

Academic Council Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

5:00 – 6:30 PM

Online



Time	Agenda Item	Action	Owner
A. Welcome and Treaty Acknowledgment			
5:00	<p>Attendees: Bev Suntjens (Chair), Jadine Sherman, Melanie Mattila, Art Rejano, Rowena Quedado, Hebah Abukhadra, Sheena Sereda, Lili Villata, Janelle Marrison, Neetu Shah, Erin Turnell, Loni Robertson, Deniz Chakyl, Marlene Phillips, Debbie Little, Greg Eklics, Wendy Ilott, Norma Schneider, Tanya Friesen, Sanampreet Kaur.</p> <p>Guests: Ayshea Thornton</p> <p>Regrets: Nancy Thornton</p> <p>Scribe: Nikita Kataria</p> <p>Meeting started at 5:00 PM.</p>		
A.	AGENDA ITEMS		
5:02	<p>1. Approval of Agenda – May 13, 2025</p> <p>MOTION: That Academic Council approve the presented May 13, 2025 Agenda.</p> <p>Moved by [Sheena Sereda]. Seconded by [Melanie Mattila].</p> <p>All in favour. Motion Passed.</p>	Approval	Bev Suntjens (Chair)
5:04	<p>2. Approval of the Minutes – April 8, 2025</p> <p>MOTION: That Academic Council approve the April 8, 2025, minutes as presented.</p> <p>Moved by [Hebah Abukhadra]. Seconded by [Neetu Shah].</p> <p>16 in favour in favour. 2 Abstained. Motion Passed.</p>	Approval	Bev Suntjens

5:05	<p>3. Pre-requisite Change for MATH 1001:Calculus I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The change aims to ensure students have the foundational knowledge needed for success in the course. This update aligns with requirements at other institutions and with other NorQuest courses like MATH 1205, BIOL 1007, and CHEM 1001. It supports the academic success of students. The proposed change has been reviewed and supported by relevant chairs, program managers, faculty, and Deans' Council. <p>Discussion & Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that additional academic support will be introduced for 2025–26 to support student success. A question was raised regarding the pre-requisite: Will it require a minimum grade or just course completion? It was clarified that completing Math 30-1 or 30-2 is sufficient to enroll in MATH 1001, with no specific grade requirement. The intent of the pre-requisite is to ensure students are adequately prepared for the course. Debbie Little expressed support for including Math 30-2, as it broadens access to the course while still prioritizing student success. A Question was raised whether a specific grade should be required for Math 30-2. It was clarified that a grade above 50% would likely be appropriate. <p>Next Step:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The change will be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for implementation and website updates. <p>MOTION: That Academic Council approve the Pre-requisite change for MATH 1001: Calculus I as presented.</p> <p>Moved by [Jadine Sherman]. Seconded by [Neetu Shah].</p> <p>All in favour. Motion Passed.</p>	Approval	Ayshea Thornton
6:00	<p>Meeting Adjourns</p> <p>Moved by Marlene Phillips. The meeting ended at 5:23 PM.</p>		