

University College of the North

Minutes of the Learning Council

Date: Tuesday, October 25, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

The Pas Boardroom 132/Thompson Boardroom 409
Zoom: 699.627.8649
Teleconference: 1-866-279-1594
Participant Code: 668739



PRESENT		REGRETS	GUESTS/RESOURCES
Dr. J. Atoyebi	G. Melko	T. Bell-Tulman	T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer /President's Office Manager
Dr. A. Barbour-Stevenson	Dr. A. Oredogbe	C. Bignell	
H. Briggs	R. Penner	Dr. A. Crowe	Ramona Neckoway - Associate Professor & Director, CALC
K. Laycock	L. Plett	T. Islam	Olivia Boyce - Program & Policy Analyst, CALC
D. Lauvstad	Dr. D. Smith	Dr. Y. Kong (Co-Chair)	
Dr. A. Malik	H. Smith	B. Kruk	
L. Markus	Dr. G. Stott (Co-Chair)	Dr. K. Stedronsky	
		G. Guiboche (ex-officio)	
NON-VOTING / EX-OFFICIO		ABSENT	
D. Dalcanale (ex-officio)	Dr. V. Zeran (ex-officio)	E. Jebb	
J. Fitzpatrick (ex-officio)			

1.0 UCN Traditional Territory Acknowledgement.

2.0 Opening Prayer
A moment of reflection was provided.

3.0 Presentations
3.1 CALC Updates and Next Steps
Received for information.

4.0 Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:36 p.m. by LC Co-Chair, G. Stott.

5.0 Chairperson's Remarks
Chairperson's remarks were received for information.

6.0 Adoption of Agenda
It was duly moved and seconded by A. Oredogbe / H. Briggs
THAT the agenda for October 25, 2022 be accepted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-10/25/22-6.0
Adoption of Agenda

7.0 Acceptance of Minutes
7.1 **September 27, 2022 – Meeting Minutes**
It was duly moved and seconded by J. Atoyebi / A. Barbour-Stevenson
THAT the minutes of September 27, 2022 be accepted as presented.
This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-10/25/22-7.1
Acceptance of Minutes
September 27, 2022

8.0 Business Arising
8.1 **President's Report**
President's Report received for information.

8.2 **VPAR's Report**
VPAR's Report received for information.

8.3 Eduroam

Learning Council was advised that IT is working on the possibility of utilizing Eduroam.

8.4 Universities Canada

Universities Canada is an advocacy group for universities and provides support to students. UCN is not a part of Universities Canada. There have been issues with UCN students applying to institutions out of province and being dismissed because of an assumption that UCN wasn't an accredited institution, as UCN doesn't belong to Universities Canada.

UCN did look at joining several years ago. The application process was complex and issues previously raised as major barriers to UCN joining include:

- The presence of college members on Learning Council
- The role that Elders played on the Learning Council Committees, as voting members

Consideration was also given to the approximate \$30K annual membership fee.

At that time Learning Council supported Administration to withdraw the application.

Recently, an applicant seeking admissions to a Masters Program, received a response stating they weren't accepted as UCN was not a member. D. Smith pursued the matter with the institution and they reversed their decision. There have been other students that have been accepted into various universities, including in Ontario, without issue.

Discussion ensued regarding if LC should pursue membership.

Action: Learning Council will create an ad-hoc committee to review:

- what the value is of being a member of Universities Canada,
- are there other institutions that do not belong to Universities Canada,
- what is the role of Universities Canada. Is it geared towards turning institutions to look alike? Consider the Council of Elders.

Ad-hoc committee members will include: J. Atoyebi and G. Stott. J. Atoyebi will recruit Learning Council members to sit on the committee, via email.

It was duly moved and seconded by A. Malik / J. Atoyebi

THAT the Learning Council create an ad-hoc committee to investigate the efficacy of joining Universities Canada.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-10/25/22-8.4
Universities Canada

9.0 New Business**9.1 Learning Council & LC Standing Committee Memberships****9.1.1 Election of Learning Council Chair**

The floor was opened for nominations.

