

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021
 Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm
 Zoom: 699.627.8649
 Teleconference: 1-866-279-1594
 Participant Code: 668739



PRESENT		REGRETS	GUESTS/RESOURCES
L. Ayres	Dr. A. Malik	Dr. K. Atnikov	T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer /President's Office Manager
Dr. A. Barbour-Stevenson	N. McKenzie	Dr. J. Atoyebi	G. Bruyere - Indigenous Curriculum Specialist
T. Bell-Tulman	G. Melko	E. Jebb	V. Flaming - Indigenous Projects Officer /Indigenous Curriculum Specialist
H. Briggs	D. Nisbet	Dr. A. Oredgebe	M. Belmore - Indigenous Projects Manager /Community-based Indigenous Curriculum Specialist
Dr. A. Crowe	L. Plett	B. Partridge	
Dr. A. Hossain	B. Schaffer	R. Penner	
B. Kruk	Dr. D. Smith	Dr. V. Zeran (ex officio)	
Dr. K. Hyde (Chair)	H. Smith		
D. Lauvstad	Dr. G. Stott		
K. Laycock	Dr. Y. Kong		
NON-VOTING / EX-OFFICIO		ABSENT	
D. Dalcanale	D. Williamson		
J. Fitzpatrick			

1.0 UCN Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.

2.0 Opening Prayer
 Offered by Elder Bill Schaffer.

3.0 Presentations
 Introductions from RRAI New Staff Members.

- Gord Bruyere, Indigenous Curriculum Specialist.
- Valdine Flaming, Indigenous Projects Officer / Indigenous Curriculum Specialist.
- Melanie Belmore, Indigenous Projects Manager / Community-based Indigenous Curriculum Specialist.

4.0 Call to Order
 The meeting was called to order at 1:12 pm by Chair, K. Hyde.

5.0 Chairperson's Remarks
 Received for information.
 Chairperson's remarks included welcoming new student member, Nicole McKenzie, as well as acknowledging Olivia McCorrison as an Honour 150 Recipient.

6.0 Adoption of Agenda
 It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / Y. Kong
 With the following addition:
 - Item 9.4.2 AC-01-xx Admissions Policy – New Policy
THAT the agenda for February 23, 2021 be accepted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-6.0
 Adoption of Agenda

7.0 Acceptance of Minutes
7.1 December 8, 2020 – Meeting Minutes
 It was duly moved and seconded by A. Crowe / H. Smith
THAT the LC accept the Minutes of December 8, 2020 as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-7.1
 Acceptance of Minutes
 December 8, 2020

8.0 Business Arising

8.1 President's Report

President's Report received for information. The report included but was not limited to:

- Congratulations to six faculty members that recently obtained Tenure and/or Promotion.
- Manitoba Government has released its Skills, Talent and Knowledge Strategy.
- UCN had submitted a program approval to run a DPN program in Thompson and has been advised that this is in the final stages of the approval process.
- Micro credentials for Limited Health Care Aide and Vaccination training was offered in partnership with Red River College.
- UCN is working on establishing its position relating to Research.
- Became a member of the Conference Board of Canada's Center for the North. With membership comes free attendance for some conferences. If LC members are interested in participating, this is available.
- UCN is also a member of Manitoba Industry Academia Partnership (MIAP) and will help to facilitate better interaction with industry.
- Working on process to help strengthen our Governance.

8.2 VPAR's Report

VPAR's Report received for information. The report included but was not limited to:

- Spring Term will be primarily online and remote. Guidelines will be shared.
- Working with RRC to help refresh medical professionals in their ability to deliver vaccinations. UCN provides the lab portion of the training.
- REAL Committee will be looking at the Post-Covid world as well as looking at their research strategy development.
- Applications are at approximately 360 (260 out of the system, plus another 100 through the online application system). This time last year applications were at 220.
- Have engaged assistance, through a Steering Committee, to assist with the review and development of the TOR and Processes and Procedures for the Tenure and Promotion Committee.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Learning Council Ratifications

9.1.1 LC Student Representative, The Pas Campus - Email Vote January 25, 2021

The following motion was approved through an email vote. The first two votes received were considered the mover and seconder of the motion. All LC members were notified of this in the email sent January 25, 2021.

