

# University College of the North Minutes of the Council of Elders

Wednesday, August 24, 2022  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Pas Boardroom 132  
Zoom: 699.627.8649  
Teleconference: 1.866.279.1594  
Participant code: 668739



PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	Guests/Resources
M. Bignell - Opaskwayak N. Halcrow - Cross Lake J. Hunter-Spence - Nelson House M. Jonasson – Wabowden R. Nabess - Governing Council S. Neff - Grand Rapids B. Schaffer - Swan River M. Spence - Split Lake T. Weenusk - Oxford House	F. Albert - Norway House G. Guiboche - Learning Council M. Head-Steppan - Flin Flon N. Leahy – Thompson		T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer J. Mayer - Administrative Assistant D. Lauvstad - President & Vice-Chancellor E. Samatte - The Pas Campus Elder B. Cianflone - Governing Council Chair R. Neckoway - CALC O. Boyce - CALC A. Barbour-Stevenson - Academic Development N. Lagace - RRAI

## 1.0 Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was offered by Elder Martha Spence.

## 2.0 Presentation

- 2.1 CALC Updates and Next Steps,  
Ramona Neckoway, Associate Professor & Director, CALC  
Olivia Boyce, Program & Policy Analyst, CALC

## 3.0 Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson at 11:20 a.m.

## 4.0 Adoption of Agenda

It was duly moved and seconded by B. Schaffer / M. Spence  
**THAT** the agenda for August 24, 2022, be adopted as presented.  
**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-08/24/22-4.0  
Adoption of Agenda

## 5.0 Acceptance of Minutes

- 5.1 **June 15, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**  
It was duly moved and seconded by N. Halcrow / T. Weenusk  
**THAT** the COE accept the Minutes of June 15, 2022, as presented.  
**This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED**

COE-08/24/22-5.1  
June 15, 2022 Meeting  
Minutes

## 6.0 New Business

- 6.1 **Manager of Academic Development, Ann Barbour-Stevenson**  
Introductions received for information, including that of Naithan Lagace, Indigenous Curriculum Specialist, RRAI.

- 6.1.1 **Guy Hill Event ~~September 22/22~~ October 6/22**  
The tentative date for this event has been changed to October 6/22 at Guy Hill.

**Action:** Council of Elders will discuss who will attend and provide teachings, creation stories, language teachings, etc.

**6.1.2 CiCan Indigenous Education Protocol**

**Action:** The Council of Elders will review the documentation provided and give recommendations at the September Council of Elders meeting.

**6.1.3 Traditional Community Names – pronunciation**

Recordings of each of the Elders introducing themselves and their community will start today.

**6.1.4 Traditional Territories – mapping**

N. Lagace will work with community and Elders to start this process at UCN.

**6.1.5 Draft Truth and Reconciliation Strategy**

The Council of Elders will review the documentation and provide feedback at the September Council of Elders meeting.

**6.2 Governing Council Update & Introductions**

Governing Council Chair, Becky Cianflone introduced herself and provided an overview of the year ahead.

**6.3 President's Update**

Written and verbal report received for information.

Blessing of the food was provided by Elder Mabel Bignell at 12:10 pm.

Rod Nabess departed at 12:10 pm.

Elder Tommy Weenusk and Elder Mabel Bignell departed at 12:30 pm.

**6.4 Creating a Traditional Medicine Garden, Response**

The COE discussed the June presentation and advised there are concerns with what medicines will be planted; how medicines will be grown (will chemicals be added); ownership; misuse of the medicines; consultation with Elders before planting each medicine; Tobacco may be a good one to grow.

**Action:** T. Pidskalny will draft a letter outlining the concerns and requesting more information. The letter will be forwarded to the Chair and Vice-Chair for review/approval.

**6.5 Summer Institution Mile 20/Egg Lake, Update**

G. Guiboche provided regrets. An update from Gina will be provided in September. Discussion ensued regarding A. Barbour-Stevenson's presentations and updates to be provided in September.

**6.6 COE Term Start Dates**

J. Mayer advised that some information has been provided by UCN Finance Department. An updated COE Membership list, including start dates, will be provided as soon as possible.

**6.7 Linkages: Northern Manitoba and the World**

J. Mayer advised that the planning committee of the Linkages Conference has extended an invitation to the COE to join the Conference on October 20 & 21/22 at the Kikiwak Inn.

**Action:** Elders that would like to attend Linkages are to advise J. Mayer no later than September 2/22 so registration and accommodations can be made.

The committee has also requested guidance from the Council of Elders to provide opening and closing prayer on October 20; the dinner blessing on October 20; the opening and closing prayer on October 21.

**6.8 Centre for Aboriginal Human Resource Development (CAHRD)**

D. Lauvstad provided an overview of CAHRD and indicated that a tour will be scheduled in the future for two Elders to attend.

**6.9 COE Honoraria**

Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson advised that Honoraria will be provided at the end of the Council of Elders meetings. Expense Claims will be processed after the meeting and mailed or direct deposited.

**Action:** The Executive Committee will discuss the COE Honoraria rate. J. Mayer will email copies of their Expense Claim to each Elder as they are submitted.

**6.10 HR Staff Recognition**

Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson advised that the Elders would like UCN to host an annual gathering to present service awards (plaques). President Lauvstad agreed that it is the intent to get back to these gatherings, post-Covid.

**7.0 COE Activity Reports****7.1 S. Neff – Governing Council**

Verbal report received for information.

Governing Council met on June 16/22. The next meeting is on August 25/22.

**7.2 B. Schaffer – Learning Council**

Verbal report received for information.

Learning Council met on June 14/22. The next meeting is on September 27/22.

**8.0 COE Standing Items****8.1 Address Issues/Concerns of Members**

Nothing brought forward at this time.

**9.0****COE Self-Monitoring****9.1 2022/2023 Attendance**

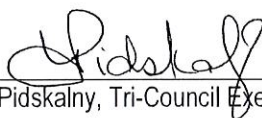

Received for information.

9.2 **COE Record of Motions 2022-2023, 2021-2022 & 2020-2021**  
Received for information.

10.0 **Roundtable**  
Received for information.  
- Discussion included having visible language at the campuses; possibly a wall of welcoming students in several different languages.

11.0 **Adjournment/Closing Prayer**  
The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m. by Elder J. Hunter-Spence.  
Next meeting: September 28/22 at 9:00 am in Thompson.

COE-08/24/22-10.0  
Adjournment/Closing  
Prayer

 _____ T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer	 _____ Elder M. Jonasson, Chair
September 28, 2022 _____ Dated	September 28, 2022 _____ Dated