No nominations were received.

The floor was opened for nominations of Co-Chairs.

J. Atoyebi nominated G. Stott and Y. Kong. G. Stott accepted and accepted on behalf of Y. Kong, as per their earlier discussion/agreement.

A. Malik nominated K. Laycock. K. Laycock declined.

A. Malik nominated J. Atoyebi. J. Atoyebi declined.

No further nominations.

Y. Kong and G. Stott appointed LC Co-Chairs by acclamation.
Y. Kong and G. Stott will serve as LC Co-Chairs for a one-year term, to conclude June 30, 2023.

9.1.2 Election of Learning Council Vice-Chair

As per Item 9.1.1:

Y. Kong and G. Stott appointed LC Co-Chairs by acclamation.

Y. Kong and G. Stott will serve as LC Co-Chairs for a one-year term, to conclude June 30, 2023.

9.1.3 LC Representative on UCN Governing Council

The LC Executive Committee recommended that the LC Chair and LC Vice-Chair serve as the representative and alternate on Governing Council.

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

THAT the Learning Council ratifies the appointment of Y. Kong and G. Stott as the LC representatives on the UCN Governing Council for a term of one year to conclude on June 30, 2023.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-10/25/22-9.1.3

LC Representative on
UCN Governing Council

9.1.4 LC Nominations - College Faculty (Regional Centre) Appointment

The Council was advised that nominations of College Faculty to the Learning Council was unsuccessful, however, Borys Kruk advised he would be open to an extension of his term.

It was duly moved and seconded by J. Atoyebi / H. Briggs

THAT the Learning Council extend the term of Borys Kruk, College Faculty (Regional Centre) appointment to expire December 31, 2022.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

LC-10/25/22-9.1.4

LC Nominations -
College Faculty
(Regional Centre)
Appointment

9.1.5 LCSC Nominations

The Council was advised that nominations to the Learning Council Standing Committees were unsuccessful.

9.2 Faculty Retention

Learning Council co-chair Greg Stott shared that concern has been brought forward regarding faculty retention. Discussion ensued regarding faculty aging out, and difficulty recruiting particularly in areas such as teacher education and nurses. Geographical location and salary structures (in some areas) can contribute.

A Faculty Retention Committee was struck quite some time ago but has not moved forward. A recommendation was that this should move forward to HR as this is not only an academic concern but goes beyond that.

Action: Learning Council Executive will review.

9.3 Staff Profiles on UCN Website

Learning Council co-chair Greg Stott shared that there is a concern about the lack of faculty profiles on the UCN website. Discussion ensued.

Action: T. Pidskalny will invite M. Koshel to speak on this issue at Learning Council.

10.0 Learning Council Committee Reports

- 10.1 **Executive Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.2 **Academic Appeals Committee Report** - No Report Received
- 10.3 **Academic Planning Committee Report** - Received for Information
- 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** - No Report Received
- 10.8 **Research Education & Learning Committee Report** - No Report Received

11.0 Tri-Council Reports

- 11.1 **Council of Elders** – Vacancy
No report received.
The Council of Elders meets Wednesday, November 23/22.
- 11.2 **Governing Council** – Linda Markus
Verbal report received for information.
The Governing Council meets Thursday, November 24/22.

11.3 Student Report

- 11.3.1 Vacancy, The Pas Campus
- 11.3.2 Vacancy, Thompson Campus

12.0 Roundtable

Received for information.

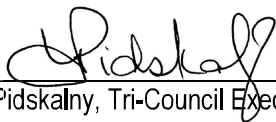
13.0 Adjournment/Closing Prayer

A moment of reflection was provided.
Meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m. by H. Briggs.
The next Learning Council meeting will take place on December 6/22 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn

14.0 Information and Correspondence

Received for Information.



T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer



Greg Stott (Dec 9, 2022 09:57 CST)

Dr. G. Stott, Learning Council Co-Chair

December 6, 2022

Dated

December 9, 2022

Dated