It was duly moved and seconded by R. Penner / D. Smith

THAT the Learning Council move to ratify the following appointments to Learning Council;

- Nicole McKenzie, Student Member The Pas Campus, University, for a term of one year, to commence February 1/21 and conclude on June 30/22.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-9.1.1
Learning Council
Ratifications
LC Student
Representative, The
Pas Campus

9.1.2 LC Student Representative, Thompson Campus

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / H. Briggs

THAT the Learning Council move to ratify the following appointments to Learning Council;

- Kelly Laybolt, Student Member Thompson Campus, University, for a term of one year, to commence February 23/21 and conclude on June 30/22.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-9.1.2
Learning Council
Ratifications
LC Student
Representative,
Thompson Campus

9.2 Learning Council Standing Committee Ratifications

It was duly moved and seconded by T. Bell-Tulman / A. Malik
 THAT the Learning Council move to ratify the following appointments to the Learning Council Standing Committee:

Research Education & Learning Committee

- Anderson Assuah, University Faculty, for a term of three years to commence February 23, 2021 and conclude on June 30, 2024.
- Gordon Bruyere, Indigenous Curriculum Specialist, ex-officio

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-9.2
 Learning Council
 Standing Committee
 Ratifications

9.3 Elections for LC

Received for Information. Call for nominations will take place the end of February for Learning Council and subcommittees of Learning Council. Names of candidates shall be recommended for appointment at the April meeting of the Learning Council, with terms to begin in August of the year of acclamation/election and to end June 30th, year to be determined by each Committee TOR.

9.4 Curriculum & Standards Motion**9.4.1 Request for Course Change: RJP.1100 Restorative Justice 1**

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / T. Bell-Tulman
THAT the Learning Council approve the removal of the pre-requisite to RJP. 1100 Restorative Justice 1, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-9.4.1
 Request for Course
 Change: RJP.1100
 Restorative Justice 1

9.4.2 AC-01-xx Admissions Policy – New Policy

It was duly moved and seconded by H. Briggs / G. Stott
THAT the Learning Council approve New Policy AC-01-xx Admissions Policy, as presented; as well as approve the deletion of existing Policy AC-01-04 Returning Students

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-02/23/21-9.4.2
 AC-01-xx Admissions
 Policy – New Policy

9.5 Online Teaching Issues

Discussion at Learning Council Executive meeting acknowledging staff, instructors and students' learning curve with blended learning. Opportunity for LC Members to provide feedback.

10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports

10.1 Executive Committee Report – Verbal Report Received for Information

10.2 Academic Appeals Committee Report – No Report

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

10.6 Equity Committee Report – No Report

10.7 Library Committee Report – Report Received for Information

10.8 Research Education & Learning Committee Report – Report Received for Information. Learning Council requested that REAL investigate the timing of the winter Reading Week Break, and the potential of a fall break.

LC-02/23/21-10.8
 REAL Committee
 Request

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Stott / H. Briggs

THAT the LC request that REAL investigate the potential to alter the structure of the Reading Breaks.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

11.0 Tri-Council Reports**11.1 Council of Elders – B. Schaffer**

Council of Elders will meet March 24/21.

11.2 Governing Council – D. Nesbit

- No Governing Council Report.

11.3 Student Report – Nicole McKenzie

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

- Students are looking for more engagement from instructors in class to keep students motivated.
- Student requests that Academic Advisors have zoom rooms so students can meet with them over zoom instead of only email and telephone.
- UCNLearn Course Websites are hard to navigate because not all instructors are using it the same way.
- Virtual Study Room has been beneficial for the students that use it, and helps them feel connected to other students.

12.0 Roundtable

- UCN's Truth and Reconciliation Gathering will take place virtually on April 7 & 8/21.

13.0 Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by Bill Schaeffer.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m. by H. Briggs.

The next Learning Council meeting will take place on April 20/21 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn

14.0 Information and Correspondence

Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer



Dr. K. Hyde, Learning Council Chair

April 20, 2021

Dated

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