

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Pas Boardroom 132
Zoom: 699.627.8649



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

1.0 UCN Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.

2.0 Opening Prayer
A moment of reflection was provided.

3.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m. by Chair, Dr. Selvin Peter.

4.0 Chairperson's Remarks
The Chair welcomed Connie Wyatt-Anderson, GC Representative to Learning Council to her first meeting. As well as newly appointed College Faculty Members, Melanie Belmore and Pamela Scheveck.

5.0 Adoption of Agenda
It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / E. Paradis
THAT the agenda for December 10, 2024, be accepted with the following addition:
- Add Item 9.7 CALC Renos in Thompson
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-12/10/24-5.0
Adoption of Agenda

6.0 Acceptance of Minutes
October 22, 2024 – Meeting Minutes
It was duly moved and seconded by E. Paradis / H. Smith
THAT the minutes of October 22, 2024, be accepted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-12/10/24-6.0
Acceptance of
Minutes October 22,
2024

7.0 Presentations
7.1 Nil

8.0 Business Arising

8.1 President's Report

D. Lauvstad provided a verbal report which included:

- Recently met with the Minister of Advanced Education and Training. Discussion included Critical Minerals Strategy. UCN has submitted a Skills Strategy to the Minister, around Critical Minerals. Discussion also included Student Supports.
- Attended a State of the Province Address, whereby the Premier discussed priorities which included Critical Minerals in the advancement of projects in Manitoba and Skills Building that will be required.
- UCN has an application in to PrairiesCan for dormitory/residence in Flin Flon.
- UCN's New Mine Beginner Program has had significant uptake.
- In discussions with Apprenticeship Manitoba regarding possibility of expansions in programming at UCN and the North.
- Linkages Thompson takes place February 25 and 26, 2025.
- UCN will be hosting an Arts Conference in Thompson in May 2025. Michaëlle Jean, former Governor General of Canada will be the Keynote Speaker.
- Ongoing engagement and consultations with government regarding the governance model and legislation. Representatives have met with the Council of Elders and Governing Council members.
- Discussion on UCN Priorities. Quality (programs and services; product and processes); Reconciliation (ensure UCN is a place where Indigenous students feel welcome; provide good quality education and training that meet the needs of the communities we serve); Future Proofing (ensuring we are a resilient organization that can adapt); Positioning (How are we seen? An institution that has good quality programs, Indigenous and Northern focused, innovative, great place to work, focused on the future). Updates will be provided at the Town Hall.

8.1.1 VP Strategic Growth Activity Report

Received for information and discussion ensued.

8.1.2 VP Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation Activity Report

Received for information and discussion ensued.

8.1.3 VP Academic & Research Activity Report

Received for information and discussion ensued.

9.0 New Business

9.1 2024-2025 Fall Term Graduand for Approval

Learning Council reviewed the Graduand List.

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

THAT the Learning Council approve the December 2024 Graduand List, additional grad, Bachelor of Education.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-12/10/24-9.1
2024-2025 Fall Term
Graduand for Approval

9.2 LC Representative to Council of Elders

Learning Council reviewed Council of Elders Policy CE-01-01 Role and Function.

The floor was open to nominations.

Selvin Peter nominated Melanie Belmore. Melanie Belmore accepted.

There were no further nominations.

It was duly moved and seconded by N. Constant / C. Wyatt-Anderson
THAT the Learning Council appoint Melanie Belmore as the Learning Council Representative to the Council of Elders, for a term January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

LC-12/10/24-9.2
 LC Representative to
 Council of Elders

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.3 LC Student Member Ratification

A Call for Student Nominations was placed on November 18/24. The Council reviewed and discussed the nominations.

It was duly moved and seconded by N. Constant / K. Barr
THAT the Learning Council ratify the appointments of Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan, College Student, The Pas Campus, and Dwight Beardy, University Student, Thompson Campus, to the Learning Council, for a term January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

LC-12/10/24-9.3
 LC Student Member
 Ratification

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.4 LC Standing Committee Student Member Ratification

A Call for Student Nominations was placed on November 18/24. The Council reviewed and discussed the nominations.

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / H. Smith
THAT the Learning Council ratify the appointment of Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan to the Learning Council Academic Planning Committee, for a term January 1, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

LC-12/10/24-9.4
 LC Standing Committee
 Student Member
 Ratification

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.5 LC Standing Committee Member Ratification

An email call for volunteers (University Faculty, College Faculty, and Members at Large), was placed on October 31/24. Another call for volunteers was emailed December 5/24.

Where multiple nominations were received, Learning Council discussed policy guidelines in selections based on maintain a balance between genders, between Indigenous/non-Indigenous persons, among faculties/programs and among regional centers.

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / P. Scheveck
THAT the Learning Council ratifies the appointment of Oye Abioye to the Academic Planning Committee, College Faculty, 3-year term, January 6/25 to June 30/27.

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the following appointments to the Appeals Committee:

Heather Smith, University Faculty, 3-year term, December 2/24 to June 30/27
 Kelly Barr, College Faculty, 3-year term, December 2/24 to June 30/27
 Valdine Alycia, College Faculty, 3-year term, December 2/24 to June 30/27
 Lynette Plett, Member at Large, 2-year term December 10/24 to June 30/26
 Bobbi Chrest, Member at Large, 2-year term December 10/24 to June 30/26.

LC-12/10/24-9.5
 LC Standing Committee
 Member Ratification

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the following appointments to the Awards Committee:

Anirban Banerjee, University Faculty, 3-year term, December 4/24 to June 30/27

Tamara Hominuk, College Faculty, 3-year term, January 30/25 to June 30/27

Darcie Smeltzer, College Faculty, 3-year term, January 30/25 to June 30/27.

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the appointment of Lynette Plett to the Curriculum and Standards Committee, Member at Large, 2-year term December 10/24 to June 30/26.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.6 UCN's Three-Year Operational Plan

Received for information.

9.7 CALC Renos in Thompson

Update received in Item 8.1.2 VP Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation Activity Report.

10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports – for information

10.1 Executive Committee Report - No Report Received

10.2 Academic Appeals Committee Report - No Report Received

10.3 Academic Planning Committee Report - No Report Received

10.4 Awards Committee 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 - Received for Information

10.8 Research Education & Learning Committee Report - No Report Received

11.0 Tri-Council Reports

11.1 Council of Elders - Elder Tommy Weenusk

No report received.

11.2 Governing Council - Connie Wyatt-Anderson

Verbal report was received for information.

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.

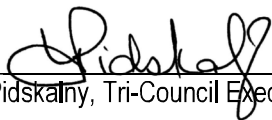
13.0 Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by Dr. Keith Hyde.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m. by Dr. G. Stott.
Next Learning Council Meeting: February 18, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn

14.0 Information and Correspondence
Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

February 18, 2025

Dated



Dr. S. Peter, Learning Council Chair

February 18, 2025

Dated