

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Zoom: 699.627.8649
Teleconference: 1-866-279-1594
Participant Code: 668739



PRESENT		REGRETS	GUESTS/RESOURCES
Dr. J. Atoyebi	N. McKenzie	Dr. K. Atnikov	T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer /President's Office Manager
L. Ayres	G. Melko		Dr. R. Neckoway – Director CALC
Dr. A. Barbour-Stevenson	D. Nisbet		
T. Bell-Tulman	Dr. A. Oredogbe		
H. Briggs	B. Partridge		
Dr. A. Crowe	R. Penner		
Dr. A. Hossain	L. Plett		
Dr. K. Hyde (Chair)	B. Schaffer		
B. Kruk	Dr. D. Smith		
D. Lauvstad	H. Smith		
K. Laybolt	Dr. G. Stott		
K. Laycock	Dr. Y. Kong (V.Chair)		
Dr. A. Malik			
NON-VOTING / EX-OFFICIO		ABSENT	
D. Dalcanale	Dr. V. Zeran	E. Jebb	
J. Fitzpatrick		D. Williamson	

1.0 UCN Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.

2.0 Opening Prayer
Offered by Elder Bill Schaffer.

3.0 Presentations
Centre for Aboriginal Languages & Culture, Dr. Ramona Neckoway.

4.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:45 am by Chair, K. Hyde.

5.0 Chairperson's Remarks
Received for information.
Chairperson's remarks included welcoming new student member, Kelly Laybolt, Thompson Campus. Congratulations to M. Belmore, the TRC Committee and all those involved in organizing the TRC Gathering.

6.0 Adoption of Agenda
It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / A. Crowe
THAT the agenda for April 20, 2021 be accepted with the following addition:
- Item 9.10 December 2019 Motion Review (A. Barbour-Stevenson)
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-6.0
Adoption of Agenda

7.0 Acceptance of Minutes
7.1 February 23, 2021 – Meeting Minutes
It was duly moved and seconded by A. Malik / B. Schaffer
THAT the minutes of February 23, 2021 be accepted with the following revision:

LC-04/20/21-7.1
Acceptance of
Minutes
February 23, 2021

- Dr. J. Atoyebi provided Regrets (move from Absent).
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED
Dr. J. Atoyebi abstained.

8.0 Business Arising

8.1 President's Report

President's Report received for information.

8.2 VPAR's Report

VPAR's Report received for information.

8.2.1 2021 International Education

The Briefing Note was received for information.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Learning Council Member Ratifications

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Barbour-Stevenson / G. Stott

THAT the Learning Council ratify the following appointments:

University Faculty

Tariqul Islam, for a term of three years to commence August 1, 2021 and conclude June 30, 2024.

College Faculty

Trudy Bell-Tulman, for a term of three years to commence August 1, 2021 and conclude June 30, 2024.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

T. Bell-Tulman abstained.

LC-04/20/21-9.1
Learning Council
Member Ratifications

9.2 Learning Council Standing Committee Member Ratifications

It was duly moved and seconded by B. Shaffer / J. Atoyebi

THAT the Learning Council ratify the following appointments to the LCSC:

The Academic Planning Committee

Tariqul Islam, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

The Appeals Committee

Anderson Assuah, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

The Curriculum & Standards Committee

Ramona Neckoway, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

Abayomi Oredogbe, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

Antony Tomlin, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

Vicki Zeran, Member at Large, 2-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023.

The Equity Committee

Valdine Flaming, Member at Large, 2-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023.

The Library Committee

Tariqul Islam, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

The Research, Education and Learning Committee

Greg Stott, University Faculty, 3-year term August 1, 2021 - June 30, 2024.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

The following LC Members abstained:

Dr. A. Oredogbe

Dr. G. Stott

LC-04/20/21-9.2
Learning Council
Standing Committee
Member Ratifications

9.3 LC Equity Committee Ad-hoc Committee Submission

Discussion ensued regarding the submission.

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / K. Laycock

THAT the Learning Council recommend that the LC Equity Ad-hoc committee open discussion with Senior Academic Leadership Team and report back to Learning Council at the June 8, 2021 Learning Council Meeting.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-9.3
LC Equity Committee
Ad-hoc Committee
Submission

9.4 UCN Diploma in Practical Nursing Program Evaluation

Received for information.

9.5 APC Submissions**9.5.1 APC TOR Revision**

It was duly moved and seconded by D. Smith / G. Stott

THAT the Learning Council approve the revised Academic Planning Committee TOR, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-9.5.1
APC TOR Revision

9.5.2 Academic Schedule

Received for information.

9.5.3 Quarterly Research Report, Fourth Quarter

Received for information (VPAR's Report).

