



UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC

DRAFT MINUTES

These are minutes of the Ninth Meeting of the Council of the University of the Arctic, held in Bodø Norway from June 13 – 16, 2006 and hosted by Bodø University College.

N.B.: Agenda items are presented in order of the original agenda, even though they may have been dealt with out of sequence during the actual meeting. The minutes contain web links to presentations, background notes and draft proposals, while they do not provide summaries of these. The focus of the minutes is the final decisions; in the few cases where it is relevant they strive to give an overview of the various views from the discussions.

List of participants in Appendix A.

Session 1: Welcoming Session

1. Opening of the Meeting

Welcome and opening remarks from Frode Mellemvik, Rector of Bodø University College.

2. Introduction of the Officers [\[proposal\]](#)

Council approved Claudia Fedorova as Chair, and Jim McDonald as Vice-Chair of council.

3. Introduction of Planning Committee

The Council Chair and officers introduced the Planning Committee and thanked them on behalf of council for their work in organizing the meetings.

4. Approval of Agenda

[\[Draft Agenda\]](#)

Council approved the agenda, with agenda item #17 moved to session 9, and a copy of the proposal circulated to council members.

5. Approval of Minutes

[\[Draft Minutes\]](#)

Council approved the minutes from the previous council meeting, May 2005, in Oulu Finland.

6. BCS Graduation Ceremony

Former Council of UArctic Chair Sally Webber, Bodø University College Rector Frode Mellemvik, UArctic Dean of Undergraduate Studies Greg Poelzer, and Bodø University



UArctic is endorsed by the
International Polar Year (IPY)

College BCS academic leader Bjorn Sagdahl and Instructor Lisbeth Glanfield presented 17 students with Bachelors of Circumpolar Studies. The bachelor degree graduation of the first Circumpolar Studies (BCS) students represented a milestone in the development of the University of the Arctic. The Council applauded and proudly welcomed the following students:

List of Graduates:

- Olga Igorevna Kryachko
- Kristine Tjøland Braut
- Nikolay Danilov
- Alexander Feldt
- Tove Gralck
- Jørn Grønvold
- Ekaterina Kotlova
- Ruth Kühn
- Maria Lesonen
- Eugenia Morozova
- Victoria Revina
- Alexey Sholomitsky
- Audeem Sjrampmas
- Jgor Tchechuyev
- Natalya Tikhonova
- Vasily Trofimenko
- Alexey Tugushev

7. UArctic 5 Years: Milestones and Recognitions

UArctic President Lars Kullerud and Director of Administration Outi Snellman recognized the following individuals for their contributions to UArctic during its early years.

- Sally Webber (Yukon Canada), Council of UArctic Chair 2001-2005
- Bill Heal (Durham, UK), Chair of the first Task Force on the University of the Arctic 1997, author of the first Development Plan
- Asgeir Brekke (University of Tromsø, Norway), Chair of CUA Working Group on the University of the Arctic 1997-1998, Interim council Chair 1998-2001
- Claudia Fedorova (Sakha State University, Russia), Council of UArctic Vice Chair 2001-2005
- Olav Hesjedal (Scandinavian Seminar Group), BCS program team 1998-2004, south2north Task Force chair 2005

- Cindy Dickson (Arctic Athabaskan Council, Canada), Indigenous Issues Committee chair 2001-2005
- Jón Haukur Ingimundarson (Steffanson Arctic Institute, Iceland), BCS program team co-chair 1999-- 2003
- Esko Riepula (University of Lapland), Host for the Secretariat for the Feasibility Study on the University of the Arctic 1997-1998, Host for the UArctic Coordination Office 1998-2001, Host of UArctic International Secretariat 2001- 2006

8. UArctic Catalogue Launch

UArctic Catalogue Steering Committee Chair, Eystein Markussón, introduced the UArctic Online Catalogue to the Council. The Catalogue generated enthusiasm as an important tool for UArctic to promote relevant education at its member institutions. The Catalogue can be found at <http://studies.uarctic.org>.

