

University College of the North Minutes of the Council of Elders

Wednesday, September 28, 2022
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Thompson Boardroom 409
Zoom: 699.627.8649
Teleconference: 1.866.279.1594
Participant code: 668739



PRESENT	REGRETS	ABSENT	Guests/Resources
F. Albert - Norway House M. Bignell - Opaskwayak G. Guiboche - Learning Council M. Head-Steppan - Flin Flon J. Hunter-Spence - Nelson House M. Jonasson - Wabowden A. McLauchlan - Governing Council S. Neff - Grand Rapids M. Spence - Split Lake T. Weenusk - Oxford House	B. Schaffer - Swan River	N. Halcrow - Cross Lake N. Leahy - Thompson	T. Pidskalny - Tri-Council Exec. Officer J. Mayer - Administrative Assistant D. Lauvstad - President & Vice-Chancellor D. Smith - VPAR A. Barbour-Stevenson - Academic Development N. Lagace - RRAI M. Belmore - RRAI L. Plett - Education & Training Centres D. Williamson - Kenanow Faculty of Education

1.0 Opening Prayer

Opening Prayer was offered by Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence.

2.0 Presentation

2.1 CiCan Indigenous Education Protocol

A. Barbour-Stevenson provided the following recap:

- This is a protocol that approximately 53 different institutions in Canada have signed.
- "In order to reaffirm the importance of Indigenous education, Colleges and Institutes Canada, in consultation with its members and partners in indigenous communities has developed an Indigenous Education Protocol." There are seven principles that UCN would agree to enact or follow through on (if UCN becomes a signatory).
- After review, UCN is following most of the protocols.
- Would the Council of Elders recommend that UCN become a signatory to this protocol?
- Is the explanation under the principles, what's expected, or can it be made unique to the institution?

Action: A. Barbour-Stevenson will follow up on questions posed by the Elders.

2.2 Truth and Reconciliation Strategic Plan

The Elders reviewed the strategic plan which was shared at the August 2022 COE Meeting. The committee is following up regarding input, suggestions, and ideas from the Elders. Nothing was brought forward at this time.

Action: Questions and/or concerns from the Elders will be forwarded to A. Barbour-Stevenson.

2.3 Guy Hill – October 6, 2022

M. Jonasson, J. Hunter-Spence and M. Bignell are registered. Elders interested in attending will advise J. Mayer today.

Presenters: Ann Barbour-Stevenson, Manager of Academic Development; Naithan Lagace, Indigenous Curriculum Specialist; Melanie Belmore, Indigenous Projects Manager/Community-based Indigenous Curriculum Specialist

2.4 Post-Secondary Prep Model

Currently working on a model for the academic area that includes mature high school, post-secondary prep programming, literacy, and essential skills programming. The model is intended to be put in place at both campuses as well as in communities.

An organization was contracted to develop a model, which was overseen by a UCN Steering Committee and Community Coordinators. Faculty and Sponsors from the community were interviewed regarding what was needed to support learners to be successful in post-secondary education.

This will not replace the college and university programming but will support students to be successful in university programming in communities as well as on campus.

2.5 Department Name Change

L. Plett shared that staff provided recommendations for a department name change that would reflect 'what has the department done, what is it doing now, and what do they want to do in the future'. This will not affect the name of the Education and Training Centres but will be a new name for the internal department. Staff involved included coordinators from the Education and Training Centres, instructors from the mature high school program in Thompson, and an instructor from the Tataskweyak high school program. They want the name to reflect that there are many paths, many roads, to teaching and learning.

Action: Elders Stella Neff and Mabel Bignell will review the name and provide advice.

Presenters: Lynette Plett, AVP Education & Training Centres and David Williamson, Instructor, Prep for Post-Secondary Education

3.0 Call to Order

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Elder Martha Jonasson at 10:49 a.m.

4.0 Adoption of Agenda

It was duly moved and seconded by A. McLauchlan / F. Albert
THAT the agenda for September 28, 2022, be adopted as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

COE-09/28/22-4.0
 Adoption of Agenda

5.0 Acceptance of Minutes**5.1 August 24, 2022 - Meeting Minutes**

It was duly moved and seconded by M. Spence / A. McLauchlan
THAT the COE accept the Minutes of August 24, 2022, as presented.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

COE-09/28/22-5.1
 August 24 Meeting
 Minutes

6.0 Committee Business**6.1 Committee of the Whole – In-Camera**

It was duly moved and seconded by M. Jonasson / S. Neff
THAT the Council of Elders adjourn to Committee of the Whole at 10:55 am.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

COE-09/28/22-6.1
 Committee of the Whole

Dan Smith departed the meeting (zoom) at 10:55 am.

