

**Members:**

Council Chair: Council

Vice-Chair:

Marcia Aldred

Shawn Morton

President:

Vanessa Sheane | Notice of Absence

Provost and Vice-President Academic:

Jodi Peebles (Interim)

Deans:

Chantel Lussier (Interim)

Megan Stone | Absent

Registrar:

Megan Slifka

Academic Staff Association:

Beatrice Amar

Teresa Evans

Jacob Fehr

Sheryl Heikel

Chuntai Jin

Doris LaChance

Shawn Morton

Clint Peterson | Absent

Tanya Ray

Lorelle Warr

Alternates:

Lesley Brazier

Raoudha Kallel

Peter Sellers

Luke Umble

Students' Association:

Sathish Babu | Absent

Brennan Cincurak

Hala Ezzeddine

Reeghan Funk

Nathan Giesbrecht | Absent

Willow Grewal

Grace Larson

Melly Pack

Jake Rakestraw

Omna Singh | Absent

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Employees' Association:

Marcia Aldred  
Robin Smith-Wilson

Alternate:

Alberta Union of Provincial  
Employees:

Allison Clarke

Alternates:

Alana Kazmer  
Jori Grimm

Community Members:

Nancy Gorgichuk  
Penny Rose

Non-Voting Guests:

Amanda Wills  
Bobbi Craig-Sparkes  
Julia Dutove  
Mason Huckabone  
Patricia Wolf Veiga  
Tony Shmyruk | Absent

**4290 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Before beginning the meeting, the Chair provided the following land acknowledgment:

*Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land. We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.*

**4291 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair called the In-Person and Zoom Academic Council meeting to order at 4:05pm.

**4292 AGENDA**

**MOVED** by L. Warr; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the agenda be approved with the following edit:

Move Item 7 – Trending Education Topic above Item 6.

**CARRIED**

**4293 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

**MOVED** by S. Morton; **SECONDED** by D. LaChance that the Minutes of February 27, 2025, be approved with the following edit:

In the member list, update S. Morton's attendance from absent to present.

**CARRIED**

**4294 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Board-approved Credentials (from Curriculum Committee)**

B. Craig-Sparkes provides background on Electrical Engineering Technology and Instrumentation Engineering Technology programs.

**New Programs**

**Electrical Engineering Technology**

**MOVED** by J. Peebles; **SECONDED** by L. Warr to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Electrical Engineering Technology program, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Instrumentation Engineering Technology**

**MOVED** by J. Peebles; **SECONDED** by R. Smith-Wilson to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Instrumentation Engineering Technology program, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Program Changes**

**Veterinary Technology**

**MOVED** by J. Peebles; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Admission Requirements, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on April 10, 2025, effective Fall 2027, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Board-appointed Membership**

The AUPE Local 71 Chapter 15 positions will be determined for the September 24, 2025, meeting.

**MOVED** by L. Warr; **SECONDED** by S. Morton that Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors, the following Academic Deans for two-year terms starting May 25, 2025: Julia Dutove and Megan Stone, two Public Community Members for a two-year term starting May 25, 2025: Nancy Gorgichuk and Penny Rose, and AUPE Local 71, Chapter 015 members for two-year terms starting May 25, 2025: (TBD), (TBD, first alternate) and (TBD, second alternate).

**CARRIED**

**Academic Council Authority and Bylaws**

**MOVED** by G. Larson; **SECONDED** by L. Warr that Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the revised Academic Council Authority and Bylaws with the following revisions:

- Appendix 1: 1.1.4 and 1.3.4 – Replace “Employees’ Association” with “of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees Local 071 Chapter 015”
- Appendix 1: 3.6.1 – Change “May” to “April”

**CARRIED**

**4295 TRENDING EDUCATION TOPIC**

Ms. Amanda Wills provided a presentation on AI in post-secondary and an update from AI Academy.

**Topic for Next Meeting**

The topic for the next meeting will be determined for the September 24, 2025, meeting.

**4296 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS**

**Course Changes**

**MOVED** by J. Peebles; **SECONDED** by T. Evans that Academic Council approve the course changes to the following courses as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on April 10, 2025:

- BA3150 Management Information Systems
- BA3920 Co-Op II - Intermediate Cooperative Work Experience

**CARRIED**

**New Courses**

**MOVED** by J. Peebles; **SECONDED** by S. Morton that Academic Council approve the following new courses as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on April 10, 2025:

- CS4130 Networks and Information Systems Security

**CARRIED**

**Program Changes**

J. Peebles provides clarification surrounding the Bachelor of Education - Secondary program. Clarification surrounding majors/minors occurs.

**MOVED** by J. Peebles; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that Academic Council approve the program changes to the following programs as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on March 13, 2025, and April 10, 2025.

- Bachelor of Education - Elementary
- Bachelor of Education – Secondary, pending Advanced Education approval.
- Engineering, University Transfer
- Coaching and Training Emphasis
- Office Professional

**CARRIED**

**Nominating Committee**

**Academic Council - Academic Staff Representatives**

**MOVED** by S. Morton; **SECONDED** by D. LaChance to approve the Academic Staff Association representatives as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Academic Council - Student Representatives**

**MOVED** by L. Warr; **SECONDED** by J. Peebles to approve the Students' Association representatives as presented and to accept the forthcoming members who are yet to be elected by the Students' Association.

**CARRIED**

**Curriculum Committee**

**MOVED** by M. Pack; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine to approve the Curriculum Committee membership as presented and to accept the forthcoming member who is yet to be elected by the Centre for Teaching and Learning.

**CARRIED**

**Program Review Committee**

The Program Review Committee membership was presented, the two Academic Staff members selected by the Provost and Vice-President Academic, the one Non-Academic selected by the Academic Council, the one Centre for Teaching and Learning Member selected by the Centre for Teaching and Learning the one Students' Association Representative selected by the Students' Association, the one student selected by the Circle of Indigenous Students, and the one Indigenous Knowledge Keeper selected by Indigenous Services whose names will be forthcoming to be nominated and approved by Academic Council in the September meeting.

**Co-Curricular Committee**

**MOVED** by R. Smith-Wilson; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine to approve the Co-Curricular Committee membership as presented.

**CARRIED**



**Instructor Emeritus**

Academic Council received a recommendation to approve the following retired NWP faculty member to receive Instructor Emeritus status.

**MOVED** by P. Sellers; **SECONDED** by S. Morton that Academic Council approve Mr. Craig French to receive Instructor Emeritus.

**CARRIED**

**4297 OPEN DISCUSSION**

Nothing was discussed.

**4298 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

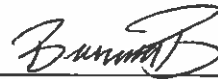
**4299 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by S. Morton; **SECONDED** by L. Warr to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.

**CARRIED**



Ms. Marcia Aldred, Chair



Ms. Brenna Bessette, Records



