
Partnerships with External Organizations

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POLICY

Northern Lights College (NLC) will consider negotiating and entering into mutually beneficial partnership agreements with external organizations.

PURPOSE

Only those organizations that share compatible strategic priorities with NLC will be considered for partnership opportunities. Consideration for these opportunities will ensure:

- mutual understandings, agreements, and/or expectations will be clearly understood by all parties.
- mutual trust and respect will prevail, as well as shared responsibility for resolving disagreements.
- partners will respect NLC's obligation to its community and the due diligence process.
- partners will support and enhance NLC's mandate, vision, and mission as a community college.
- partners will respect NLC's responsibility for decisions over curriculum and educational standards.

SCOPE

Northern Lights College will enter into partnership agreements where it can be demonstrated that such agreements:

- support ongoing reconciliation with Indigenous people of northern BC, through increasing participation and success of our indigenous students.
- increase participation and success for all our students.
- strengthen workforce connections for our students, so they find gainful employment once they finish their program.
- continue to nurture and grow our community, industry, and international relationships.
- result in donations and/or royalties.
- support new or upgraded educational facilities, technology, and/or equipment.
- provide diversified and long-term revenue streams.
- result in price reductions for goods and services.

- consider staff and student exchange opportunities.
- promote educational and/or training relationships with third parties, where applicable.
- consider joint use of facilities and equipment, where applicable.
- positively enhance the overall awareness of NLC's image.

Additionally, any contractual arrangements will clarify rights of all partners and secure NLC protection from unwanted liabilities.

PROCEDURE

These guidelines will be utilized to determine if the NLC will enter into a partnership with an external organization(s). Parties will ensure the mutual benefits derived from the partnership are sustained and long-lasting. Partnerships will be open to full public scrutiny and discussion.

DEFINITIONS

"Partnership" is an arrangement where parties, known as business partners, agree to cooperate to advance their mutual interests. The partners in a partnership may be individuals, businesses, interest-based organizations, schools, governments, or combinations.

STAKEHOLDERS

All NLC Employees

RELATED POLICIES AND REFERENCES

There are no other related policies and references at this time.

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