

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

The Pas Boardroom 132
Zoom: 699.627.8649



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

1.0 **UCN Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.**

2.0 **Opening Prayer**
Opening Prayer was offered by Melanie Belmore.

3.0 **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Selvin Peter.

4.0 **Chairperson's Remarks**
The Chair welcomed students Dwight Beardy from Thompson Campus and Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan from The Pas Campus.

5.0 **Adoption of Agenda**
It was duly moved and seconded by G. Melko / H. Bryant
THAT the agenda for February 18, 2025, be accepted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/18/25-5.0
Adoption of Agenda

6.0 **Acceptance of Minutes**
December 10, 2024 – Meeting Minutes
It was duly moved and seconded by C. Wyatt-Anderson / M. Belmore
THAT the minutes of December 10, 2024, be accepted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/18/25-6.0
Acceptance of
Minutes December
10, 2024

7.0 **Presentations**
7.1 Nil

8.0 **Business Arising**

8.1 President's Report

D. Lauvstad provided a verbal report which included:

- Linkages Thompson takes place Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Nelson House Cree Nation has added their own workshop on Monday, to lead into Linkages, and the Province of Manitoba is hosting a Mining Day on the Thursday.
- UCN has received funding to support a dorm/housing project in Flin Flon. This will increase UCN's capacity, not only to meet the Critical Mineral Strategy of the Manitoba Government, but will enable us to look at other possibilities.
- There is a lot going on with UArctic. All faculty are encouraged to reach out to UArctic regarding opportunities.
- The Province is and has been undertaking a governance review. They had met with the Council of Elders in October 2024 and are looking to meet with them again at Thompson Linkages.
- Five Ministers of the Crown attended UCN's Trappers' Festival Pancake Breakfast at The Pas Campus and flipped pancakes. They then met to discuss issues related to education and training, economic development, reconciliation, student well-being and mental health, opportunities, etc.
- Other institutions have been reaching out to UCN to discuss partnerships and a breadth of opportunities for students.

8.1.1 VP Strategic Growth Activity Report

A written report was received for information and discussion ensued.

8.1.2 VP Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation Activity Report

A written report was received for information and discussion ensued.

8.1.3 VP Academic & Research Activity Report

A written report was received for information.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Policy Submissions

9.1.1 AC-01-26 Academic Integrity, Related Forms & Documentation

Policy AC-01-26 Academic Integrity was approved by Learning Council at the June 11, 2024, meeting. The Related Forms & Documentation were not included in the original submission. Council reviewed the documentation and approved as presented.

It was duly moved and seconded by M. Belmore / G. Melko
THAT the Learning Council approve the Related Forms and Documentation to Policy AC-01-26 Academic Integrity as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/18/25-9.1.1
 AC-01-26 Academic
 Integrity, Related
 Forms &
 Documentation

Action: Concerns were received regarding areas of the policy. These will be forward to the Curriculum and Standards Committee.

9.1.2 LC-01-09 REAL Committee TOR

The REAL Committee recommends that Learning Council approve the request to change their composition as follows: the ex-officio position of Manager of Academic Development be replaced with the ex-officio position of AVP Academic Quality and Excellence.

It was duly moved and seconded by P. Scheveck / H. Bryant
THAT the Learning Council approve the revision to the composition of the REAL Committee TOR: the ex-officio position of Manager of Academic Development be replaced with the ex-officio position of AVP Academic Quality and Excellence.

LC-02/18/25-9.1.2
 LC-01-09 REAL
 Committee TOR

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.1.3 LC-01-01 Rules of Governance Composition: AVP MMTL

The Executive Committee recommends that Learning Council approve the request to change Policy LC-01-01 Rules of Governance Article 2, Item 2.01 a) v. AVP Mihcet Meskanawah Teaching and Learning to AVP Academic Quality and Excellence.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Hossain / K. Barr
THAT the Learning Council approve the revision to Policy LC-01-01 Rules of Governance Article 2, Item 2.01 a) v. AVP Mihcet Meskanawah Teaching and Learning to AVP Academic Quality and Excellence.

