

University College of the North

Minutes of the Council of Elders

Wednesday, November 25, 2020
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Zoom
Teleconference: 1.866.279.1594
Participant code: 668739



PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	Guests/Resources
M. Bignell - Opaskwayak M. Jonasson - Wabowden M. Head-Steppan – Flin Flon J. Hunter-Spence - Nelson House N. Leahy - Thompson R. Nabess - Governing Council S. Neff - Grand Rapids B. Partridge - Learning Council B. Schaffer - Swan River M. Spence - Split Lake	N. Halcrow - Cross Lake E. Jebb - Chancellor E. Samatte - UCN Elder The Pas K. Hyde - Learning Council Chair		T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer J. Mayer - President's Office D. Lauvstad - President & Vice-Chancellor D. Smith - VPAR A. Barbour-Stevenson - Manager of Academic Development C. Mateika - Governing Council Chair

1.0 Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was offered by Elder Stella Neff.
A moment of silence was offered for Elder Albert Tait.

2.0 Presentation

2.1 Reconciliation, Research, and Academic Development, Update – Ann Barbour-Stevenson

A. Barbour- Stevenson provided the Elders with updates within the RRAI. This included updates on hiring within RRAI, “Beliefs about Learning”, and request for COE membership on three committees.

3.0 Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson at 9:45 am
C. Mateika provided a few words on behalf of Governing Council.

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

It was duly moved and seconded by S. Neff / J. Huner-Spence
THAT the agenda for November 25, 2020 be adopted with the following additions:

- 6.8 COE Committee Membership
- 6.9 Invitation to Senator Sinclair Lecture

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

COE-11/25/20-4.0
Adoption of Agenda

5.0 Acceptance of Minutes

5.1 September 23, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

It was duly moved and seconded by N. Leahy / Margaret
THAT the COE accept the Minutes of September 23, 2020 as amended:

- Item 2.1 remove duplicate wording “the between”

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

COE 11/25/20-5.1
September 23, 2020
Meeting Minutes

6.0**New Business****6.1 President Update**

Doug Lauvstad provided an update on activities, which include but are not limited to:

- Research and Languages Opportunities.
- COVID-19 Pandemic, how UCN is adapting to meet the needs of the students, faculty and staff. The Sharing Spaces Safely document will be distributed.
- Have been in discussions with government, Red River College, and the NRHA regarding specific training programs to support facilities such as long-term care.
- UCN has provided beds from the Nursing Lab to the Rod McGillivray Care Home to assist in the shortage due to the Covid-19 outbreak.
- Sponsors Forum was held virtually this Fall. The events have been well-received, with the spirit of collaboration, joint problem solving, and student achievement, present throughout.
- Working with individuals from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada to populate a committee, reviewing northern post-secondary education. UCN has a student selected to this committee which will be reporting to Minister Dan Vandal. T. Pidskalny will distribute the news article.
- College and University Presidents are supporting an initiative in which the blueprint committee and AMC will be submitting a funding application for the establishment of two learning hubs as a pilot project. These hubs would operate in communities and provide a safe, comfortable, supported learning environment, for students engaged in remote learning.
- Karl Laubmann, and the ininiwi kiskinmawakewin Centre are presenting video sessions on how to harvest the four medicines along with two other videos; the Willow Offering and Willow Teaching. Mr. Fred Stevens, a Traditional knowledge keeper, shares his understanding of these teachings, on how you can use them in your everyday life. Under normal circumstances, these teaching would be done in a face-to-face workshop, however, due to the pandemic we are hosting these teachings in video format. T. Pidskalny will forward the link to the videos.
- New Thompson Campus Elder, Lynda Neckoway, started on November 2/20.
- Auditor Generals Report has been made public. UCN is working on implementing recommendations.
- A letter to communities has been drafted, advising of the name change, as per recommended by the Council of Elders, to the Regional Centres.

6.2 VPAR's Briefing Report

Received for Information.

6.3 Q2 Reconciliation Report 2020-2021

Received for Information.

6.4 Q2 2020 Research Report

Received for Information.

6.5 Tri-Council Meeting Schedule 2021-2024

T. Pidskalny advised that she is working on the three-year meeting schedule for the Tri-Councils and will present at the next meeting for approval.

6.6 Tri-Council Executive Meeting Update

T. Pidskalny advised that due to the pandemic, a Tri-Council Retreat is placed on hold. However, a meeting of the Tri-Council Executive will be set in the new year.

6.7 COE Executive Committee Vacancy

M. Jonasson advised that there is a vacancy on the COE Executive Committee, opened the floor to nominations.

Stella Neff nominated Martha Spence.
Martha Spence accepted the nomination.

Margaret Head-Steppan nominated Bill Schaffer.
Bill Schaffer declined the nomination.

No further nominations.

Martha Spence determined COE Executive Committee member by acclamation.

COE Committee Membership

6.8 There is a vacancy in the Equity Committee (Learning Council Standing Committee).
Margaret Head-Steppan was nominated, accepted and was re-appointed.

Invitation to Senator Sinclair Lecture

6.9 Received for Information. If a summary of the lecture is offered by Assumption University, T. Pidskalny and J. Mayer will distribute to the Council of Elders.

7.0 COE Activity Reports

7.1 S. Neff – Governing Council
Report received for information.

7.2 B. Schaffer – Learning Council
Learning Council will meet December 8/20.

8.0 COE Self-Monitoring

8.1 2020/2021 Attendance
Received for information.

9.0 Roundtable

- Committee members will bring forth recommendations for membership to the Council of Elders at the next meeting.
- Committee members would like to receive meeting packages via mail.

10.0


Adjournment/Closing Prayer

Closing Prayer was offered by Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence.

COE-11/25/20-10.0
Adjournment/Closing
Prayer

It was duly moved and seconded by B. Schaffer / S. Neff
THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:05 pm.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer

April 21, 2021
Dated



Elder M. Jonasson, Chair

April 21, 2021
Dated