

Members:

Council Chair:

Lorelle Warr

Council Vice-Chair:

Melly Pack

President:

Vanessa Sheane | Notice of Absence

Vice-President Academic:

Jodi Schultz | Notice of Absence

Deans:

Julia Dutove

Megan Stone

Registrar:

Michelle Hutchingame

Academic Staff Association:

Bianca Dudenhoffer

Chuntai Jin | Notice of Absence

Tanya Ray

Luke Umble

Teresa Evans

Sarah Worton

Raoudha Kallel

Laura Marotta

Peter Sellers

Alternates:

Lesley Brazier

Ali Forest

Fabio Minozzo

Theresa Suderman

TBA

Students' Association:

Mason Huckabone

Jake Rakestraw

Hala Ezzeddine

Tony Purnell

Brennan Cincurak

Alejandra Posadas

Pauline Anne Dimapilis

Hallie O'Toole

Reeghan Funk

Alternates:

Elizabeth Lapshin

TBA

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Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
(AUPE Local 071 Chapter 15):

Megan Belcourt
Kara Witow

Alternate:

Tanya Kinderwater

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees
(AIPE Local 071 Chapter 007):

Allison Clarke

Alternates:

Alana Kazmer
Jori Grimm

Community Members:

Nancy Gorgichuk
Penny Rose

Non-Voting Guests:

Amanda Wills
Chantel Lussier
Bobbi Craig-Sparkes
Tony Shmyruk
Patricia Wolf Veiga
Wendy Knox

4310 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.

4311 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair called the In-Person and Zoom Academic Council meeting to order at 4:01pm.

4312 AGENDA

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by M. Pack that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4313 MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

MOVED by M. Pack; **SECONDED** by N. Gorgichuk that the Minutes of September 24, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4314 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS

Academic Policies

Use of Copyright Materials Policy

MOVED by T. Evans; **SECONDED** by J. Dutove that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Use of Copyright Materials Policy with the following amendments:

- 6.5.1.1. – Remove this item.

CARRIED

Graduation Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Graduation Policy as presented.

CARRIED

Final Examination Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Final Examination Policy as presented.

CARRIED

4315 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Academic Council Authority and Bylaws

MOVED by L. Warr; **SECONDED** by M. Hutchingame that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Academic Council Authority and Bylaws as presented.

CARRIED

Academic Policies

Related to the Admission of Students

Tuition and Fees Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by R. Kallel that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Tuition and Fees Policy with the following amendments.

- Appendix 2: 1.1.6.2 – Add “This may vary”.

CARRIED

Admissions Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by L. Marotta that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Admissions Policy with the following amendments.

- 2.3 – Remove this item.
- Update “Registrar’s Office” to “Office of the Registrar” throughout the policy.

CARRIED

It was noted to review that item 6.7 aligns with CAQC processes for future review of the policy.

Related to Academic Awards

Recognition of Academic Achievement Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by M. Pack that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Recognition of Academic Achievement Policy as presented.

CARRIED

Board Approved Credentials

New Programs

Bachelor of Nursing

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by J. Dutove that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Bachelor of Nursing program, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on December 4, 2025, effective Fall 2027, pending Advanced Education approval.

CARRIED

Program Changes

Parts and Materials Technician

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by M. Hutchingame that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval to terminate the Parts and Materials Technician program, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on November 6, 2025, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

CARRIED

Power Engineering Technology Certificate

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by M. Pack that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Power Engineering Technology Certificate program, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on November 6, 2025, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

CARRIED

Water and Wastewater Technician

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by L. Marotta that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval to terminate the Water and Wastewater Technician program, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on November 6, 2025, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

CARRIED

Academic Schedule

M. Hutchingame presented the draft 2026-2027 Academic Schedule for review and recommendation to the Board of Governors. The schedule was created in consultation with the Deans, Chairs, Students' Association, and Executive Council and a separate schedule for Apprenticeship programs will be created.

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the 2026-2027 Academic Schedule as presented.

