to Magnetic Resonance Imaging – 1st Discipline be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried

Moved by Renata Medieros that a name change from Magnetic Resonance Imaging post-diploma certificate to Magnetic Resonance Imaging – 2nd Discipline be recommended to the Board of Governors for approval.

Seconded, Carried

3.2 Apprentice-style program proposals overview (alison lewis, Stewart Cook, Dennis Sheppard)

In response to a call for proposals for Apprenticeship-style programming from the Ministry of Advanced Education, NAIT submitted the following program proposals:

- **Internet of Things post-diploma one year certificate program**
This program will provide information technology practitioners with the knowledge and skills they need to effectively navigate the Internet of Things – with a particular focus on foundational concepts.

- **Cybersecurity post-diploma certificate program**
This program will provide information technology practitioners with the advanced operational skills and security strategies needed to work in cybersecurity and manage risk.
- **Hospitality Management eight-month certificate program**
This program will provide learners with the knowledge, skills, and experience they need to pursue and succeed as a hospitality professional. In future, we anticipate that this programming could help alleviate labour market shortages in this sector.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 No other business brought forward.

5. PRESENTATION

5.1 Update on Bill 67 and Bill 74

Gail Kelly joined Academic Council to provide a high level snapshot on the major pieces of Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act and Bill 74 Advanced Education Statutes Amendments Act.

Bill 67 Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education Act will modernize apprenticeship education. This piece of legislation has moved through the house but has not yet been proclaimed. Bill 67 is intended to replace the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act.

Bill 74 is a piece of legislation that it is currently in the house and has passed a 2nd reading. Amendments put forward in Bill 74 were to align it to Alberta 2030. It includes the notion of parity of esteem for all forms of post-secondary education and establishes a strategic advisory council for the Minister.

5.2 IMAs

Michael Haworth led a brief overview of NAIT's current Investment Management Agreement (shared with Academic Council).

Performance based funding metrics for NAIT is based on WIL. alison lewis confirmed that NAIT is well positioned to meet the IMA on WIL.

Laura Jo Gunter updated Academic Council on the process for establishing the next IMAs.

6. NEXT MEETING – Monday, January 31, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Shauna MacDonald that the meeting be adjourned at 3:53 pm.

Seconded, Carried