



Decision Note Advice to Minister

Date: October 24, 2022

Cliff #: 126439

Issue: New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) request to consolidate its locations.

Background / Facts:

- NYIT is a private, non-profit institution that was established in 1955 in New York. It has offered degree programs in British Columbia under the DAA since 2007.
- The *Standard Terms and Conditions of Consent* require that the consent holder inform the Minister before implementing any material change that may affect consents, including changes to a location.
- A sector wide moratorium on additional locations has been in effect since March 11, 2020 to allow a review of the criteria for enrolment management and additional locations.
- NYIT's request to consolidate its locations does not fall under the moratorium.
- NYIT has approval for two locations: one in downtown Vancouver; and the other at the Broadway Tech Centre (BTC), which is located in Vancouver's east side.
- NYIT plans to consolidate its operations to the BTC campus. The BTC consists of 8 connected low-rise office buildings and is easily accessible by SkyTrain and buses.
- NYIT currently offers the Master of Business Administration and the Master of Science (MSc) in Energy Management at the Vancouver campus and the MSc Cybersecurity and the MSc in Instruction Technology at the BTC. NYIT has a total enrolment of approximately 1,017 students.
- NYIT plans to give up its downtown location, likely by December 31, 2022, when the move of administrative offices is completed.
- NYIT notes the move to BTC will be more efficient for administration and will improve its service level to students (no more commuting between campuses required for either staff, faculty or students).
- The downtown campus is located in an office building that does not meet current Vancouver seismic codes. Renovation of the location would make it impossible to continue offering classes.
- The Degree Quality Assessment Board reviewed NYIT's request at its June meeting and recommended the Minister grant approval, pending a satisfactory site visit by the Secretariat.
- The Secretariat toured the location on August 3, 2022. Renovations are currently in progress, however, the space appeared reasonable for the plans proposed by NYIT. The Secretariat will visit the site again when renovations are completed.

Recommendation:

- Approve the NYIT request to consolidate its locations to the Broadway Tech Centre.

Next steps: Minister to sign the attached letter to NYIT.

**RECOMMENDED
OPTION: Approved**

Honourable Anne Kang

November 8, 2022

Date

Attachment: Minister letter to the New York Institute of Technology
Contact: Nicola Lemmer, Assistant Deputy Minister (cell: 250-413-7357)

Decision Note

Advice to Minister

Date: October 24, 2022

Cliff #: 126657

Issue: DQAB recommendation to allow new degrees identified by government as priority programs to bypass the Stage 1 review.

Background / Facts:

- Stage 1 is a Ministry policy designed to ensure the criteria and review processes for new degree programs proposed by BC public institutions consider the Province's social and economic priorities, student and labour market demand, consultation and coordination with other post-secondary institutions, and consistency of the program with the mandate and strategic plan of the institution.
- Beginning in December 2015, all public degree-granting institutions based in BC have been required to submit Stage 1 applications and pass the criteria before they may proceed.
- The Minister made the Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB/Board) responsible for conducting Stage 1 reviews and making recommendations to the Minister as a means to enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of Stage 1 criteria assessment.
- Since the policy was first implemented, the DQAB has assessed 136 Stage 1 applications.

DQAB Recommendation:

- At its meeting of September 28, 2022, the DQAB recommended that two types of new degree proposals be allowed to bypass Stage 1 reviews:
 1. Programs determined by the Ministry to receive funding for student FTEs prior to program application; and
 2. Indigenous language degree programs developed by the Indigenous Language Fluency Degree (ILFD) Consortium.

Analysis:

1. Programs determined by the Ministry to receive funding for student FTEs prior to program application

- Stage 1 is meant to determine whether there is a need for a new degree program. The decision for the Ministry to provide FTE funding clearly demonstrates a program has ministerial support in principle, making a Stage 1 review unnecessary.
- Targeted FTE funding tends to be for programs in the Tech, Health and other government priority areas, that take into consideration the same criteria addressed by Stage 1 prior to making a decision, i.e., institutional resources, social/economic benefit, system coordination/duplication, and benefits to students. A Stage 1 review for these types of degree programs is a duplication of work.
- Bypassing Stage 1 could accelerate the review/decision process of these proposals by approximately two months and reduce the information an institution is required to prepare internally.
- Ministerial approval will still be required. Institutions will still submit applications and undergo the 30-day peer review process prior to receiving ministerial approval. Institutions without Exempt Status will continue to go through a full program quality review.