Session II: Membership and Nominations

9. Introduction of New Members

16 applicants were nominated to become members of the University of Arctic – 13 in the higher education institution category and 3 in the other organisations category. 15 applicants made presentations of their institutions. The Nenets Agrarian Economical Technical School did not make a presentation.

- [Summary of Applications](#)
- [Applicants](#)

10. Approval of New Members [\[proposal\]](#)

Before approving the new members, the issue of defining the membership categories and determining which category new members should be placed was brought up by council members. The Membership and Nomination Committee Chair concluded that the Committee will review the categories and present outcome at the next council meeting.

a. Council accepts in the higher education category:

- Bifröst School of Business [\[presentation\]](#)
- Diaconia-Polytechnic (DIAK), Oulu Unit [\[presentation\]](#)
- Humanistinen Ammattikorkeakoulu, HUMAK [\[presentation\]](#)
- Høgskolen i Nesna/Nesna University College [\[presentation\]](#)
- Memorial University of Newfoundland [\[presentation\]](#)
- Northern International University [\[presentation\]](#)
- Sámi Educational Centre [\[presentation\]](#)
- University Center of the West Fjords [\[presentation\]](#)
- Yakutsk Institute in Moscow [\[presentation\]](#)

- Yugra State University [\[presentation\]](#)
- L.V. Laptswui Performing Arts and Culture College [\[presentation\]](#)
- Salekhard Pedagogical College of the Peoples of the Far North named after Hero of the Soviet Union A.M Zverev [\[presentation\]](#)
- Yamal Polar Argoeconomic College

Before the second vote, Olga Tchorossova from the Yakutsk Teacher Retraining Institute asked for her institution to be moved to the higher education category. Council decides to vote the institute into the other organisations category and asked the Membership and Nominations Committee to review their status shortly after the council meeting.

The Nenets Agrarian Economic Technical School is welcome to give a presentation to the council next year and will be considered for membership if the institution shows an interest to do so.

b. Council accepts in the category of other organisations

- International Centre for Reindeer Husbandry (ICR) [\[presentation\]](#)
- Yakutsk Retraining Institute [\[presentation\]](#)

11. Nomination of Student Representative for the Board [\[proposal\]](#)

The Council appointed Marit Henriksen from Sami University College to the position of student representative on the UArctic Board of Governors.

12. Board of Governors Continuation of Term [\[proposal\]](#)

Council appointed Mary Simon to the UArctic Board of Governors to a three-year term renewal finishing in the 2009 Council meeting.

13. Proposal for Friends [\[proposal\]](#)

Council appointed Sally Webber, Charles Jago, and Arthur Chilingarov to be members of the Friends of UArctic.

14. Member Survey, member 5 year-review

Membership and Nominations Committee Chair, Jim McDonald, made a presentation about UArctic's yearly membership survey. McDonald stressed the importance for all members to fill out the annual membership survey.

UArctic member institutions that have not filled out the survey for 2006 are asked to do so.

The membership committee is working on the details on how it shall conduct the 5 year membership review. The committee has however decided to consider members who do not fill out the survey two times in a row, and then do not react to reminders, as inactive and no longer members of the Council of the University of the Arctic . Members who are removed are welcome to reapply for UArctic membership.

The membership committee further informed that the following three institutions are no longer members of UArctic:

- Barents Virtual University (closed down)
- Helsinki University of Technology (withdrawal)
- Skeria Utveckling (withdrawal)

Session III: UArctic's Progress and Future Development

15. President's Report of 2005 and a Look Forward

Lars Kullerud, President of UArctic

- [Annual report](#)

Council members asked several questions about the annual report. Ms. Heather Myers, from UNBC, asked to see UArctic's expenditures to see where UArctic is spending its money. Mr. Kullerud said that a full overview of both income and spending in UArctic is dependent on members reporting in the annual membership survey. The full overview will be available as soon as more members find time to provide necessary information.

