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Lorelle Warr

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Bianca Dudenhoffer

Dr. Chuntai Jin | Notice of Absence

Tanya Ray | Notice of Absence

Luke Umble | Notice of Absence

Dr. Teresa Evans | Notice of Absence

Sarah Worton

Raoudha Kallel

Laura Marotta

Peter Sellers | Notice of Absence

Alternates:

Lesley Brazier

Ali Forest

Dr. 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 015):

Alternate:

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

Alternates:

Community Members:

Non-Voting Guests:

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

April 23, 2026

Megan Belcourt
Kara Witow

Tanya Kinderwater

Allison Clarke | Notice of Absence

Alana Kazmer
Jori Grimm

Nancy Gorgichuk
Penny Rose

Chantel Lussier
Bobbi Craig-Sparkes
Tony Shmyruk
Wendy Knox
Sivagowry Lewis
Jamila Ames
Kerilynn Mercier

4332 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.

4333 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair called the In-Person and Zoom Academic Council meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

4334 AGENDA

MOVED by B. Dudenhoffer; **SECONDED** by T. Purnell that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4335 MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2026

MOVED by H. Ezzeddine; **SECONDED** by R. Kallel that the Minutes of February 26, 2026, be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4336 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS

Academic Policies

Concern, Assessment, Response and Engagement (CARE) Policy

MOVED by K. Witow; **SECONDED** by E. Lapshin that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Concern, Assessment, Response and Engagement (CARE) Policy with the following revisions:

- Reassess all campus community members versus non-registered community members
- 4.4 - Update “a” to “an”

- 3.2 - Update “the team” to “the CARE team”

MOVED by B. Dudenhoffer; **SECONDED** by H. O’Toole to postpone consideration of the motion to the October 8, 2026, meeting.

MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED

Student Health and Dental Insurance Coverage Policy

MOVED by H. Ezzeddine; **SECONDED** by T. Purnell that the Academic Council approve to terminate the Student Health and Dental Insurance Coverage Policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Academic Standing and Progression Policy

MOVED by T. Purnell; **SECONDED** by M. Belcourt that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Academic Standing and Progression Policy with the following revisions:

- Appendix 1 - 2 – Update “Registrar’s Office” to “Office of the Registrar”
- Update GPA to two decimal places throughout the document

and suggest updating Appendix 1 in the Grading Policy surrounding late withdraws.

MOTION CARRIED

Instructor Emeritus Policy

MOVED by B. Dudenhoffer; **SECONDED** by S. Worton that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Instructor Emeritus Policy with the following revisions:

- Clarify if an ASA Faculty Member, whose professional assignment is declared redundant, is eligible
- 6. 2 – Remove “privileges”
- 6.5 – Remove
- Appendix 2 – Add an item for recommendation to the Board of Governors
- Appendix 2 – 3 – Move department approval prior to Dean approval

MOVED by T. Purnell; **SECONDED** by B. Dudenhoffer to postpone consideration of the motion to the October 8, 2026, meeting.

MOTION TO POSTPONE CARRIED

Program Review Terms of Reference

MOVED by R. Kallel; **SECONDED** by L. Marotta that the Academic Council approve the changes to the Program Review Terms of Reference with the following revisions:

MOTION CARRIED

Program Review Procedures

B. Bessette presents the changes to the Program Review Procedures for information. The Academic Council suggests updating the grammar in 3.8.

4337 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Academic Policies

Related to Programs

Program Review Policy

MOVED by R. Funk; **SECONDED** by E. Lapshin that the Academic Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the changes to the Program Review Policy as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

4338 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS

Calendar Electives List

C. Lussier presents the Calendar Electives List for information.

Course Changes

MOVED by H. Ezzeddine; **SECONDED** by A. Forest that the Academic Council approve the course changes to the following courses as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on April 9, 2026:

Effective Fall 2026:

- CD2045 Practicum III
- ED2200 Classroom Management and Student Engagement
- AR1010 Introduction to the History of Art I (retire)
- AR1360 Visual Fundamentals I (retire)
- AR1370 Visual Fundamentals II (retire)
- AR2350 Photography I (retire)
- AR2410 Drawing I (retire)
- AR2430 Drawing II (retire)
- AR3130 Painting (retire)
- AR3410 Drawing III (retire)
- AR3430 Drawing IV (retire)

- AR3630 Sculpture (retire)
- DD1082 Introduction to Video Production (retire)

Effective Fall 2027:

- MA1250 Linear Algebra I

MOTION CARRIED

New Courses

MOVED by R. Kallel; **SECONDED** by A. Posadas that the Academic Council approve the following proposed courses, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee on April 9, 2026:

Effective Fall 2026:

- AR2206 Curatorial Practicum

Effective Fall 2027:

- CS1220 Educational Robotics
- CS1240 AI Essentials
- MA1340 Calculus for the Life Sciences I
- MA1360 Calculus for the Life Sciences II
- MA1540 Calculus for the Business and Economics I
- MA1560 Calculus for the Business and Economics II
- ST1610 Introductory Statistics for Business and Economics

An amendment was **MOVED** by R. Kallel; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine to approve the following proposed courses:

Effective Fall 2026:

- AR2206 Curatorial Practicum

Effective Fall 2027:

- CS1220 Educational Robotics
- CS1240 AI Essentials
- MA1340 Calculus for the Life Sciences I
- MA1360 Calculus for the Life Sciences II

and to postpone consideration of the following courses to the October 8, 2026, meeting:

- MA1540 Calculus for the Business and Economics I
- MA1560 Calculus for the Business and Economics II
- ST1610 Introductory Statistics for Business and Economics

The amendment was adopted.

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

The Academic Council suggests that the Deans' Council clarify procedures surrounding course duplication.

Program Changes

MOVED by R. Kallel; **SECONDED** by E. Lapshin that the Academic Council approve the changes to the following programs recommended by the Curriculum Committee on April 9, 2026, effective Fall 2027:

- Early Learning and Childcare Diploma
- Bachelor of Education – Elementary
- Bachelor of Education – Secondary
- Business Administration Certificate
- Business Administration Diploma
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Management Emphases (BBA)

MOTION CARRIED

Nominating Committee

Academic Council – Academic Staff Representatives

L. Warr presents the updated Academic Staff Association representatives for information.

Academic Council – Student Representatives

L. Warr presents the updated Students' Association representatives for information. The Students' Association will elect forthcoming members in the fall.

Curriculum Committee

MOVED by A. Posadas; **SECONDED** by K. Witow to approve the Curriculum Committee membership as presented and to accept the forthcoming members who are yet to be elected by the Centre for Teaching and Learning and the Students' Association.

MOTION CARRIED

Program Review Committee

MOVED by T. Purnell; **SECONDED** by A. Forest to approve the Program Review Committee membership as presented and to accept the forthcoming members who are yet to be elected by the Academic Departments, the Centre for Teaching and Learning and the Circle of Indigenous Students.

MOTION CARRIED

L. Warr presents the updated Co-Curricular membership for information. A Unique Representative from the Academic Council will be elected and approved at the October 8, 2026, meeting.

4339 TRENDING EDUCATION TOPIC

H. Ezzeddine presents on Arab Heritage Month in Canada.

Topic for Next Meeting

A topic and presenter will be selected for the October 8, 2026, meeting.

4340 OPEN DISCUSSION

Nothing was discussed.

4341 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2026.

4342 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by R. Kallel; **SECONDED** by K. Witow to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 pm.

MOTION CARRIED


Lorelle Warr, Chair


Brenna Bessette, Records