

Minutes of the March 22, 2012 EDTF – NME Subgroup meeting

Room 206, 40 Sheppard Ave. West

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

Regrets: Corneliu Chisu, Alana Lavoie, Dave Adams, Marios Ioannidis, Yuri Kuzyk

The meeting started at 11:10 a.m.

1. Review of agenda

The agenda was reviewed, without changes. Motion to approve: Roger/John – passed unanimously

2. Review of February 23, 2012 minutes and follow up on action items

The minutes were reviewed. It was concluded that in item 3, the word “nonstructable” should have read “non-structurable materials”. Peter also noted that there was direction for him to contact BioTalent Canada and report back. Otherwise, the minutes were determined to be correct. Motion to approve amended minutes – Roger/John – passed

The follow-up action items were also reviewed. Peter reported that he had contacted Collette Rivet at BioTalent Canada but that she had moved on, so he resent the Phase 1 report to the new Executive Director, Rob Henderson. Biotalent and the other sectoral councils have had their core HRSDC funding reduced. Biotalent should be listed as a stakeholder for NME. Jordan noted that he had received a report by the ICTC on Nanotechnology from George Comrie and had posted it on Central Desktop and included some of its content in version 7 of the Phase 2 report. The group also looked at the Biotalent website and incorporated its definition of the Bio-economy into section 5 of the Phase 2 report. Jordan reported he had completed the merger of versions 5 and 6 into version 7. Yuri is to revise “nonstructurable” to a more appropriate term (amorphous, nonstructural etc.) and to revise the table on Gaps on page 22 to clarify techniques in bioprocessing. Brian reported that it would not be productive to list every Nanotechnology institute and program within the report, but that the current hyperlinks would suffice.

Actions: **Jordan** to add Biotalent Canada as a stakeholder and rework the Bio-economy section into section 5. **Yuri** to revise “nonnstructurable materials” and the Gaps table on page 22.

3. In-depth review of Phase 2 Report version 7 (modified February 23, 2012)

The new content in version 7 was briefly reviewed. The content on page 73 after “Nanoportal” was removed.

4. Next meeting

The next meetings were set for April 26, and May 17, both from 11am – 1pm.

5. Update on the Emerging Engineering Disciplines Committee proposal

Roger reported that the proposal had been tabled at the March 2nd Council meeting, and thus there was no discussion. Roger proposed that it be re-submitted for the April 13th Council meeting. It was recommended that members send their arguments in support of the committee's establishment to Roger, and Roger would request that the item be placed on the agenda.

Action: Roger to request the item on the next Council agenda. Members to provide rationales for the committee (in particular, addressing concerns about duplicating Engineers Canada's CEQB work on emerging disciplines)

NOTE: Subsequent analysis of the situation suggests that it would be more useful to leave it tabled for now and ask George Comrie (newly elected VP) bring it up with the new Council later in the year.

6. Expected timing of the Phase 2 report's completion

There was discussion on the timing for completing the report, including 2 months of stakeholder consultation once the subgroup felt the report was ready for circulation. The target will be to get the report to the June Council meeting, or September at the latest. To accomplish this, it is important for every member of the subgroup to review version 7 and make their additions, including observations and/or recommendations to the sections they had drafted, for the April 26th meeting so that the Interim Phase 2 report could be circulated to stakeholders by May 17th.

Action: All members to review and complete their sections of version 7 by the April 26th meeting.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting – Roger/Peter – passed. The meeting was adjourned for lunch at 12:35pm.