Ms. Lene Oftedal, from the Norwegian Ministry of Education and Research, asked about the status of UArctic's evaluation. She also asked about funding from Greenland/Denmark and Sweden. Mr. Kullerud said there are national fundraising teams operating in most countries. In Denmark/Greenland we have very strong support, but unfortunately not from the majority of the parliament. In Sweden we do have support for the north2north program and it is important that our Swedish members re-engage in the fundraising campaign. For the last year, and also for a while to come, the main focus will be to secure considerably increased and stable funding in Canada. Further it is a priority to work with our Russian members to find national funding for north2north exchanges. Regarding the evaluation of UArctic, Mr. Kullerud said the evaluation had to be put aside for the time being because of a lack of political support in the Arctic Council and the following lack of financial support for this activity.

16. Follow Up to 2004 Reykjavik Declaration on Education and Research [\[proposal\]](#)

Council accepted the proposal and decided:

1. The Council asks UArctic to appoint an ad hoc task force with representatives from relevant programs and members that will develop comprehensive responses to the process initiated with the Reykjavik Declaration, with an assessment of UArctic's Strategic areas.
2. The Council also instructs Toyon to follow up, and, when needed, decide on any relevant programmatic responses.
3. The Council looks forward to a concrete proposal for the further development of UArctic programmatic activities in the 2007 meeting of the Council of UArctic as a first step of a forthcoming revision of the Strategic Plan.

17. Academic Quality Committee [\[report\]](#)

The Academic Quality Committee proposal was shared with the council in paper form by the Committee Chair Geir Gotaas. The Committee proposed that the council

- welcomes the report from the AQC
- encourages the Program Teams to continue the development of their internal quality mechanisms, keeping a clear focus on the importance of maintaining the reputation of the UArctic as a high quality network at all programme levels - from Bachelor to PhD.
- Suggests that a system for consistent, fair and reliable collection and processing of student evaluation of courses and programmes is introduced.
- encourages UArctic to take an initiative to facilitate an external and independent evaluation of its programmes. In the event that lack of funding makes it difficult to evaluate the whole range of programmes, the AQC recommends that an evaluation of the BCS programme is given first priority.

The council accepted the proposal from the Academic Quality Committee

Program Panel Discussion

Chair: Lars Kullerud

Panel Members:

- Greg Poelzer, Chair of BCS [\[program report\]](#)
- Eystein Markusson, chair of Field School [\[program report\]](#)
- Rasmus Rasmussen, chair of PhD Networks
- Gunn-Elin Fedreheim, north2north [\[program report\]](#)
- Astrid Revhaug, GoNorth [\[program report\]](#)
- Kaijaleena Serlo, chair of northTREX
- Leo Pekkala, chair of ALE [\[program report\]](#)
- Kari Laine, chair of Thematic Networks [\[program report\]](#)
- Martin Jeffries, chair of IPY Committee [\[program report\]](#)
- Chris Southcott, chair of MIMIR [\[program report\]](#)
- Jón Haukur Ingimundarson, NRF

Each program chair introduced themselves, gave their background, and described the program that they are a part of and further they highlighted their vision for program development in the coming years.

The mobility programs (north2north, GoNorth, and northTREX) discussed their vision for their programs for the next three to five years. Astrid Revhaug, chair of GoNorth, said she wants to see the program as a flourishing supplement to north2north. Gunn-Elin Fedreheim, from north2north, said she the program would like to see more students going to Russia. Kaijaleena Serlo said she would like to see an improvement with northTREX's numbers, to have more cooperation with BCS and the Thematic Networks Program.

Greg Poelzer, chair of BCS, discussed problems in finding resources for the program. He gave examples of how some UArctic member institutions have given assistance to the program, and encouraged other members to do the same.

Rasmus Rasmussen from (PhD Networks), Eystein Markusson (Field School) and Kari Laine (Thematic Networks) and Leo Pekkala (ALE) all discussed the need for the all the programs to cooperate with each other, and to also carefully consider the follow-up to the Reykjavik Declaration in terms of developing UArctic's graduate area.