9.6 CSC Submissions**9.6.1 Request for a New Course: Foundations of Drama**

It was duly moved and seconded by K. Laycock / A. Barbour-Stevenson

THAT the Learning Council approve New Course: Foundations of Drama, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-9.6.1
Request for a New
Course: Foundations of
Drama

9.6.2 Request for a New Course: Foundations of Poetry

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / J. Atoyebi

THAT the Learning Council approve New Course: Foundations of Poetry, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-9.6.2
Request for a New
Course: Foundations of
Poetry

9.6.3 Request for a New Course: Introduction to Language and Linguistics I

It was duly moved and seconded by Y. Kong / K. Laycock

THAT the Learning Council approve New Course: Introduction to Language and Linguistics I, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-9.6.3
Request for a New
Course: Introduction to
Language and
Linguistics I

9.6.4 Request for a New Course: Introduction to Language and Linguistics II

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Barbour-Stevenson / A. Oredogbe

THAT the Learning Council approve New Course: Introduction to Language and Linguistics II, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-04/20/21-9.6.4
Request for a New
Course: Introduction to
Language and
Linguistics II

- 9.6.5** Revisions to the Request for a New Program Form
It was duly moved and seconded by H. Briggs / J. Atoyebi
THAT the Learning Council approve the Revisions to the Request for a New Program Form, as presented.

LC-04/20/21-9.6.5
Request for a New
Program Form

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

- 9.6.6** Revisions to the Request for Program Change Form
It was duly moved and seconded by H. Briggs / B. Shaffer
THAT the Learning Council approve the Request for Program Change Form, with the addition of the question “How are Aboriginal and northern perspectives incorporated into the program content?”.

LC-04/20/21-9.6.6
Request for a New
Program Change Form

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

- 9.6.7** Revisions to the Request for New Course/Course Change Form
It was duly moved and seconded by H. Briggs / K. Laycock
THAT the Learning Council approve the Request for New Course/Course Change Form, as presented.

LC-04/20/21-9.6.7
Request for a New
Course/Course Change
Form

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.7 2021 Academic Governance Review

It was duly moved and seconded by D. Smith / A. Hossain
THAT the Learning Council authorize an external review of academic governance at UCN to provide advice regarding governance practices; and establish an Ad-hoc Committee on Academic Governance to oversee the development of an RFP, refine the scope of the review, and to serve as a steering committee for a review of academic governance at UCN.

LC-04/20/21-9.7
2021 Academic
Governance Review

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

1 abstention.

9.8 Online Teaching Issues

Received for discussion. Items discussed reflect “Blended Teaching Issues”.

9.9 UCN’s Response to Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy Analysis

Tabled.

9.10 December 2019 Motion Review

Tabled.

10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports

- 10.1 Executive Committee Report** - Report Received for Information
10.2 Academic Appeals Committee Report - No Report Received
10.3 Academic Planning Committee Report - Report Received for Information
10.4 Awards Committee Report - Report Received for Information
10.5 Curriculum & Standards Committee Report - No Report Received
10.6 Equity Committee Report - No Report Received
10.7 Library Committee Report - Report Received for Information
10.8 Research Education & Learning Committee Report - Report Received for Information.

11.0 Tri-Council Reports

11.1 Council of Elders – B. Schaffer

The Council of Elders will meet on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

11.2 Governing Council – D. Nesbit

No Report Received.

11.3 Student Report**11.3.1** Nicole McKenzie, The Pas Campus

Student Report received for information. The report included but was not limited to:

- Students reported adapting to the online learning. Some students indicated they prefer online learning. Others prefer in class learning and the connections with instructors and other students.
- Student concerns regarding controlling dialogue on Zoom (interruptions, speaking over one another).
- Student issues with children in home and suggested a drop-in daycare.

11.3.2 Kelly Laybolt, Thompson Campus

Student Report received for information. The report included but was not limited to:

- Students report that the content and quality of classes have not been diminished with transitioning to online learning. However, most students prefer in-class learning.
- Online sites/resources (UCN Library, Zoom, UCNLearn have been reliable.
- Student concerns with lack of participation in class, cameras remaining off. This inhibits discussion.
- Lack of reliable internet is a main concern of students.
- Online registration and assistance from the Academic Advisors were very helpful. A zoom room for Academic Advisors would be beneficial.
- Access to the UCN Library can be limiting. Request for access to academic journals.
- Thompson writing centre has been holding zoom lessons, essay writing etc. which have been very informative. An issue for some is that these sessions are usually held during the day when students are in class or at work.

12.0 Roundtable

- A story entitled Roots, written and illustrated by Brie Phillips, graduate of the Kenanow Bachelor of Education program (June 2020), was published and unveiled last month.
- UCN is a partner, and working on a Plagiarism Project, with other universities. SSHRC has advised that the group will receive a seven-year research project grant of approximately \$2.5M.
- SAC conducted a survey with students and request to provide feedback to Learning Council at the June 2021 meeting.

13.0 Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by Bill Schaeffer.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m. by G. Stott.

The next Learning Council meeting will take place on June 8/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

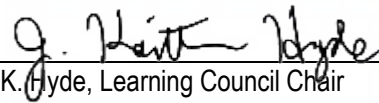
14.0 Information and Correspondence
Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

June 8, 2021

Dated



Dr. K. Hyde, Learning Council Chair

June 8, 2021

Dated