2. Indigenous language degree programs developed by the ILFD Consortium

- A Stage 1 review is unnecessary as the Minister has already shown support for these programs in principle by having:
 - provided seed money to launch the ILFD Consortium, a partnership of First Nations/Indigenous organizations and select public post-secondary institutions (NVIT, UBCV, UBCO, UNBC, UVic and SFU);

- funded the ILFD Consortium's development of a degree framework comprising two years of language training at NVIT or an Indigenous organization followed by two years of degree completion at a public research university, which grants the degree; and
- provided \$2 million to launch six pilot degree programs.
- The ILFD Consortium programs address government's priority of reaching meaningful reconciliation with First Nations peoples by revitalizing languages made near extinct by colonization (TRC Call to Action #14).
- As with the above degree proposal type, bypassing Stage 1 could hasten the time from proposal submission to ministerial decision by approximately two months and reduce the amount of information required by the institution.
- Ministerial approval will still be required. These programs will still submit Degree Program Review applications and undergo the 30-day peer review process prior to receiving ministerial approval.
- Because the ILFD Consortium partners granting these degrees are all BC public research universities with Exempt Status, a Stage 2 degree program quality review will not normally occur unless unforeseen concerns arise and the Minister deems such a review is needed. If membership in the Consortium is expanded to non-exempt degree-granting institutions, this policy will be reassessed.

Options:

1. **Accept the DQAB recommendation and allow new priority programs to bypass the Stage 1 review: FTE funded programs; and ILFD Consortium Indigenous language programs.**

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Recommendation: Accept the DQAB recommendation and allow new priority programs to bypass the Stage 1 review: FTE funded programs; and ILFD Consortium Indigenous language programs.

Next Steps: If the Minister agrees, Ministry staff will inform institutions that priority programs will be allowed to bypass Stage 1.

RECOMMENDED OPTION:

Approved Option 1



Honourable Anne Kang

November 8, 2022

Date

Attachment: N/A

Contact: Nicola Lemmer, Assistant Deputy Minister (cell: 250-413-7357)



Our Ref, 126439

November 9, 2022

Dr. Henry C. Foley President
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Dear Dr. Foley;

I am writing about the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) request to consolidate its locations in Vancouver.

The *Standard Terms and Conditions of Ministerial Consent* require the consent holder to inform the Minister of any change in material circumstance that may affect the consents, including changes to a location.

The Degree Quality Assessment Board reviewed NYIT's request to consolidate its locations to the Broadway Tech Centre (Suite 310, 2925 Virtual Way, Vancouver; Suites 130 & 180, 2985 Virtual Way, Vancouver) and considered the locations to be appropriate.

I agree with this recommendation. As such, consent has been amended accordingly and NYIT is permitted to offer the following programs at the Broadway Tech Centre:

- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Energy Management
- Master of Science, Cybersecurity
- Master of Science in Instruction Technology

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I understand that NYIT anticipates the consolidation to be completed by December 31, 2022. Until then, NYIT may continue to provide its degree programs at its current locations.

I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Kang', with a stylized, cursive script.

Honourable Anne Kang
Minister

pc: Dr. Irene Young, Dean and Executive Director
New York Institute of Technology - Vancouver

Campus Degree Quality Assessment Board

Information Note

Advice to Transition Team

Date: November 15, 2022

Cliff #: 127119

Issue: Relevance of Post-Secondary Funding Formula Review to the Future Ready: Skills for the Jobs of Tomorrow Plan

Background / Facts:

- The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training (AEST) is conducting a review of the funding model for public post-secondary institution operating grants to ensure post-secondary institutions (PSIs) have the resources they need to support government's economic goals and priorities and student success. Please see Attachment 1 for a description of the Funding Formula Review (Funding Review).
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Analysis:

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Next Steps:

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Attachment(s): *1. Funding Formula Review Overview*

Contact: *Shannon Baskerville, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training*

Mandate Letter Deliverable



Ministry	Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training (AEST)
Mandate commitment	Funding Formula Review - Public Post Secondary Education Funding Review s.13
What the initiative will achieve or problem it will address	<p>The mandate commitment is to conduct a funding review of post-secondary education operating grants to make sure public post-secondary institutions (PSIs) have the resources they need to support economic recovery and student success.</p> <p>s.13</p> <p>The review will seek to achieve three main objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a funding model that equitably distributes provincial financial resources across the public post-secondary sector. • Align provincial funding with the post-secondary education and skills training needs of British Columbians, including recognizing public post-secondary institutions as key drivers of regional economies. • Support students to succeed by ensuring access to affordable, high-quality post-secondary education and expanding critical student supports.

Scope of Initiative	<p>The review focuses only on block funding provided to the 25 public post-secondary institutions for general operations, which represents approximately 75% of government operating grants. Targeted funding, which represents approximately 25% of institutions' operating grants for high-demand occupations such as health and technology, is not within the scope of this review.</p> <p>Collective bargaining issues such as salary and workload, trades training funding, capital funding, and legislative changes are also out of scope of the review.</p> <p>During the engagement phase, Don Wright and Ministry staff met with key sector partners such as all 25 public post-secondary institutions, sector organizations, student, labour and sector associations, and the business community in over 40 targeted engagement sessions. The review has also received 50 written submissions as of October 2022. Engagement with Indigenous Partners is continuing.</p>
Status Update and Implementation Timeline (high-level)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2022: Funding Review project and lead (Don Wright) announced • April-August 2022: Targeted Sector Engagement • Fall 2022 (TBD): Release of Engagement Summary / <i>What We Heard Report</i>. • s.12; s.13 • • • • • •