Martin Jeffries, chair of IPY Committee, said IPY has come at the perfect time for UArctic, and that IPY can put UArctic on the map.

Council members asked the panel several questions especially about teacher exchanges, and how to create more teacher exchanges. Leslie King, from the University of Manitoba, also asked about the need to create a UArctic research committee.

Session IV: Breakout Sessions

See Appendix B for summaries of the breakout sessions

Session VII: Panel Debate

Debate topic: Can Oil and Gas Go Hand in Hand with the Fisheries and Tourism in the North?

Panel Chair: Frode Mellemvik, Bodø University College

Panellists: Aili Keskitalo, President of the Norwegian Sameting

Geir Knutson, County Executive manager, Nordland

Bjørn Kristoffersen, Manager for Health, Security and Environment , Statoil

Inger Oline Røsvik, Department Director Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and coastal management

Circumpolar Experiences: Prepared Comments from the Floor

Moderator: Richard Caulfield, University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA

The Prepared views and question were given by:

- Dr. Michael Collins, Associate Vice-President (Academic), Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada
- Dr Joan Nymand Larsen, Senior Scientist and Assistant Professor, Stefansson Arctic Institute and University of Akureyri Iceland
- Ms. Deanna Nyce, Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a Chief Executive Officer, New Aiyansh, BC, Canada
- Mr. Ben Ellis, Institute of the North Managing Director, Anchorage USA
- Dr Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, Professor, NORS North, Atlantic Regional Studies, Roskilde University, Denmark

- Elena Krikunenko, Outreach coordinator, Center for Support of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Moscow, Russia

See Appendix D for the informal summary of the panel debate

Session VIII: Breakout Reports II

See Appendix C for summaries of the breakout sessions

18. Endorsement of New Thematic Networks [\[proposal\]](#)

Council accepted the proposal to endorse the creation of four new thematic networks:

- Global Change in the Arctic,
- Social Work within the University of the Arctic,
- Local and Regional Development in the North, and the
- World Image of Indigenous Peoples of the North.

Session IX: Council Business

19. Proposal for Modification of Governance Structure

Geir Gotaas, Council Secretary

Proposal 19 A: New Section on ‘Election Terms and Handling of Vacancies’ was amended. [\[amended proposal\]](#)

Language for the new section on “Election terms and handling of vacancies”:

Election terms:

- The Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary shall be elected for a 3-year term, with the possibility of re-election for a second 3-year term.
- All other elected Council roles in UArctic are normally for 3-year periods, renewable once.

Vacancies during terms:

When a Chair position is open, the Vice Chair fills the role for the rest of the current term of the Vice Chair. If another leading position in UArctic becomes vacant before the end of its term, the position will be replaced by normal election procedures. These procedures include announcement of the vacant position among members, an evaluation by the Membership and Nomination Committee and, finally, a decision at the next Council meeting. The newly elected person will serve out the remainder of the term.

Until such time that an election by Council can be organized, Toyon will make decisions on replacements. The replacement shall normally be elected among members of the body where the vacancy occurs (Toyon members will normally fill council vice chair or secretary roles while committee members fill committee vice chair positions, etc.). The Toyon appointed person will fill the new role with full responsibilities and hold the title of that role. The person

will normally also keep other roles he/she may have. If a position is vacant for a limited time, the same procedures will be applied to identify "acting" persons.

Council decision:

1. The Council approved the modification of the governance document to reflect the proposed general 3 years term, normally renewable once rule.
2. The Council approved modification of the governance document to include the proposed section on how to handle vacancies.
3. The Council asked the Membership and Nominations Committee to immediately act according to the new rules.
4. The Council asked the UArctic Administration to edit the governance document wherever necessary to reflect the agreed changes.

Proposal 19 B: Toyon Criteria

Council Decision: council approved the following addition to the governance document: "Toyon members are normally individuals who hold a leading position in their home institutions and organizations."

