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Reeghan Funk

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Elizabeth Lapshin

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February 26, 2026

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 | Notice of Absence

Alternates:

Alana Kazmer
Jori Grimm

Community Members:

Nancy Gorgichuk
Penny Rose

Non-Voting Guests:

Chantel Lussier
Bobbi Craig-Sparkes
Tony Shmyruk
Wendy Knox
Sivagowry Lewis
Megan Bulford
Amanda Wills

4321 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.

4322 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair called the In-Person and Zoom Academic Council meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

4323 AGENDA

MOVED by M. Pack; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4324 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2025

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by M. Pack that the Minutes of December 11, 2025, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4325 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS

Academic Council Authority and Bylaws/Purpose of Academic Council

L. Warr presented the approved changes to the Academic Council Authority and Bylaws for information and reviewed the purpose of the Academic Council.

Academic Policies

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy

MOVED by R. Kallel; **SECONDED** by K. Witow that the Academic Council approve

the changes to the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Policy with the following revisions:

- Related Policies - Add Alberta Human Rights Duty to Accommodate Students with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Educational Institutions

CARRIED

Intellectual Property and Ownership Policy

MOVED by H. Ezzeddine; **SECONDED** by L. Marotta that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Intellectual Property and Ownership Policy with the following revisions:

- 6.2 – Remove “other than”
- 5.2 – Remove “NWP” definition
- 5.15 - Replace “is” with “may be”
- Replace “IP” with “Intellectual Property” throughout the document
- Replace “industry research” with “Industry Research” throughout the document

CARRIED

Credit Allocation Policy

MOVED by J. Schultz; **SECONDED** by N. Gorgichuk that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Credit Allocation Policy with the following revisions:

- 5.5 - Remove “synchronous”

CARRIED

Academic Standing and Progression Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by J. Dutove that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Academic Standing and Progression Policy with the following revisions:

- Appendix 2 – 1. – Update GPA to “0.0-1.7”
- 7.8 – Replace “Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy” with “Access to Confidential Student Records and Information”
- Cross-Reference - “Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy” with “Access to Confidential Student Records and Information”
- 8 – Registrar – Replace “course grades” with “requirements”
- Appendix 3 – Remove 5.
- Alternatives for academic forgiveness to be explored.

MOVED by M. Pack; **SECONDED** by T. Purnell to rescind the motion to approve the changes to the Academic Standing and Progression Policy as presented.

CARRIED

This item is tabled to the next meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2026.

Advising Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by J. Rakestraw that the Academic Council approve to terminate the Advising Policy.

CARRIED

Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy

MOVED by M. Hutchingame; **SECONDED** by M. Belcourt that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Student Rights and Responsibilities Policy with the following revisions:

- Replace FOIP with ATIA throughout the document
- Cross-Reference – Add Fit to Learn Fit to Work Policy

and recommend updating Appendix 2, item 5 in accordance with the Fit to Learn Fit to Work Policy.

CARRIED

4326 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Board Approved Credentials

Program Changes

Business Administration Post-Diploma Certificate – Human Resource Management and Marketing

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by R. Kallel that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval to suspend the Business Administration Post-Diploma Certificate in Human Resource Management and Marketing programs, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on February 12, 2026, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

CARRIED

Program Review Committee

Academic Council received the Program Review Committee Minutes from the December 18 and 19, 2025, meetings.

MOVED by J. Schultz; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the recommendations from the December 18 and 19, 2025, Program Review Committee meeting as presented.

CARRIED

Reports to the Board

Biennial Program Review Metrics Framework and Chair Response Form

MOVED by J. Schultz; **SECONDED** by H. O'Toole that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the Biennial Program Review Metrics Framework and Biennial Program Review Chair Response Form as presented.

CARRIED

4327 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS

Course Changes

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by R. Kallel that the Academic Council approve the course changes to the following courses as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on January 15 and February 12, 2026:

Effective Winter 2026:

- SL0120 Social Studies Grade 11 Equivalent
- SL0130 Social Studies Grade 12 Equivalent

Effective Fall 2026

- HC1040 Providing Person Centred Care
- PE2060 Biomechanics
- PE2400 Introduction to Athletic Injuries
- PF1980 Leadership in Resistance Training
- BA2070 Personal Selling
- BA2550 Strategic Digital Marketing
- BA2830 Investment Fundamentals
- ID2920 Interdisciplinary Work Experience
- MK3050 Marketing Management Strategy
- BI0120 Biology Grade 11 Equivalent
- BI0130 Biology Grade 12 Equivalent
- CH0120 Chemistry Grade 11 Equivalent
- CH0130 Chemistry Grade 12 Equivalent
- EN0110 English 10-1 Equivalent
- EN0120 English 20-1 Equivalent
- EN0130 English 30-1 Equivalent
- MA0120 Mathematics 20-1 Equivalent
- MA0122 Mathematics 20-2 Equivalent
- MA0130 Mathematics 30-1 Equivalent (Pre-Calculus)

- MA0131 Mathematics 31 Equivalent (Calculus)
- MA0132 Mathematics 30-2 Equivalent
- PC0120 Physics Grade 11 Equivalent
- PC0130 Physics Grade 12 Equivalent
- BA2030 Financial Management
- BA2080 Retailing and Merchandising
- BA3150 Management Information Systems
- FN3700 Corporate Finance
- ED2510 Introduction to the Profession of Teaching
- ED2530 Orientation to Teaching
- AR2003 Introduction to Digital Photography
- DD1203 Colour Theory

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 January 15 and February 12, 2026, effective Fall 2026:

- PY4800 Practicum/Community Service in Psychology
- PY4990 Honours Thesis and Seminar
- ED2400 Learning with Technology
- BA2150 Social Media Marketing
- BA2850 Financial Modelling
- FN4700 Derivatives and Risk Management
- CN1020 Introduction to Canadian Cultural Contexts
- NT1010 Introduction to Indigenous Studies
- WR1000 Introduction to Academic and Professional Communication
- BA2020 E-Commerce
- ED2200 Classroom Management and Student Engagement
- ED2300 Complex Classrooms and Learners with Exceptionalities
- ED2800 Alternative Field Experience
- DD2002 Interactive Design I
- DD2003 Web Design I
- DD2102 Interactive Design II
- DD2103 Web Design II
- DD2104 Digital Design III
- DD2105 Graphic Design Capstone Project

CARRIED

MOVED by J. Dutove; **SECONDED** by B. Dudenhoffer that the Academic Council approve the changes to the following programs recommended by the Curriculum Committee on January 15 and February 12, 2026, effective Fall 2026:

- Science, University Transfer – Neuroscience
- Financial Services Emphasis (Business Administration Diploma)
- Accounting Emphasis (Business Administration Diploma)
- Marketing Emphasis (Business Administration Diploma)
- Bachelor of Education – Elementary
- Bachelor of Education – Secondary
- Academic Upgrading
- Health Care Aide
- Practical Nurse

CARRIED

4328 TRENDING EDUCATION TOPIC

J. Rakestraw presents on 2SLGBTQIA+ Affirmation, Inclusivity and Education.

Topic for Next Meeting

The topic for the next meeting will focus on Arab Heritage Month, H. Ezzeddine will present.

4329 OPEN DISCUSSION

- The “Trojan Women” play is scheduled for March 12, 13, 14, 2026 at the GPLT.
- Clarification on the definition of an “Administrative Officer” was requested.


4330 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026.

4331 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by M. Pack; **SECONDED** by J. Rakestraw to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm.

CARRIED



Lorelle Warr, Chair



Brenna Bessette, Records