Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer

Adopted by Council November 27, 2006

ACAT Meeting October 10, 2006 Portage College – Lac La Biche

Present: Lucille Walter (Chair), Connie Johnson (for Dietmar Kennepohl), Marylea Jarvis,

Anne Kae Todd, Kathleen Massey, Catherine Eddy, Scott McAlpine (for Doug Hart), Peter Haney, Merla Bolender, Gerry Kendal (for Olive Yonge), Gord Nixon, Marg

Leathem (Acting Director), Wendy Richer (Research Assistant)

Absent: Fred Carnew, Larry Hlushak, Dustin Fuller, Carl Edozien

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed Council to the meeting.

2. Admission to the Transfer System

The Chair recapped a number of issues regarding new admissions to the Alberta transfer system. Council discussed the matter, and agreed that the System Admission Sub-Committee will be re-convened to finalize the decision, rationale and supporting documentation.

Important Note: Given that there were several ACAT members who were either absent or had sent substitutes, the Chair requested that members reconfirm the vote on this matter by an e-mail dated October 27, 2006 prior to further work by the sub-committee

There was also discussion regarding the Alberta-BC transfer issue and it was agreed that this item be placed on the November 27, 2006 Council meeting agenda for further discussion.

3. Articulation Committees

The Chair updated Council on the status of the Computing Science, Cree Language, Secondary Math and ESL articulation committees.

4. Business Plan/Strategic Plan Update

Council discussed the Business Plan and a number of small editorial changes were suggested. Council agreed to adopt the 2006-2009 Business Plan as amended.

5. ACAT Member Position Description

Council discussed ACAT membership and the description of the role of Council members. This included discussion on terms of attendance/absenteeism at meetings, sending alternates, quorum and voting (proxy voting). A sub-committee was struck to finalize the Member Position Description and bring it back to the November 27, 2006 Council meeting for further discussion.

6. PLAR

The Chair highlighted the outcomes and recommendations of the final draft of the report on the PLAR Forum held on June 13-14, 2006. Council provided feedback and gave their approval, with minor changes to the recommendations outlined in the report. Based on Council's approval, the report will be forwarded to the Minister for his consideration.

7. Roundtable

Merla Bolender provided members with a brochure which outlines the process for curriculum development and change. She also provided an update on implementation of new high school curricula.

8. Upcoming Council Meetings

The next Council meetings are as follows:

- **November 27, 2006** (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) via tele-conference
- **February 22, 2007** (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) via video-conference
- May 8 & 9, 2007 a meeting to be held at The King's University College in Edmonton.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

A very informative post-dinner presentation was provided by Dan Vandermeulen on First Nations Adult Education in Alberta. The objective of the presentation was to raise awareness and provide a common understanding of First Nations Colleges in Alberta.