20. north2north proposal [\[proposal\]](#)

Mona Johnson, chair of north2north program

Council members asked Ms. Johnson to clarify the proposal. Ms. Johnson responded that the proposal will help institutions to offer courses in English, and to assist students going to those institutions.

Council decision:

Council encouraged the north2north program team to amend its program guidelines in a manner that makes it possible through the north2north program to strengthen less experienced institutions' capacity to participate fully in mobility programs.

21. northTREX proposal [\[proposal\]](#)

Kaijaleena Serlo – chair of northTREX

Council members also asked for clarification of this proposal such as length of exchanges, definition of "teacher", and how many teachers can go on exchanges. After discussion Council amended slightly the language in the proposal.

Revised language: *Every higher education institution in the University of the Arctic commits to the best of their abilities to participate in faculty mobility by sending and receiving at least one faculty member to/from another member institution each academic year.*

Council passes the proposal. Two council members abstain.

22. Information Management Issues: New Website Launch

Outi Snellman, Director of Administration for UArctic

Ms. Snellman presented UArctic's newly redesigned website www.uarctic.org to the Council. The new design was met with applause.

23. Council 2007 [\[proposal\]](#)

Council made the decision to hold the 2007 Council of UArctic meeting in Arkhangelsk Russia hosted by Pomor State University, Arkhangelsk State Technical University and Northern State Medical University.

24. Council 2008 [\[proposal\]](#)

Presentation: Elaine Maloney, University of Alberta [\[presentation\]](#)

Council made the decision to hold the 2008 Council of UArctic meeting in Edmonton Alberta Canada hosted by the University of Alberta.

25. Other business

Ofelas Meeting Following Council

Outi Snellman, Director of Administration for UArctic, showed to Council the agenda for the Ofelas meeting after the Council meeting. The purpose of the Ofelas meeting is to plan the implementation of the decisions taken by Council.

The draft agenda presented:

1. Strategic plan revision process
2. Task force to follow up to the Reykjavik Declaration
3. Membership fee (board) and other issues concerning membership
4. Ofelas meeting in the fall
5. UArctic's involvement in the NRF in 2006
6. The need to formally involve the indigenous issues committee in program development
7. Follow up from the breakout sessions

Closing

All present expressed gratitude to Peter Glanfield, together with the rest of the staff at Bodø University College for their organization and hospitality. Thanks also went to the Officers for their help in managing the meeting, and to Lars Kullerud, Outi Snellman and the International Secretariat for their role in the planning and organization. The Chair also thanked Council members for their invaluable contributions and participation in the discussions.

x A: List of Participants

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Name	Organisation	Country
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CANADA

Mrs Susan Burton	Canadian Circumpolar Mobility Consortium	Canada
Ms. Priscilla Campeau	Athabasca University	Canada
DR. Michael Collins	Memorial University of Newfoundland	Canada
Ms. Cindy Dickson	Arctic Athabaskan Council	Canada
Ms Wendy Donnithorne	Foreign Affairs Canada	Canada
Ms Vivian Elias	Athabasca University	Canada
Dr Peter Geller	University College of the North	Canada
Ms. Amanda Graham	Yukon College	Canada
Dr. Hayley Hesseln	University of Saskatchewan	Canada
Mr. John Iacozza	University of Manitoba	Canada
Ms. Margaret Imrie	Aurora College	Canada
Mr. Darin Issac	Selkirk First Nation	Canada
Dr. Leslie King	University of Manitoba	Canada
Ms. Audra Krueger	University of the Arctic	Canada
Professor Tracey Lindberg	Athabasca University	Canada
Ms. Elaine Maloney	University of Alberta	Canada
Dr James McDonald	ACUNS	Canada
Mr. Gordon Miles	Canadian Polar Commission	Canada
Dr. Heather Myers	University of Northern BC	Canada
Ms. Deanna Nyce	Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a	Canada
Mrs Glenys Plunz	Northlands College	Canada
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Dr. Trudy Sable	Saint Mary's University	Canada
Dr Chris Southcott	Lakehead University	Canada
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Mr Lawrence Webber		Canada
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Denmark

