

**Members:**

Council Chair:  
Council Vice-Chair:

Dr. Julia Dutove  
Hala Ezzeddine

President:

Dr. Vanessa Sheane | Notice of Absence

Provost and Vice-President Academic:

Dr. Terry Kowalchuk

Deans:

Dr. Jodi Peebles Ms. Megan Stone

Registrar:

Ms. Megan Slifka

Academic Staff Association:

Dr. Beatrice Amar  
Ms. Doris LaChance  
Mr. Clint Peterson  
Dr. Tina Strasbourg | Notice of Absence  
Ms. Esther Hoflick | Notice of Absence  
Dr. Chuntai Jin  
Dr. Shawn Morton  
Ms. Tanya Ray  
Ms. Lorelle Warr  
Ms. Lesley Brazier  
Dr. Raoudha Kallel  
Mr. Peter Sellers  
Mr. Luke Umble

Alternates:

Students' Association:

Ms. Hala Ezzeddine  
Ms. Melanie Pack  
Mr. Jake Rakestraw

Employees' Association:

Ms. Marcia Aldred  
Ms. Robin Smith-Wilson  
Ms. Desiree Mearon

Alternate:

Alberta Union of Provincial Employees:  
Alternate:

Allison Clarke  
Alana Kazmer  
Jori Grimm

Community Members:

Ms. Nancy Gorgichuk  
Ms. Penny Rose | Notice of Absence

Non-Voting Guests:

Ms. Desiree Mearon  
Ms. Bobbi Craig-Sparkes  
Mr. Tony Shmyruk

**4260 CALL TO ORDER**

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

**4261 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.*

**4262 AGENDA**

**MOVED** by D. LaChance; **SECONDED** by M. Aldred that the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4263 MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2024**

**MOVED** by M. Pack; **SECONDED** by H. Ezzeddine that the Minutes of April 24, 2024 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4264 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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

**New Programs**

**Social Work Diploma**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by L. Warr to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Social Work Diploma Program, effective Fall 2025, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Bachelor of Social Work**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by S. Morton to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Bachelor of Social Work Program, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by R. Kallel to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Program, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse Bridging Pathway**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by R. Smith-Wilson to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse Bridging Pathway Program, effective Fall 2025, pending approval from Advanced Education, the University of Alberta, and CRNA.

**CARRIED**

**Registered Psychiatric Nurse Diploma**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by B. Amar to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Registered Psychiatric Nurse Program, effective Fall 2025, pending approval from Advanced Education and CRPNA with the addition of the progression criteria and graduation criteria presented to Academic Council.

**CARRIED**

**Emergency Medical Responder**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by S. Morton to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Emergency Medical Responder Program effective Winter 2026, pending approval from Advanced Education and the Alberta College of Paramedics.

**CARRIED**

**Bachelor of Health Sciences**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by B. Amar to recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the proposed Bachelor of Health Sciences Program, effective Fall 2026, pending Advanced Education approval.

**CARRIED**

**Academic Council Authority and Bylaws**

**MOVED** by T. Kowalchuk; **SECONDED** by M. Pack 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: Undelete 1.1.4 and 1.1.5
- Appendix 1: 3.5.2 – Change the word “working” to “business”

**CARRIED**

**4265 ACADEMIC COUNCIL APPROVED ITEMS**

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**Curriculum Committee Terms of Reference**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** L. Warr by that Academic Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Curriculum Committee as presented.

**CARRIED**

**Program Review Committee Terms of Reference**

**MOVED** by T. Kowalchuk; **SECONDED** by M. Aldred that Academic Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Program Review Committee as presented with the following revisions:

- In Committee Composition:
  - Change: “Director of Student Experience” to “Dean, School of Students”
  - Add: One student representative from the Circle of Indigenous Students (nominated by the Circle of Indigenous Students)

**CARRIED**

**Nominations/Elections**

**Chair and Vice-Chair**

Dr. Julia Dutove asked for nominations for the Chair position. Marcia Aldred was the sole nominee and accepted the position.

**MOVED** by T. Kowalchuk; **SECONDED** by J. Peebles that Ms. Marcia Aldred be elected as Chair of Academic Council.

**CARRIED**

Dr. Julia Dutove asked for nominations for the Vice-Chair position. Shawn Morton was the sole nominee and accepted the position.

**MOVED** by T. Kowalchuk; **SECONDED** by R. Kallel that Dr. Shawn Morton be elected as Vice-Chair of Academic Council.

**CARRIED**

### Committees

#### **Co-Curricular Committee**

Ms. Megan Slifka asked for nominations for a representative from Academic Council to sit on the Co-Curricular Committee. Ms. Doris LaChance was the sole nominee and accepted the position.

**MOVED** by M. Slifka; **SECONDED** H. Ezzeddine to approve the Co-Curricular Committee membership as presented with Ms. Doris LaChance filling the role of Academic Council member and to accept the forthcoming members who are yet to be elected by the Academic Staff Association.

**CARRIED**

#### **Curriculum Committee**

**MOVED** by M. Stone; **SECONDED** by L. Warr to approve the Curriculum Committee membership as presented and to accept the forthcoming members who are yet to be elected by the Academic Staff Association.

**CARRIED**

#### **Program Review Committee**

**MOVED** by T. Kowalchuk; **SECONDED** by L. Warr to approve the Program Review Committee membership as presented and to accept the five Academic Staff members selected by the Provost and Vice-President Academic and the one student selected by the Circle of Indigenous Students whose names will be forthcoming.

**CARRIED**

**Instructor Emeritus**

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

**MOVED** by T. Ray; **SECONDED** by J. Peebles that Academic Council approve Ms. Terrah Lindsay to receive Instructor Emeritus.

**CARRIED**

**4266 TRENDING EDUCATION TOPIC**

Ms. Desiree Mearon provided a presentation on Reconciliation and Allyship.

**Topic for Next Meeting**

The topic for the next meeting will be International Education Perspective.

**4267 OPEN DISCUSSION**

Nothing to report.

**4268 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2024.

**4269 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED** by H. Ezzeddine; **SECONDED** by L. Warr to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 pm.

**CARRIED**

*Julia Dutove*

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Dr. Julia Dutove, Chair

*Wanda Moen*

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Ms. Wanda Moen, Records






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