CARRIED

4316 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS

Course Changes

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by B. Dudenhoffer that the Academic Council approve the course changes to the following courses as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on November 6 and December 4, 2025:

Effective Fall 2025:

- DD1203 Colour Theory

Effective Winter 2026:

- AG1600 Farm Operations II
- CD1045 Practicum I
- CD2145 Practicum IV

Effective Fall 2026

- BA2240 Human Resources Management
- PY4060 Introduction to Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
- AN1290 Ancient Peoples and Places
- POF301 Third Class Part A1 (retire)
- POF302 Third Class Part A2 (retire)

- POF303 Power Lab Part A1 (retire)
- POF305 Power Lab Part A2 (retire)
- POF307 Power Lab Part B1 (retire)
- POF308 Power Lab Part B2 (retire)
- POF311 Third Class Part B1 (retire)
- POF312 Third Class Part B2 (retire)
- POF401 Fourth Class Part A1 (retire)
- POF402 Fourth Class Part A2 (retire)
- POF403 Power Lab Part A1 (retire)
- POF406 Fourth Class Part B1 (retire)
- POF407 Power Lab Part B1 (retire)
- POF408 Fourth Class Part B2 (retire)
- POF425 Technical Communications I (retire)
- POF429 Controlled Plant Practicum (retire)
- POF430 Practicum Independent Plant Report (retire)
- POF437 Power Lab II (retire)
- AR2002 Professional Practice
- AR2003 Introduction to Digital Photography
- DD1102 Typography I
- DD1104 Digital Design I
- DD1202 Typography II
- DD1204 Digital Design II
- DD2004 3D Modeling for Artist
- WW1110 Water Distribution I (retire)
- WW1120 Water Treatment I (retire)
- WW1130 Wastewater Collection (retire)
- WW1140 Wastewater Treatment (retire)
- WW1191 Work Integrated Learning (retire)
- WW1210 Water Distribution II (retire)
- WW1220 Water Treatment II (retire)
- WW1230 Wastewater Collection II (retire)
- WW1240 Wastewater Treatment II (retire)
- PM1100 Material and Handling Equipment (retire)
- PM1200 Material Handling Warehouse Operations (retire)
- PM1300 Safety Skills, Communication and Transportation (retire)
- PM2100 Automotive Parts Identification (retire)
- PM2200 Heavy Duty Parts Identification (retire)
- PM2300 Introduction to Inventory Management (retire)
- PM3100 Work Practicum (retire)

CARRIED

New Courses

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by M. Pack that the Academic Council approve the following proposed courses, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on December 4, 2025, effective Fall 2026:

- SW2120 Addictions and Mental Health
- SW2130 Social Work with Indigenous Peoples
- SW2140 Community, Northern, and Rural Practice
- SW2200 Policy and Research with Diverse Peoples
- SW2300 Social Work with Groups and Families
- SW2500 Social Work Theories and Framework of Practice
- SW2900 Field Experience II

CARRIED

Program Changes

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by A. Posadas that the Academic Council approve the changes to the following programs recommended by the Curriculum Committee on November 6 and December 4, 2025:

Effective Fall 2025

- IT Specialist
- Indigenous Leadership Emphasis

Effective Fall 2026

- Power Engineering Technology Diploma
- Social Work Diploma

CARRIED

Nominating Committee

Academic Council - Academic Staff Association Representatives

L. Warr presented the updated Academic Staff Association Representatives.

Academic Council - Student Representatives

L. Warr presented the updated Students' Association Representatives.

Curriculum Committee

L. Warr presented the updated Curriculum Committee Membership.

MOVED by L. Warr; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine to approve J. Dutove as the Curriculum Committee Chair.

CARRIED

Program Review Committee

L. Warr presented the updated Program Review Committee Membership with the following amendment:

- A Circle of Indigenous Student Representative was unavailable and replaced with a Students' Association Representative.

4317 TRENDING EDUCATION TOPIC

T. Evans presents on Virtual Simulations in Indigenous Health.

Topic for Next Meeting

The topic for the next meeting will focus on 2SLGBTQIA+ Affirmation, Inclusivity and Education. J. Rakestraw will present.

The purpose of the Academic Council will be discussed at the beginning of the February 26, 2026, meeting.

4318 OPEN DISCUSSION

Nothing was discussed.

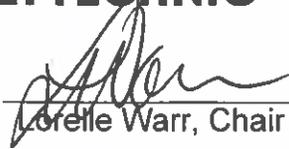
4319 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2026.

4320 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by H. Ezzeddine; **SECONDED** by J. Dutove to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 pm.

CARRIED



Lorelle Warr, Chair



Brenna Bessette, Records