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Dr Marjaana Kopperi	CIMO	FINLAND
Ms Outi Korpilähde	Saami Education Institute	FINLAND
Dr Kari Laine	University of Oulu	FINLAND
Dr Kirsi Latola	University of Oulu	FINLAND
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Mr Harri Malinen	University of Lapland	FINLAND
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Mr Peter Glanfield	Bodø University College	Norway
Mr./Dr. Geir Gotaas	University of Tromsø	Norway
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Mr Alexey Cherenkov	Murmansk Humanities Institute	Russia
Mrs Galina Dubchenko	Salekhard Pedagogical college of the Peoples of the Far North named after A.M. Zverev	Russia
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Ms Rozaliya Gerasimova	Yakutsk Teacher Retraining Institute	Russia
Mrs., PhD Marina Kalinina	Pomor State University	Russia
Mrs Natalia Kolodeznikova	Yakut Institute in Moscow	Russia
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Ms Camilla Wristel	Swedish Institute	Sweden

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USA

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Dr. Richard Caulfield	University of Alaska Fairbanks	USA
Dr. Kathleen Osgood Dana	Sterling College	USA
Mr. Ben Ellis	Institute of the North	USA
Dr. Martin Jeffries	University of Alaska Fairbanks	USA

Appendix B: Breakout Session Reports I

Breakout Sessions Gender Issues and UArctic and the Arctic ICT Assessment did not make presentations.

G. International Polar Year and UArctic

[\[minutes from meeting\]](#)

[\[presentation\]](#)

Chair: Martin Jeffries (UArctic IPY Office, University of Alaska Fairbanks)

Participants: Arja Rautio (Thule Institute, University of Oulu), Michael Collins (Memorial University), Sardana Savina (Arctic State Institute of Culture and Arts), Rick Caulfield (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Jón Haukur Ingimundarson (Steffanson Arctic Institute), Elaine Maloney (University of Alberta), Wendy Donnithorne (Foreign Affairs Canada), Peter Geller (Bodø University College), Rune Rydén (Scandinavian Seminar Group), Glenys Plunz (Northlands College), Hans-Jørgen Wallin Weihe, Heli Hurme (University of Turku), Sigrid Ag (Harstad University College), Gerg Bjørhove (University of Tromsø), Tracey Lindberg (Athabasca University), Priscilla Campeau (Athabasca University), Juha Pentikäinen (University of Helsinki), Evgenia Skakunova (Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District).

The breakout session determined that one of UArctic's goals during IPY is to have more involvement by indigenous peoples through various methods. Members of the breakout session also decided that UArctic should use its various programs and networks to promote IPY and its involvement in IPY. Some challenges of getting involved with IPY, such as bandwidth in northern communities and information overload, were also noted.

UArctic member institutions were encouraged to give their ideas and suggestions on how to get involved with IPY.

H. Integration of Traditional and Scientific Knowledge in Reindeer Husbandry

[\[minutes from meeting\]](#)

[\[presentation\]](#)

Chairs: Anders Oskal (International Centre of Reindeer Husbandry) and Outi Korpilähde (Saami Education Institute)

Participants: Jan Henry Keskitalo (Saami University Collge), Jim McDonald (University of Northern British Columbia), Sergei Bubenshikov (Polar Agricultural College of Yamal), Elena Skakunova (Yamal-Nenets AO), Annelie Nilsson Lindgren (CESAM, University of Umeå), Johan Mathis Turi (International Centre of Reindeer Husbandry), Svein D. Mathiesen (International Centre of Reindeer Husbandry), Anna Margith Påve (Sami Education Centre).

This breakout session discussed what role UArctic should have between the education, scientific and herding systems. The conclusions from the session were that UArctic should create a task force for the integration of educational and scientific knowledge. There is also a clear need to create regional workshops on this issue. The Association of World Reindeer Herders, and the International Centre of Reindeer Herders will take responsibility to create these workshops worldwide.

