

**RPNAS Council  
Supplemental Meeting  
June 29, 2021  
1800 - 1930  
Via Microsoft Teams Meeting**

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**PRESENT:**

**Council Members**

Cheryl Carlson, President  
Yvonne Sawatzky, President-Elect  
Kyla Shabatura, Member-at-Large  
Leslie Gamble, Member-at-Large  
Russ Marchuk, Public Representative  
Michael Lummerding, Public Representative

**Regrets:**

Penni Caron, Member-at-Large  
Michelle Cleland, Member-at-Large

**Staff**

Bev Balaski, Executive Director/Registrar

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**Purpose of Meeting: Approval of Saskatchewan Polytechnic Curriculum Changes for Implementation September 2021**

1. Meeting called to order at 1833

- Council reviewed the Education Review and Program Approval Committee (ERPAC) letter from Dr Ann Marie Urban, RPN (committee Chair). The letter outlines the findings of the committee and presents recommendations for Council's decision. Also reviewed the prepared briefing note developed by RPNAS operations staff
- **ERPAC Decision for Consideration:** That RPNAS Council approve the ERPAC proposal to approve the substantive changes to Saskatchewan Polytechnic's curriculum for RPN education, commencing for the Fall 2021 Term, with the following recommendations:
  - i. RPNAS currently recognizes a diploma as the credential to enter the profession. Saskatchewan Polytechnic has recently adopted a new academic model and are now using the term 'Advanced Diploma'. The Committee is concerned about how the term 'Advanced Diploma' could potentially confuse the public as to the educational preparation of the RPN.  
**Recommendation:** That Saskatchewan Polytechnic clearly identify for Saskatchewan's public a description of the diploma or definition to increase clarity.

- ii. Regulatory excellence recognizes the imperative role that the public plays on Councils and Boards. Public representatives provide a perspective critical to effectively regulating a profession.

**Recommendation:** Saskatchewan Polytechnic consider a consumer or public representative who is not an RPN.

Discussed ensued around confusion of diploma versus advanced diploma and agrees with ERPAC recommendation. SaskPoly credits appear to exceed Advanced Diploma and fall within degree parameters. Does this mean we can start conferring a RPN Degree for graduates? Need clarification from SaskPoly. Bev will obtain information. Council also supports second recommendation to have a public representative that is not, or has not been, part of the RPN profession.

**Motion:** WHEREAS the RPNAS ERPAC has completed a rigorous review of substantive curriculum changes proposed by Saskatchewan Polytechnic to commence in September 2021; BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council approves the curriculum changes with the two recommendations as presented by RPNAS ERPAC.

**Moved:** Yvonne Sawatzky     **Seconder:** Kyla Shabatura

**Carried:** Unanimously (Penni and Michelle cast email votes)

**Motion** to adjourn meeting

**Moved:** Russ Marchuk

Adjourned at 1921