

# PSYCHOLOGY ARTICULATION COMMITTEE, 2017

## INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

### BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFER (BCCAT)

Meeting Dates: 04-05, May 2017

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#### 1. Institutional Update

- **Budgets/Facilities:**

- NIC is anticipating a budget short fall of \$163,000 for 2017/18. In addressing the shortfall, several fees have been added: pay parking at CVC, Learner Resources Fee, and Adult Upgrading tuition. An increase in the number of international students has also been factored into the budget for next year to balance the short fall.
- The Campbell River campus will be undergoing a significant upgrade for next year.

- **College Students/Enrollment:**

- Student enrollment is relatively stable across different campuses, with minor variations between departments.

- **College Staffing:**

- The president has been granted a sabbatical leave from May 01 – August 31, 2017 to engage in a research project to study how the college collaborates with other organizations across the region to support educational, economic and community development. The VP who had been on sick leave for a year has now returned to her position and will assume the acting president role during this period.

#### 2. Departmental Changes/Updates

- **Students/Enrollments & Section Allocations**

- The enrollment has been quite stable in the last few years.
- In 2016-2017, 14 and 15 sections of psychology courses were offered in the fall and winter semesters, respectively.

- **Department Staffing Changes**

- Staffing allocation for psychology instructors is the same as in the previous years (3.25 FTE Regular and .5 FTE sessional).
- One psychology instructor was on leave for the winter semester and his courses were taught by a sessional instructor.

- **Issues**

- The implementation of ITV format in delivering courses has increased and the number of locations broadcasted to at the same time has also gone up. Technical and other support (e.g., invigilators) services are lacking.
- The Flexible Pre-Major that was in place a few years ago has yet to be re-instated as a result of the cut back to the statistics course (PSYCH 218).
- Limited selection on second year level courses and therefore, program options and pathway for students are restricted.

### **3. Other Items of Interest:**

- NIC undertook a comprehensive Employee Engagement Survey in Nov. 2016. The survey was conducted by BC Stats and had an 80% response rate from the college. The overall responses were relatively positive for the college but serious concerns were raised regarding senior management roles, their lack of clear communication and collaboration to the college community.
- NIC has secured the following one-time grants from the government for 2017/18:
  - i. TV & Film Crew training \$500,000 (PA & CR)
  - ii. Aquaculture Program \$600,000 (CR)
  - iii. Health Care Assistant Program \$97,000 (CVC)