

NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE  
EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Meeting January 26, 2011, in Dawson Creek Regional Board Room

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Participants:	Janet Beavers Craig Herbert Greg Lainsbury Denise Menard	Eugene Hasiuk Anna Hughes Patricia McClelland Eric Sehn Judy Seidl (Recording)
Absent:	Michael French Dave Owens Geordie Smith Jean Valgardson	Donna Merry Gloria Rounds Kristina VandeWalle
Guest(s):	H. Mayer	David Batterham (Observer)

**1. Adoption of Agenda – 1:15 pm**

ADD as discussion item number five, the status of the Honorary Associate of Arts Degree.

Agenda was adopted as amended.

**2. Adoption of Minutes, November 24, 2010**

11.01.01 M/S – MENARD/HERBERT

THAT the minutes of November 24, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

**Decision Items**

**3. Wind Turbine Maintenance Technician  
Revised Program Information and Completion Guide**

H. Mayer presented relatively minor adjustments to the list of required courses. WFTR 233 Fall Protection has been removed, as the material covered is also included in WFTR 232 Wind Turbine Tower and High Angle Rescue, Climbing, and Personal Protective Equipment. WFTR 156 Fire Suppression Refresher has been replaced by WFTR 155 S-100 Fire Suppression which is the actual course being taught. Changes to the explanation of BZEE Certification were deemed necessary in order to clarify that students would be given the 'opportunity' to write the BZEE Certification Examination rather than automatically being granted a temporary BZEE Certificate which has been discontinued due to the excessive paper work involved. G. Lainsbury suggested some grammatical changes.

11.01.02 M/S – HUGHES/SEHN

THAT the Education Council recommends approval of the revised Program Information and Completion Guide for the Wind Turbine Maintenance Program as amended.

CARRIED

H. Mayer left the meeting.

**Information/Discussion**

**4. Student Appeals Policy**

P. McClelland requested some clarification on issues that may impact students; the first being if students in the appeal process would be required to pay to register for another course. A. Hughes referred the Council to NLC's Tuition Payments, Deposits, Deferral and Invoicing Policy, which clearly states: "The balance of tuition fees must be paid by the first day of class"; she also felt that this would supersede the Student Appeals Policy. P. McClelland was also concerned about how the policy would impact disabled students. C. Herbert stated that disabled students would have their needs accommodated during the appeals process as per the Human Rights policy and he felt this would not have to be stated within the Student Appeals Policy. E. Sehn suggested adding the Human Rights Policy in the area of related policies on the front of the document. C. Herbert advised that the sentence on page four of seven, "In addition, the Board Chair will work with the President to resolve the impacted policy" has been removed as he felt that by the time an appeal would get to this point it would need be addressed through legal channels as opposed to the President. All agreed.

11.01.03 M/S - HASIUK/SEHN

THAT the Education Council recommends approval of the Student Appeals Policy as amended.

CARRIED

**5. Honorary Associate of Arts Degree**

G. Lainsbury informed Council he was informed at a Board meeting that Northern Lights College was no longer allowed to grant Honorary Associate of Arts degrees. Honorary Associate of Arts degrees have been granted by Northern Lights College in conjunction with Convocation for approximately 15 years. A. Hughes clarified that the Associate of Arts degree is a credential that is granted by the Province of British Columbia and not actually a College degree.

G. Lainsbury commented on the fact that the honorary degrees granted in the past have been given to some very interesting and deserving individuals who have made significant contributions to our northern communities and he felt this recognition should continue in some way. Other Colleges in the Province grant "Honorary Fellowships." The time line to grant a different degree has passed for this year; however, preparations should be started for the future. He suggested he would inquire at the next Council of Education Councils (CoEdCo) meeting to determine what the general consensus is amongst other Institutions regarding this issue. All agreed.

G. Lainsbury acknowledged E. Sehn's contribution to Educational Council for the last ten years and wished him well in his new position at Camosun College.

Next Meeting – February 16, 2011

Adjournment – 2:26 p.m.

These notes are not officially approved until initialed by the Chairperson. They could be subject to amendment. \_\_\_\_\_