

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Pas Boardroom 132
Thompson Boardroom 409
Zoom: 699.627.8649



PRESENT		REGRETS		GUESTS/RESOURCES
H. Bryant	Dr. S. Peter	K. Barr	E. Paradis	T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer /President's Office Manager
N. Constant	M. Petricone	E. Jebb	Dr. G. Stott	
J. Grant	Dr. L. Plett	Dr. R. Neckoway	T. Weenusk	
Dr. A. Hossain	D. Smeltzer	<u>Non-Voting / Ex-Officio</u>		
D. Lauvstad	H. Smith	C. Woodson		
G. Melko				
NON-VOTING / EX-OFFICIO		ABSENT		
A. Barbour-Stevenson	G. Guiboche	C. Bignell	Dr. A. Kamal	
J. Fitzpatrick	A. Roy	H. Grewal	Dr. A. Oredogbe	
Dr. K. Hyde	Dr. D. Smith	Dr. T. Islam		

1.0 UCN Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.

2.0 Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was offered by Dr. Keith Hyde.

3.0 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. by Dr. Selvin Peter.

4.0 Chairperson's Remarks

Dr. Peter advised that Learning Council will be nominating a Chair and Vice-Chair to Learning Council. In the interim, Dr. Peter will Chair the meeting today.

Dr. Peter welcomed Helga Bryant to Learning Council in her new role of VP Academic & Research, Lynette Plett in her role of AVP MMTL, Cindy Woodson in her role of Interim Dean, Faculty of Health and Keith Hyde in his new role of Interim Dean of FABS.

Learning Council was advised that quorum has not been met.

5.0 Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed as presented.

6.0 Acceptance of Minutes

June 11, 2024 – Meeting Minutes

Quorum has not been met. June 11, 2024, will be reviewed at the next meeting of Learning Council.

7.0 Presentations

7.1 Nil

8.0 Business Arising**8.1 President's Report**

D. Lauvstad provided a written report and shared the following:

- There is a lot of excitement around the new shop facility in Thompson that UCN has leased that will provide access to several trades' programs. Jamie Grant and the Northern Sector Council hosted an Introduction to Mechanical Trades. It was a full class, and all students graduated. A grand opening of the facility will take place in September 2024.
- Has been meeting with other Universities regarding potential partnerships.
- UCN has hired Jamie Dumont from Chadwick Consulting, in partnership with the Mining Association of Manitoba to do a broad consultation across the North in regard to economic and resource development.
- Was in Norway House for the Federal Government announcement of \$1.2 million to UCN to help expand the delivery of mine training throughout Northern Manitoba, and possibly into Saskatchewan.
- The Minister of Health toured The Pas Campus and the Minister of Immigration toured Thompson Campus.
- Staffing updates include, in addition to S. Peter's welcoming remarks, Kim Laycock has been named VP Finance & Administration.
- A meeting was held with the University and College Presidents, the Ministers, and the Business Council of Manitoba to discuss changes in the external environment, particularly around artificial intelligence.

8.1.1 VP Strategic Growth Activity Report

Received for information.

A comment around the big picture of SG was brought forward, and if the reference to industry captures the fact that most of the people working in the North are working with public service, the education sector, which may not call themselves industry.

8.1.2 VP Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation Activity Report

Received for information.

8.1.3 VP Academic & Research Activity Report

Received for information.

8.1.4 VP Finance & Administration Activity Report

Received for information.

Learning Council was advised that quorum has not yet been met.

It was suggested that a September meeting be scheduled to attend to business, and/or an email vote is issued to ratify appointments as outlined in Item. 9.6.

9.0 New Business**9.1 Election of Learning Council Chair**

Tabled.

9.2 Election of Learning Council Vice-Chair

Tabled.

9.3 Election of College Faculty Member to LC Executive Committee

Tabled.

- 9.4 LC Membership/Constituency, Dr. Keith Hyde**
Tabled.
- 9.5 REAL Committee Member Ratification**
Tabled.
- 9.6 Ratification of Council of Elder members to LC Standing Committees**
Tabled.
- 9.7 LC Representative to Governing Council**
Tabled.
- 9.8 Briefing Note: International Education Pilot Program Update**
The attached was included in the meeting package for information.
- 10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports – for information**
- 10.1 Executive Committee Report** - Received for Information
- 10.2 Academic Appeals Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.3 Academic Planning Committee Report** - Received for Information
- 10.4 Awards Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.5 Curriculum & Standards Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.6 Equity Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.7 Library Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.8 Research Education & Learning Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 11.0 Tri-Council Reports**
- 11.1 Council of Elders** - Elder Tommy Weenusk
No update was received.
- 11.2 Governing Council** - Vacancy
No update was received.
- 11.3 Student Report**
- 11.3.1** Vacancy, Thompson Campus
No report.
- 11.3.2** Vacancy, The Pas Campus
No report.
- 11.3.3** Vacancy, Regional Centre
No report.
- 12.0 Roundtable**
Received for information.
- H. Bryant shared that some activities in the division that are happening around further integrating Indigenous awareness, sensitivity, and safety. Faculty and staff have been holding land-based experiences (DPN in the Spring spent a half day on the land; the Faculty of Health, from all sites, have come together to take part in a blanket exercise, which will be extended to students as part of the program; MMTL and Student Services spent a day on the land at Guy Hill; and other faculties and areas are doing more work in this regard). This really speaks to the intent of the

faculty and staff to become more immersed and aware, and that in return ripples down to our students.


13.0 Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by G. Guiboche.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m. by Dr. S. Peter.
Next Learning Council Meeting: October 22, 2024.

14.0 Information and Correspondence

Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

October 22, 2024

Dated



Dr. S. Peter, Learning Council

October 22, 2024

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