



NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Monday, September 11, 2023
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Peter Leclaire (Chair) | Gerard Hayes | Jen Crothers | Denise MacIver |
| Jodi Howick | Dennis Sheppard | Shauna MacDonald | Steve Chattargoon |
| Max Varela Arevalo | Spenser Rawluk | Jocelyn Crocker | Jackie MacDuffie |
| Starr Zhang | Tylen Saison | Marina Bruno | Mubshra Arshad |
| Eduardo Lembcke | | | |

REGRETS: Matt Lindberg, Travis Luscombe, Jenna Williams, Poojan Ribbonwala

RESOURCE: Lynda Robertson

1. OPENING

1.1 Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Peter Leclaire welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Moved by Dennis Sheppard that the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2.1.1 Approval of the Minutes of Academic Council for the Meeting held on April 24, 2023.

2.1.2 Recommendation to the Board of Governors to approve the proposals to add optional co-op experiences to both Interior Design Technology and Landscape Architectural Technology.

Moved by Jodi Howick that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no action items brought forward from the previous meeting, however an update was requested on the status of the program termination proposals whose motions were defeated at the April 24, 2023 meeting.

Additional information is currently being gathered and alternative pathways are being explored, filling the gaps identified at the last meeting. School Leadership is conscious of timelines and confident that an evidence informed recommendation will be brought forward to either the October or November Academic Council Meeting.

ACTION: Bring forward to the next meeting: Academic Council will differentiate the definition of pause of intake versus suspension.

4. ORIENTATION

Peter Leclaire led a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of Academic Council and the role Council plays at NAIT.

CHAIR OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL: To remain in compliance with the PSLA and Academic Council Bylaws, a vote was held and Peter Leclaire was appointed as Chair of Academic Council. This will allow Laura Jo Gunter the flexibility to attend other high priority meetings whose time conflicts with Academic Council.

5. ACADEMIC UPDATE

Work continues to move forward on the Apprenticeship Skills Centre and more information is expected to be available to provide an update at the next meeting.

6. ADMINISTRATION

There were no items brought forward for this section of the agenda.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 23, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Peter Leclaire that the meeting be adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Seconded, Carried