Memorandum of Understanding

Justice Institute of British Columbia/North Island College

 Whereas the Justice Institute of British Columbia located in New Westminster, BC, Canada and North Island College located in communities in the mid-north island and Central coast, BC, Canada are both publicly funded post-secondary institutions; and whereas both recognize their common interests in many academic and educational fields and value institutional cooperation it is in the mutual interest of both institutions and their students to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to explore and pursue collaborative activities.

RANGE OF COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

Justice Institute of British Columbia and North Island College agree to work together to explore opportunities for collaboration and joint initiatives in such areas as the following:

1. Planning
   a. The parties will look for opportunities to contribute to each other’s planning efforts. This may be through ongoing planning processes as well as sharing non-confidential data.
   b. The parties will work together to identify areas of transition opportunities for students and, where possible, will develop and implement proposals that support student needs and identified regional needs.

2. Program Development and Delivery
   a. The parties agree to explore articulation of courses and programs to encourage student transfers, the development and implementation of collaborative courses and projects of mutual interest and benefit.
   b. The parties will Exchange of information and expertise to strengthen and expand educational pathways for students at both institutions including joint pilot program(s);

3. Scholarly Activity
   a. The parties will look to collaborate in scholarly activity such as professional development, research partnerships, and joint proposal submissions.

4. Liaison and Coordination Mechanisms
a. Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding does not entail any material, financial or other obligation for either of the two institutions. Specific initiatives are to be considered and agreed upon, on a case by case basis, including the contributions and obligations of each institution normally through a working group inclusive of members from each institution. Subsidiary agreements are to be signed as required, including what, if any financial liability and responsibility is involved for each party.

b. Each institution will designate an individual as a regular point of contact, and each institution agrees to meet regularly, no less than annually, to review and evaluate activities undertaken through this agreement. Such discussions may give rise to new initiatives.

c. The designated point of contact for Justice Institute of British Columbia will be the Vice President Academic.

d. The designated point of contact for NIC will be the Vice President Education.

e. The parties agree to organize, as soon as possible, an exploratory meeting at which representatives from each institution will table and discuss specific opportunities for future collaboration. The outcome of this meeting will be identification of areas for collaboration with responsibility assigned in each case to develop and launch the collaborative activity.

f. In all cases of joint activity, arising from the MOU, subsequent specific agreements will be developed as appendices to agreement.

This Memorandum is effective for an initial period of three years from the date of signature. It may be extended or amended with the written agreement of both parties. This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party subject to the delivery of six months advance notice, in writing.

Signed on behalf of:

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE

[Signature]

Jan Lindsay, President / CEO

North Island College

Date: July 5th 2013

JUSTICE INSTITUTE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

[Signature]

Michel Tarko, President / CEO

Justice Institute of British Columbia

Date: 5th July 2013