

**Minutes – October 8, 2024**

4:30 pm, Teams

**P = Present - A= Absent**

**In Attendance:**

P	A. Spielman
P	D. Falkenhagen (Chair)
P	M. Attorp
P	S. Lechthaler
A	P. Spence
P	A. Fahrenbruch
A	C. Duarte
A	G. Rein

A	J. Langham
P	K. Webb
P	C. Philipson
P	M. Keczan (1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair)
P	D. Sakwan
P	G. Kaur
P	H. Kulwant singh Ghag
P	J. Kaur

P	D. Biin
P	T. Clarke
P	T. Punched
P	T. Snauwaert
P	T. Whitehead
P	M. Matear (President)
P	J. Heth (Registrar)
P	N. Makortoff (recorder)

**Guests:**

Brier Albano

**Call to order and welcome.**

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm.

**1 Territorial Acknowledgment**

Selkirk College acknowledges our respect for and deep gratitude to the First Nations of the West Kootenay and Boundary Regions: The Sinixt (Lakes), the Syilx (Okanagan), the Ktunaxa, and the Secwepemc (Shuswap) peoples on whose traditional territories we are honoured to operate.

- 2 Approval of Agenda** of 2024-10-08 **CARRIED**  
 The agenda was approved as presented.

- 3 Approval of Minutes** of 2024-06-11 **CARRIED**  
 The minutes were approved as presented.

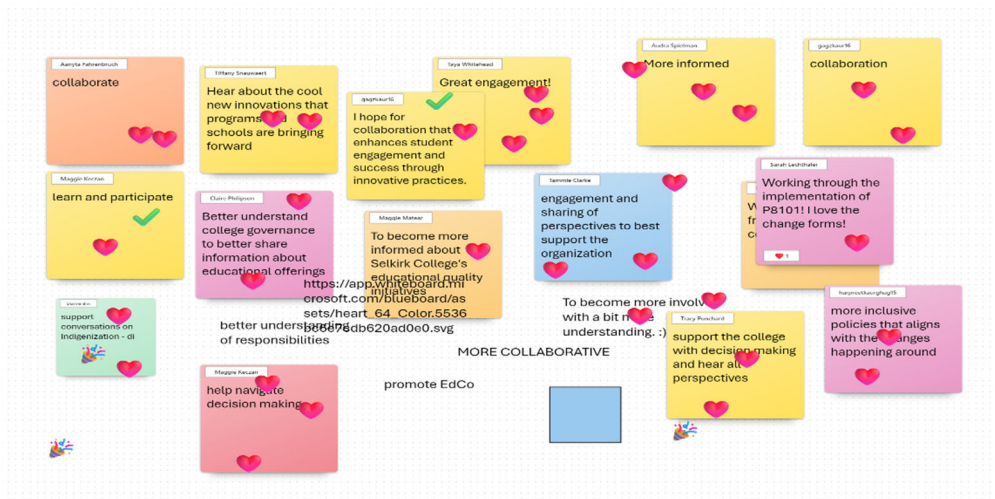
- 4a Membership Engagement and/or Updates:** **Member engagement**  
 There was a presentation given by Brier Albano, Associate Vice President Student Success and James Heth, Registrar on the governance structure at Selkirk College.

The following questions were asked by the Education Council Chair:

- a. What are your expectations for EdCo this year?

This question was answered using the whiteboard feature in Teams. Responses captured below:





- b. For returning members, what is something you enjoy about being a member of EdCo?
- Getting out of silos – learning what else is going on in the college.
  - Enjoy being challenged – learn so much.
  - Diverse perspective – adds depth to the conversation.
  - Felt more like a Selkirk employee after joining EdCo.
  - Different programs but all have similarities – best practices, best for students
  - Academic excellence
  - Collaboration
  - All striving towards creating the best programming for the students
- c. What is something that you know now that you wish you knew when you first joined EdCo?
- d. What is one question that you (still) have about your role as an EdCo member?
- Flow of information – a map of the workflow, how do items get to EdCo
  - Create an infographic of the workflow with more details (Natasha will do this)
  - The PowerPoint presentation would be a good item to include in the onboarding package for new members.
  - Understanding structure and function
  - Did not know that questions could be asked – do not be afraid to ask anyone on EdCo about anything that you need clarity on.

**5 Past Action Items, Approval in Principle, and Items that need further consideration document.**

Information

**6 Standing Committee Reports**

**A Circle for Inclusive Indigenous Education (CIIE)**

- 1 No meeting is September.

**B Curriculum Committee (CC)**

1 No meeting in September.

**Information**

**C Education Policy Committee (EPC)**

1 No meeting in September.

**Information**

**D Program Quality Committee (PQC)**

1 No meeting in September.

**Information**

**7 Unfinished Business**

A No unfinished business to review at this meeting.

**Information**

**8 New Business**

A No new business to review at this meeting.

**9 Reports**

A VP Education Report (*verbal*)

**Information**

The two new program that were approved at EdCo last year, Early Learning and Childcare and Health Care Assistant Diploma, have started in the Fall 2024 term.

Mental Health and Substance Use will also be starting in the Fall 2024 term.

There have been significant changes that may impact International Students studying in Canada.

Engagement Task Force

**Information**

No meeting in September. First meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2024.

E EdCo Chair Report (*submitted*)

**Information**

**Adjournment**

**Next meeting is on November 12, 2024, at 4:30 pm in person on the Castlegar Campus in the Staff Lounge.**