Doug Lauvstad departed the meeting at 10:55 am.

6.1.1 COE Member to a Special T&P Committee

The Council of Elders appointed Elder Freda Albert to a Special Tenure and Promotion Committee.

It was duly moved and seconded by T. Weenusk / M. Spence

THAT the Council of Elders reconvene from Committee of the Whole at 11:05 am.

This Motion was put to a vote and CARRIED

Doug Lauvstad returned to the meeting at 11:05 am.

6.2 President's Update

Verbal report received for information

6.3 Linkages: Northern Manitoba and the World

Linkages will be held in The Pas October 20 and 21/22. The following COE members are registered: Elders M. Jonasson, B. Schaffer, F. Albert and M. Spence. Hotel rooms have been booked, checking in October 19 and checking out October 22/22.

6.4 COE Membership

Elizabeth Bear from Pukatawagan has recommended a potential member to COE.

Action: M. Jonasson will follow up.

6.5 COE Representative on UCN Governing Council

Elder Stella Neff advised that she will step down as the representative on GC.

Action: The Elders will contemplate their interest and discuss at the next meeting.

6.6 Representation on Learning Council Standing Committees

A review of COE representation on LCSC were reviewed, and the following (re)appointments were made:

6.6.1 LC Academic Planning Committee

Elder Mabel Bignell will continue to serve on this committee to the end of her term.

6.6.2 LC Appeals Committee

Elder Stella Neff will continue to serve on this committee.

6.6.3 LC Awards Committee

Elder Bill Schaffer has served on this committee since November 2021.

Action: Will discuss at the next meeting.

6.6.4 LC Curriculum & Standards Committee

Elder Mabel Bignell will continue to serve on this committee.

6.6.5 LC Library Committee

Elder Nick Halcrow has served on this committee since September 2020.

Action: Will discuss at the next meeting.

6.6.6 LC Research Education & Learning Committee

Elder Jimmy Hunter-Spence will continue to serve on this committee.

6.6.7 UCN Tenure & Promotion Committee

Elder Stella Neff has served on this committee since November 1, 2020, with Term Ends October 31, 2022.

Action: The Elders will contemplate their interest and discuss at the next meeting.

6.7 COE Chair and Vice Chair

Tabled. The COE discussed and nominations will take place at the next meeting.

6.8 COE Executive Committee

Tabled. The COE discussed and appointments will take place at the next meeting.

7.0 COE Activity Reports**7.1 S. Neff – Governing Council**

No report.

Governing Council met on August 25/22. The next meeting is on September 29/22.

7.2 B. Schaffer – Learning Council

No report.

Learning Council met on September 27/22. The next meeting is on October 25/22.

8.0 COE Standing Items**8.1 Address Issues/Concerns**

- Would like to see more community engagement from UCN.
- Are community assessments done, and who does this? How do we recruit students? Elder Stella Neff advised that Grand Rapids has an Adult Ed Instructor that does assessments prior to program enrolment.
- Would like to have the COE meetings scheduled for a full day. A motion will be brought forward at the November meeting.
- Letter to UCN Instructor Katrin Stedronsky regarding a proposed Medicine Garden will be sent to the Chair for review.

9.0 Self-Monitoring**9.1 2022/2023 Attendance**

Received for information.

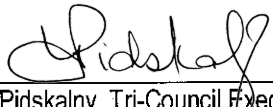

9.2 COE Record of Motions 2022-2023

Received for information.

10.0 **Roundtable**
Received for information.

11.0 **Adjournment/Closing Prayer**
Closing Prayer was offered by Elder Martha Spence.
The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m. by G. Guiboche.
Next meeting: November 23/22 at 9:00 am in The Pas.

COE-09/28/22-10.0
Adjournment/Closing
Prayer

 _____ T. Pidskalny, Tri-Council Executive Officer	 _____ Elder M. Jonasson, Chair
November 23, 2022 Dated	November 23, 2022 Dated