

Minutes of the October 3, 2011 EDTF – NME Subgroup meeting

Room 104, 40 Sheppard Ave. West

Participating: Yuri Kuzyk, Peter DeVita (t/c), Gerry Margaritis (t/c), Brian Haydon, Roger Jones, Laura Deakin(t/c), Jordan Max (staff advisor)

Regrets: Corneliu Chisu, Alana Lavoie, John Yeow, Dave Adams, Marios Ioannidis

The meeting started at 4:05 p.m.

1. Review of agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved without changes

2. Review of August 11, 2011 and September 8, 2011 minutes and follow up on action items

Since there was not quorum at the last meeting, both the August 11th and September 8th minutes were reviewed – motion to approve – Peter/Roger – passed unanimously

The contained action items were reviewed for follow up. Jordan reported that Michael Price had forwarded the ARC request to the ARC staff advisor, who replied that the ARC had sufficient expertise and content to develop an examination syllabus for NME, but was waiting for applicants in this discipline to commence the work.

Jordan also reported that he had been contacted by the staff for CEQB, who send a letter from Chair C. Zinck to Peter indicating that CEQB had approved the need to draft a National Technical Examination for Nanotechnology, and would be commencing the work shortly. The staff person had also inquired whether the CEQB should wait for the ARC to complete its board sheets or vice versa – Jordan responded that since ARC was awaiting applications, it was more prudent for CEQB to start its work. It was noted that a response from Michael Price was still pending on how NME would be licensed. It was further noted that the NME subgroup would like to find out if any Engineers-in-training (EITs) with a NME academic background had applied for licensure

Action: Jordan to forward the CEQB letter to ARC for information about CEQB's work and possible response. **Jordan** to follow up with ARC staff to find out who specifically had joined ARC with a nanotechnology background. **Jordan** to follow up with Michael Price on the licensing question. **Jordan** to inquire from Licensing & Registration staff about the number of current NME EITs.

Jordan also reported that he had not yet completed the previous action item on locating PEO's current policy with respect to licensing foreign-trained applicants and non-engineering applicants, Natural Scientists.

Roger also reported that Council unanimously approved the NME and CIE position statements as drafted by the two subgroups, without any discussion.

3. In-depth review of Phase 2 Report sections (sent out July 13, 2011)

There was some discussion about whether the current content in the Phase 2 report was sequenced appropriately. Peter reported he had just drafted a Table of Contents from the report, and it was discussed, suggesting that sections 8-10 be merged, that section 12 be moved under section 6, section 13 under section 15 or 16, that sections 15 and 16 be merged. It was also noted that policy recommendations be added to each section of the report. It was also suggested that the content from Bioengineering be used as a possible precedent. It was recommended that Jordan work with Yuri to revise the table of contents, and once this was agreed to by the subgroup, the report contents would be re-arranged accordingly.

Action: Jordan to revise the Table of Contents and forward to Yuri for comments and changes, after which it would be sent to the rest of the subgroup. **Jordan** to locate and incorporate material from Bioengineering, and the forthcoming changes to the Limited Licence. **Jordan** to incorporate Brian's section on International Standards.

Gerry reported that NSERC had recently teamed up with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) on working on the interface research between engineers and scientists.

It was further requested that Jordan extend an invitation to the Professional Standards Committee (PSC) advisor (Bernie Ennis) to the next meeting to answer questions about PSC's Terms of Reference, criteria and process for drafting professional practice guidelines and standards

Action: Jordan to contact Bernie Ennis to extend the invitation, request and forward a copy of the PSC's Terms of Reference to the subgroup.

4. Status of outstanding sections

As there are still several sections outstanding, all content is to be submitted to Jordan before the next meeting.

5. Next meeting(s) date(s)

November 10, 2011, December 8, 2011 (both from 4-6:30pm) were confirmed

6. Other business

Brian circulated a copy of the first NanoOntario conference in Hamilton on October 14th & 15th, in case anyone wanted to attend

7. Adjournment and dinner (with CIE subgroup)

Motion to adjourn: Peter/Laura – approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.