

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm -4:30 pm

Zoom: 699.627.8649



University College
of the North

| PRESENT | | Present Non-Voting/Ex-Officio | | GUESTS/RESOURCES |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--|
| A. Barbour-Stevenson | D. Lauvstad | M. Belmore | H. Warnar | T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Executive Officer /President's Office Manager |
| C. Bignell | G. Melko | J. Fitzpatrick | C. Woodson | |
| H. Bryant | Dr. R. Neckoway | G. Kreuger | N. Zukic | |
| Dr. A. Hossain | Dr. S. Peter | S. Nemeth | | |
| Dr. K. Hyde | M. Petricone | D. Smith | | |
| Dr. T. Islam | P. Scheveck | | | |
| | D. Smeltzer | | | |
| | H. Smith | | | |
| REGRETS | | Regrets Non-Voting/Ex-Officio | | ABSENT |
| K. Barr | E. Paradis | L. Loewen | | E. Jebb |
| D. Beardy | A. Pulayanparambil | | | D. Williamson (ex-officio) |
| J. Grant | Thankachan | | | |
| Dr. A. Kamal | Dr. G. Stott | | | |
| Dr. A. Oredogbe | T. Weenusk | | | |
| | C. Wyatt-Anderson | | | |

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 1:07 p.m. by Chair, Dr. Selvin Peter.

4.0 Chairperson's Remarks

The Chair welcomed members to the last meeting of the academic year, and acknowledged members that terms have come to an end. The Chair thanked Gary Melko for serving the last six years on the Learning Council and time served on the Executive Committee; as well as Candace Bignell for serving the last four years on the Learning Council. Student members Dwight Beardy and Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan were recognized for serving as student members.

5.0 Adoption of Agenda

It was duly moved and seconded by K. Hyde / M. Petricone

THAT the agenda for June 17, 2025, be accepted with the following revisions:

- Item 9.1 Request for New Course: Microbiology - revised forms emailed June 13/25.
- Add Item 9.11 Learning Council Ratification - Academic Advisor
- Add Item 9.12 Notice of Election of LC Chair and Vice-Chair
- Add Item 9.13 Notice of Elections to LC Executive Committee

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-5.0
Adoption of Agenda

6.0 Acceptance of Minutes

April 22, 2025 – Meeting Minutes

It was duly moved and seconded by G. Melko / A. Hossain

THAT the minutes of April 22, 2025, be accepted as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-6.0
Acceptance of Minutes
April 22, 2025

7.0 Presentations**7.1 Nil****8.0 Business Arising****8.1 President's Report**

D. Lauvstad provided a verbal report which included:

- Thank you to all faculty, staff, volunteers, that are involved in ensuring Convocation can move forward.
- Faculty, staff, and students are still being impacted by the wildfires.
- UCN facilities are in use to assist with the wildfire situation. This includes housing for firefighters, providing space for Elders, families and children.
- UCN has a number of items in front of government right now, waiting for funding decision.
- UCN has been asked to submit an application against a \$5 million fund to support the growth of apprenticeships.
- There has been a lot of discussion with government and industry with regards to the Critical Mineral Strategy, and what UCN can do to support the new economic renewal.

8.1.1 VP Strategic Growth Activity Report

Dr. Dan Smith provided updates to the written report which included:

- Lynette Plett has retired. The position will not be replaced.
- The Academic Plan has been delayed to the fall.
- The Academic Governance Review Report is expected at the end of June 2025, with implementations this fall.
- Universities Canada membership fee was not withdrawn, and the question of membership will be followed up in the fall.

8.1.2 VP Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation Activity Report

Dr. Ramona Neckoway provided a verbal report which included:

- Had a busy last few months' planning and hosting the MALS conference and working on the submission to government on the new program proposal for Indigenous Languages Degree.
- There is an online photo album of the MALS conference for those interested.

8.1.3 VP Academic & Research Activity Report

Helga Bryant provided updates to the written report which included:

- Several students were displaced due to wildfires, and were unable to complete clinical placements, specifically relating to the nursing students. UCN is working with students to find placements and is working with registration services and the Dean to ensure that students' status on their transcript is protected until such time as they can finish their senior practicum.
- Community Based Programing (offering programs in communities) can be challenging and complex. UCN is working through a framework (relevant policies, process, structures, engagements, etc.) to bring forward to the appropriate LC Standing Committees and Learning Council.
- Increasing conversations with Red River College Polytech regarding an LPN to RN Program. A proposal will be submitted to government.
- Pathway to Post-Secondary Education is receiving more interest from government. UCN has been asked to make some revisions to the proposal.
- Jackie Fitzpatrick is working with UCN sponsors regarding a Sponsors

Forum in Thompson this fall.

- The program reviews will have an additional informal internal review to enhance the formal program review process. It is a structured way of having the Dean and faculty discuss the program each year. The external program review will continue to take place. Program Advisory Committees will be revived in areas that don't have them.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Request for New Course: Microbiology

Vice-Chair, M. Petricone referenced the revised submission emailed on June 13/25. Dr. Selvin Peter provided an overview of the request for a New Course: Microbiology.

Lab will be removed from Delivery Method, Section B.

It was duly moved and seconded by P. Scheveck / K. Hyde

THAT the Learning Council approve the Request for New Course: Microbiology, revised version emailed on June 13/25, with the removal of Lab as a Delivery Method.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.1

Request for New Course:
Microbiology

9.2 Request for New Course: Human Anatomy

Vice-Chair, M. Petricone referenced the submission on page 34 of the meeting package. Dr. Selvin Peter provided an overview of the request for a New Course: Human Anatomy.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Barbour-Stevenson / K. Hyde

THAT the Learning Council approve the Request for New Course: Human Anatomy, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.2

Request for New Course:
Human Anatomy

9.3 Request for New Course: Human Physiology

Vice-Chair, M. Petricone referenced the submission on page 41 of the meeting package. Dr. Selvin Peter provided an overview of the request for a New Course: Human Physiology.

