



NORTHERN ALBERTA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Monday, December 15, 2025
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
via Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Leclaire (Chair)	Clayton Davis	Jen Crothers	Dennis Sheppard
Tamara Peyton	Terry Schlitter	Matt Lindberg	Shauna MacDonald
Jamie Nimcan	Gilles Prefontaine	Max Varela Arevalo	Ann Hrabok
Irene Kirby-Frith	Krysta Westlund	Lilly Houcher	Danielle Libunao
Robin Murillo	Teaira Current	Wyatt Waters	Jeetika Mishra
Ishana Hettiarachchige			

REGRETS:

RESOURCE:

Lynda Robertson

GUESTS:

Mike McCready	Carrie Vos	Stacy Oslund	Riya Ganguly
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1. OPENING

1.1. Call to Order and Approval of the Agenda

Peter Leclaire welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Observers were reminded to keep microphones muted and cameras off.

Questions with regard to the order of the agenda and suspensions brought forward were discussed. There were no additions to the agenda.

Moved by Patti Hergott that the agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

No conflict of interest declared.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1. Approval of the Minutes of Academic Council for the meeting held November 17, 2025.
- 2.2. Approval to accept the interpretation of “meeting” and “session” as put forward by Shannon Fuhrer, NAIT’s Legal Counsel, until such time that the Academic Council Bylaws can be updated accordingly

Moved by Matt Lindberg that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Seconded, Carried

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1. Paused Admission and Suspension and Termination Policy

Paused Admission and Suspension and Termination Policy is brought forward in Administration 5.8.

3.2. Program Suspension Proposals

Program suspension proposals from the last meeting are listed under Administration 5.5 to 5.7 below.

3.3. Paused Programs Verbal Update

Peter Leclaire confirmed no newly identified program pauses to announce.

3.4. *AI in Workplace

Added to Business Arising from the last meeting. Tamara will bring back AI in the Workplace: How NAIT can apply to participate with AMII as well the uses of AI in our academic activities.

4. ACADEMIC UPDATE

The Academic Update provided an overview of current work and new initiatives throughout the Academic Portfolio. No questions were asked.

5. ADMINISTRATION

5.1. Organizational Leadership and Governance Post Diploma Certificate New Program Proposal

Riya Ganguly presented the Organizational Leadership and Governance Post Diploma Certificate proposal, highlighting its flexibility for career advancement and its potential connection with BTECH.

Council discussed how this program differs from the recently suspended Leadership in Healthcare program, emphasizing its applicability across all industries.

Moved by Dennis Sheppard that Organizational Leadership and Governance Post Diploma Certificate New Program Proposal be recommended for approval by the Board of Governors

Seconded, Carried

5.2. Content Creator Entrepreneurship Diploma New Program Proposal

The second time coming to Council, Mike McCready presented the proposal for a new Content Creator Entrepreneurship Diploma New Program, addressing the concerns that were raised at the last meeting regarding consultation and curriculum overlap. At council's request, the decision was postponed until full consultation to identify collaboration, course alignment and an analysis on impact could be had.

Moved by Tamara Peyton that the Content Creator Entrepreneurship Diploma New Program Proposal be recommended for approval by the Board of Governors

Seconded, Carried

5.3. Network Management and Operations Diploma and Co-op New Program Proposal New Program Proposal

Tamara began the presentation by setting the context of changes being made in the school covering both new programming as well as proposed suspensions. Carrie Vos presented the Network Management and Operations Diploma proposal, highlighting its focus on preparing students for automated, secure, and flexible networks using software and artificial intelligence.

Moved by Tamara Peyton that Network Operations & Management Diploma New Program Proposal be recommended for approval by the Board of Governors.

Seconded, Carried

5.4. Program Suspension Presentation

As requested at a previous meeting, Council members were provided with the presentation containing the data used to support decisions on the suspension proposals.

5.5. Network Engineering Technology Program Suspension

Carrie Vos and Tamara Peyton reviewed the proposal and addressed questions about the proposed suspension of the Network Engineering Technology Program, noting it will be replaced by newly proposed programs that better align to the school's vision for networking education.

Moved by Tamara Peyton that the suspension proposal for Network Engineering Technology Program be recommended for approval by the Board of Governors.

Seconded, Carried

5.6. Computer Network Administrator Certificate Program Suspension

Bring forward to a future meeting due to lack of time.

5.7. Wireless Systems Engineering Technology Diploma Program Suspension

Bring forward to a future meeting due to lack of time.

5.8. Suspension and Termination Policy and Procedure

Bring forward to a future meeting due to lack of time.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

7. NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2026, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Matt Lindberg that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Seconded, Carried