

LEARNING COUNCIL

MEETING INFORMATION

TITLE	Learning Council		
DATE	January 10, 2025	TIME	9am – 11am
LOCATION	EGF 280, TRF 662	RECORDER	John Fields
CO-CHAIRS	ADawn Nelson, John Fields	Invitees: Linda Samuelson, Sara Johnson	

I = Info, D = Discussion, A = Action

AGENDA

TYPE	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION TAKEN
I	1. Check-In	
A	2. Approve Minutes from Nov and Dec.	<p>All minutes were approved.</p> <p>Moving forward, minutes will be circulated to Learning Council members following the meeting for review and will then be emailed college-wide by the Friday after each Learning Council meeting. Meetings will not be reviewed and approved during Council meetings.</p>
A	3. Vote on Proposal a. Eliminate Accuplacer for Course Placement – Recommendation is to move this work to AASC. - Sara Johnson	<p>Sarah Dorn had to miss the meeting but sent in a clarifying comment with her vote. The current proposal is really to eliminate Accuplacer as a barrier for registration for students. The proposal does not eliminate the possibility of using Accuplacer.</p> <p>Discussion was that the ultimate authority for approving and implementing this proposal rests with Academic Affairs and Standards Council.</p> <p>ACTION: Learning Council voted unanimously (12 ayes, 0 nays) in support of the proposal and recommends Interim President Olson take the proposal to AASC for approval and implementation.</p>
A	4. New Proposal Requests: b. Timing of Drills	<p>Discussion centered on whether drills can be scheduled at times so as to minimally impact classes. Questions raised in the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there specific times of year that drills must take place? (e.g. do we have to have one during Winter when our weather is least hospitable to being outside for extended periods?)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the drills be planned for the entire academic year and that information shared college-wide at each Fall In-Service so that faculty can plan for the entire year? Would this be better discussed in Facilities, Finance & Technology? <p>ACTION: Learning Council voted (11 ayes, 0 nays) to recommend that Interim President Olson take this proposal to Facilities, Finance & Technology Council.</p>
I	<p>5. Standing Items:</p> <p>a. Continuous Improvement – Student Services Enrollment Services Event</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Implement Northland CRM Salesforce Establish Targeted Recruiting Strategies Northland's Identity – Who Are We? Review and Implement Northland's Enrollment Process Eliminate Accuplacer Barrier <p>b. Learning Council Proposal Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> CTE program nomenclature – ADawn Nelson Faculty Review of D2L Course Shell – Linda Samuelson <p>c. HLC Update – John Fields</p>	<p>For items 5.a.1-5.a.4:</p> <p>No updates provided since we were updated at Spring In-Service on 1/8/25.</p> <p>ACTION: Item 5.a.5. was voted on in item 3 above.</p> <p>Item 5.b.1 CTE Nomenclature</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADawn is leading this work. She met with administration during Fall term and met with faculty groups during Spring In-Service. There is a lot of enthusiasm around aligning our CTE programming with Minnesota career clusters. By Minn state statute, 9th graders must do a career project and are heavily exposed to the career clusters. It would serve our enrollment well to align with the K-12 career clusters. ADawn is working with Chad to develop a graphic showing the alignment. MinnState has the Centers of Excellence, which neither align with our CTE programming nor the career clusters. This is an opportunity for Northland to lead the state in serving students. ADawn will provide more information at the February meeting.
	<p>6. Open Agenda</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-factor authentication <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Issue came up last Fall. Student's cell phone had been disconnected, so the student could not access email, etc. because the student could not authenticate. We have some homeschooled and other students who do not have cell phones so authentication can be a problem. There are options around this. A student can put in any phone number – it doesn't need to be a cell phone. However, it needs to be a consistent number. ACTION: John will work with Drake on some language with solutions to send to all faculty before classes begin on Monday, 1/13. Message will also encourage students to see Becca

		<p>Johnson if they are in an emergency situation.</p> <p>2. Laptops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The above discussion evolved into a discussion about students without laptops. b. We have lab hours open for students to use. c. We used to have laptop check-out but haven't in a while. <p>3. Student engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student panel at In-Service was excellent and really brought home the need for more student engagement; however, there is awareness that the student panel did not fully represent Northland's student body, i.e. they were highly motivated and engaged students already. b. We need to provide more engagement opportunities for all our students - adult learners, online, PSEO, etc. <p>4. Wellness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. TRF has music in the cafeteria, which is a wonderful way to bring ambiance to the area. b. QUESTION NEEDING ACTION: Can we do the same in EGF?
	7. Check-Out	

NEXT MEETING:

DATE	February 7, 2025	TIME	9am – 11am	LOCATION	EGF 280, TRF 662
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