It was duly moved and seconded by P. Scheveck / A. Barbour-Stevenson

THAT the Learning Council approve the Request for New Course: Human Physiology, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.3

Request for New Course:
Human Physiology

9.4 Request for Program Change: Science Minor

Vice-Chair, M. Petricone referenced the submission on page 48 of the meeting package. Dr. Selvin Peter provided an overview of the request for a Program Change: Science Minor.

Program Content, Year or Level of Program, for all courses will read Level 1.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Hossain / A. Barbour-Stevenson

THAT the Learning Council approve the Request for Program Change: Science Minor, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.4

Request for Program
Change: Science Minor

9.5 Policy Revision: LI-04-02 Online Courses from External Database

Learning Council reviewed the submission on page 53 of the meeting package.

It was duly moved and seconded by H. Bryant / M. Petricone

THAT the Learning Council approve the revisions to Policy LI-04-02 Online Courses from External Database, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.5

Policy Revision: LI-04-02
Online Courses from
External Database

9.6 Policy Revision: AC-01-06 Academic and Disciplinary Appeals

Learning Council reviewed the policy revision submission.

The Policy will be returned to the Appeals Committee for reworking of Step 1, the Sharing Circle. Clarification required for the following:

- The student's instructor would be responsible for reaching out to the Dean of Students (responsible for the request of a Campus Elder) or the Tri-Council Executive Officer (responsible for the request of a Council of Elders member). If this is the intent.
- Clarity that the Elder involved would be a UCN Elder (Campus Elder or Council of Elder) not a community Elder. The committee would want to match the skill set and experience to the Elder.
- Guidelines should be created regarding the Sharing Circle – what/how is it used. Discussion that past practice has been used at the informal level, and is done in a restorative justice fashion, which equates to mediation, ensuring that all participating have equal voice, and is led by an Elder.

Action: J. Fitzpatrick and R. Neckoway will work on the guidelines for the Sharing Circle.

9.7 2024/2025 Spring Term Graduand List

It was duly moved and seconded by K. Hyde / H. Smith

THAT the Learning Council approve the 2024/2025 Spring Term Graduand List, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.7

2024/2025 Spring Term
Graduand List

9.8 Learning Council Committee Member Ratification

It was duly moved and seconded by H. Smith / P. Scheveck

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the appointments of Valdine Alycia, College Faculty term August 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, and Aaron Crowe, University Faculty term August 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028, to Learning Council.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.8

Learning Council
Committee Member
Ratification

9.9 LC Standing Committee Member Ratification

K. Hyde and A. Hossain moved to a waiting room (via Zoom) for the discussion and abstained from voting.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Barbour-Stevenson / H. Bryant

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the following appointments:

The Academic Planning Committee:

- Keith Hyde, university faculty, 3-year term, August 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

The Library Committee:

- Amzad Hossain, university faculty, 3-year term, August 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028

The Research, Education and Learning Committee:

- Asfia Kamal, university faculty, 3-year term, August 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.9

LC Standing Committee
Member Ratification

9.10 Learning Council Ratification – Dean Appointments

It was duly moved and seconded by K. Hyde / M. Petricone

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the appointments of Melanie Belmore and Nermin Zukic, Deans, to the Learning Council for a 3-year term August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.10
Learning Council
Ratification – Dean
Appointments

9.11 Learning Council Ratification - Academic Advisor

It was duly moved and seconded by M. Petricone / K. Hyde

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the appointment of Sarah-Lee Manmohan, Academic Advisor, to the Learning Council for a 2-year term August 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-06/17/25-9.11
Learning Council
Ratification – Dean
Appointments

9.12 Notice of Election of LC Chair and Vice-Chair

As per the submission emailed on June 13/25, Learning Council was advised that nominations will take place at the August 2025 Learning Council Meeting.

9.13 Notice of Elections to LC Executive Committee

As per the submission emailed on June 13/25, Learning Council was advised that nominations will take place at the August 2025 Learning Council Meeting.

10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports

10.1 Executive Committee Report - Received for Information

10.2 Academic Appeals Committee Report - Received for Information

10.3 Academic Planning Committee Report - No Report Received

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 - Received for Information

11.0 Tri-Council Reports

11.1 Council of Elders - Elder Tommy Weenusk
No report received.

11.2 Governing Council - Connie Wyatt-Anderson
No report received.

11.3 Student Report

11.3.1 Dwight Beardy, Thompson Campus
No report received.

11.3.2 Ambili Pulayanparambil Thankachan, The Pas Campus
No report received.

11.3.3 Vacancy, Regional Centre
No report received.

12.0 Roundtable

- Thank you to Selvin Peter and Michelle Petricone for fulfilling the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the last year.
- Thank you to Gary Melko for his time on Learning Council and the Executive Committee.

- K. Hyde shared that Elder Mabel Bignell is the first Elder he has had the opportunity to interview for the UCN book project.

Received for information.

13.0

Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by K. Hyde.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. by G. Melko.

Next Learning Council Meeting: August 26, 2025 in The Pas.

Motion to Adjourn

14.0

Information and Correspondence

Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

August 26, 2025

Dated



Dr. S. Peter, Learning Council Chair

August 26, 2025

Dated