

## Academic Council Meeting

May 11, 2021  
5:00 – 6:30 pm  
Microsoft Teams

# MINUTES

Time	Item	Action	Owner
5:00	<p><b>WELCOME</b></p> <p>Aanchal Albert Naspu, Angela Wilm, Binita Khadka, Corey Mushynsky, Craig Weston, Daniel Kazambu, Dawn Witherspoon, Diane Van der Gucht, Fred Shultz, Greg Eklics, Judith Anderson, Karrie Auger, Karyn Nickerson, Leonce Rushubirwa, Manna Liu, Marlene Phillips, Mitch Fix, Norma Schneider, Pushpdeep Singh, Renuka Jantz, Sandra Moore, Tanya Friesen, Vaishnavi Bhawsar, Wendy Chambers, Rebecca Bock-Freeman</p> <p><i>Guests:</i> Angharad Hong Brown, Becky Kelley, David Middagh, Lindsay Wozney, Carolyn Campbell</p> <p><b>*Team photo*</b></p>		
	<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		
5:10	<p><b>1. Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p><i>Motion to approve the agenda: Moved by Wendy Chambers; Seconded by Corey Mushynsky</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	<b>Decision</b>	Mitch Fix
5:12	<p><b>2. Approval of the Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 13, 2021</li> </ul> <p><i>Motion to approve the minutes from April 13, 2021: Moved by Leonce Rushubirwa; Seconded by Wendy Chambers</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	<b>Decision</b>	Mitch Fix
5:15	<p><b>3. College Strategic Planning</b></p> <p><b>President Campbell</b> shared information regarding the Strategic Planning process, timelines, and draft strategy cascade. Academic Council was engaged through a set of questions including:</p> <p>1) How do these statements land with you?</p>	<b>Discussion</b>	Carolyn Campbell, David Middagh, Lindsay Wozney

	<p>2) What do they mean to you when you hear them?  3) Does this direction reflect the NorQuest you know and love?  4) Is there anything missing from your perspective?</p> <p>Feedback was positive and the emphasis on community was supported. Students shared their stories of what NorQuest meant to them and the need for better engagement with alumni was reinforced. A gap mentioned was community studies not being listed specifically.</p>		
6:00	<p><b>4. Major Program Change – Early Learning Child Care, Disability Studies, Community Support Worker Program</b></p> <p><b>Becky Kelley</b>, Program Chair, explained that the changes being requested are to support Open Admissions Pathways and remove barriers for students. Students begin their studies at NorQuest as Open Studies students, and after achieving a grade of C or higher in each of three courses are eligible to apply to the program of their choice.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the major program change(s) to the Early Learning and Child Care, Disability Studies, and Community Support Worker programs. Moved by Marlene Phillips; Seconded by Dawn Witherspoon</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	<b>Decision</b>	Becky Kelley, Angharad Hong Brown
6:15	<p><b>5. Major Program Change – Social Work Program</b></p> <p><b>Donna Bell</b>, Program Chair, explained that this change will remove the open elective and make Indigenous Studies 1 (INST 1000) a mandatory course in Term 5. There would be no more elective courses available in the program. This recommendation aligns with the Alberta College of Social Workers recommendation that students learn about colonization in Canada.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve the major program change to the Social Work diploma program. Moved by Marlene Phillips; Seconded by Fred Shultz</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Motion Carried</b></p>	<b>Decision</b>	Donna Bell, Angharad Hong Brown
6:30 pm	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>		

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**Upcoming Meetings**

- June 8, 2021 (Agenda items: *Deadline for Fee Payment – Academic Schedule – Update from Office of the Registrar & Summer Subcommittee plans*)