LC-02/18/25-9.1.3
 LC-01-01 Rules of
 Governance
 Composition: AVP
 MMTL

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.2 Learning Council Composition Discussion: Manager Academic Development

Learning Council discussed ex-officio positions at UCN that could replace the ex-officio position of Manager of Academic Development.

Action: The Council would like to review the position of Director of Programming and Operations IIR, as well as areas/departments that may not be represented on Learning Council.

9.3 Learning Council Composition Discussion: Regional Centre Faculty

Learning Council discussed composition relating to College and University Faculty “located” at a regional centre. Learning Council wants to ensure that priority is given to Regional Centre representatives and that it is important to have a mechanism for recruiting faculty from Regional Centres.

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Melko / D. Beardy
THAT the Learning Council approve wording to LC-01-01 Rules of Governance, to state that if there are no nominations received for college or university faculty members located at a regional centre, then Learning Council may fill the position with university or college faculty members located at a campus.

LC-02/18/25-9.3
 Learning Council
 Composition
 Discussion: Regional
 Centre Faculty

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

Action: Track changes to LC-01-01 Rules of Governance to include this wording, as well as replacing ‘Regional Centre’ with ‘Regional Education and Training Centre’.

9.4 Learning Council Composition Discussion: Deans

Learning Council reviewed Position Descriptions of a Dean and an Associate Dean and discussed the request to include Associate Dean in the same constituency as Dean.

It was duly moved and seconded by K. Barr / G. Melko
THAT the Learning Council approve having Associate Dean included in the same constituency as Dean.

LC-02/18/25-9.4
 Learning Council
 Composition
 Discussion: Deans

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

9.5 Briefing Note: Universities Canada Application Status

A Briefing Note on the Universities Canada Application Status was received for information.

9.6 LC Awards Committee Student Member Ratification

It was duly moved and seconded by K. Barr / A. Hossain
THAT the Learning Council ratify the appointment of Janice Muskego, University Student, Thompson Campus, to the Learning Council Awards Committee, for a term January 31, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/18/25-9.6
 LC Awards Committee
 Student Member
 Ratification

10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports

10.1 Executive Committee Report - No Report Received

10.2 Academic Appeals Committee Report - Received for Information

10.3 Academic Planning Committee Report - Received late & will include in next meeting package.

10.4 Awards Committee Report - Received for Information

10.5 Curriculum & Standards Committee Report - Received for Information

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 was received.

11.2 Governing Council - Connie Wyatt-Anderson
 A verbal report was received for information.

11.3 Student Report**11.3.1 Dwight Beardy, Thompson Campus**

Dwight Beardy introduced himself and provided an overview of his studies.

A verbal report was received, including the following information:

- A suggestion for new programming would be a degree in Architecture.

Particularly in designing homes and addressing the growing housing shortages in the North.

Discussion included the requirements of a new program, looking at courses that could be a start to the program, reviewing UCN courses that might transfer between universities, and inviting an architect into the classroom to talk about the profession.

- Some student concerns include early start times and scheduling during lunch hour.

- D. Beardy expressed interest in developing a survey for students to complete and asked about the process.

Discussion included D. Beardy reaching out to the Dean of Students.

11.3.2 Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan, The Pas Campus

Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan introduced herself as an international student and provided an overview of her studies.

A verbal report was received, including the following:

- Some students have concerns regarding supports for International Students.

Does UCN have a group or forum for international students to help support the queries and concerns of international students? Rules change that have a potential impact to the international students, such as maximum working hours for international students with a part time job. Supports for planning their academics and to have that bridge to connect services with students directly.

11.3.3 Vacancy, Regional Centre
No report.

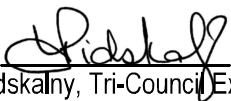
12.0 **Roundtable**
Received for information.

13.0 **Adjournment/Closing Prayer**
Closing Prayer was offered by Dr. Selvin Peter.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:47 p.m. by H. Bryant.
Next Learning Council Meeting: April 22, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn

14.0 **Information and Correspondence**
Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

April 22, 2025

Dated



Dr. S. Peter, Learning Council Chair

April 22, 2025

Dated