I. Arctic Energy Summit

[\[presentation\]](#)

Chair: Ben Ellis (Institute of the North)

Participants: Darin Isaac (Selkirk First Nation), Margaret Imrie (Aurora College), Anatoli Bourmistrov, Lars Kullerud (University of the Arctic)

The breakout session developed the following proposal that UArctic:

- provide an academic rep to the International Advisory committee – recommended
- assist in the call for papers/posters and evaluation review – recommended
- assist in securing academic speakers/panellists for 2007 technical conference – recommended
- assist internationally with undergrad/grad research scholarships – recommended
- develop and offer a 500 level course on the Arctic as an energy province – recommended
- assist in publicizing the Arctic Energy Summit in other relevant conferences and symposiums

The breakout group recommended that Ben Ellis lead this initiative with the support of those interested UArctic members.

J. UArctic Online Catalogue – How to Get Involved

[\[presentation\]](#)

Chair: Eystein Markusson (Chair of UArctic Catalogue Steering Committee)

Participants: Camilla Wristel (Swedish Institute), Olav Hesjedal (Scandinavian Seminar Group), Sami Niemelä, Ian Watson (Bifröst School of Business), Amanda Graham (Yukon College).

The breakout session was mainly an information session on the new catalogue. Participants recommended the following be changed, added or removed on the catalogue:

- remove subject headings (less data entry)
- remove bachelor/master distinction
- improve search instructions
- provide an about section and how to enter links
- add information about when institutions can add information to the catalogue

Council members who did not attend the breakout session asked about the removal of the bachelor/master distinction, and some asked to keep the distinction. Mr. Markusson said that would not be a problem, but the member institutions would have to categorize all their courses. Mr. Markusson also told council members that the site has not been tested by any students yet.

K. GoNorth - from Project to Program

[presentation]

Chair: Astrid Revhaug (Chair of GoNorth Program)

Participants: Mikkel Berg, Galina Komarova (Arkhangelsk State Technical University), Pamela Spokes (UHI Millennium Institute), Maria Kontinen (HUMAK University of Applied Sciences), Susan Burton (Lakehead University), Ljubov Radnaeva (Buryat State University), Riitta Kataja (Oulu University), Harri Malinen (University of Lapland), Hege Tønder (Nesna University College)

The breakout session discussed differences between the GoNorth Program and the GoNorth! Erasmus Mundus Project. Participants also discussed future challenges of the program, and ways to attract students.

Appendix C: Breakout Session Reports II

B. Thematic Network on Global Change

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Chairs: Kari Laine and Kirsi Latola (University of Oulu)

Participants: Peter Weiss (University Centre of the West Fjords), Richard Boone (University of Alaska Fairbanks), Audra Krueger (University of Saskatchewan), Elena Keikunen (Center for support of IP of the North), John Iacozza (University of Manitoba), Leslie King (University of Manitoba), Cindy Dickson (Arctic Athabaskan Council), Deanna Nyce (Wilp Wilxo'oskwhl Nisga'a), Bill Heal (Durham University, UK), Pierre-Andre Forrest (University of Lapland), Chris Southcott (Lakehead University)

The breakout session discussed collaboration with other University of the Arctic activities, including cooperation with the Advanced Emphasis BCS courses. The group noted there is a need to identify working group members. There was also discussion about a joint workshop with the Advanced Emphasis group in Kautokeino Norway in September 2006.

C. Thematic Network in Social Work

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No participant List

Social work is a new profession in Russia. Pomor State University in Arkhangelsk involved in cooperation. Challenges are common because problems are caused by a common development.

D. Thematic Network on Local and Regional Development in the North

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No participant List

E. Thematic Network on World Image of Indigenous Peoples of the North

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Chair: Luydmila Zamorshikova

Participants: Kristine Nystad (Saami University College), Vivian Elias (Athabaska University), Karen Langgård (University of Greenland), Claudia Fedorova (Sakha State University), Timo Sorvoja (HUMAK University of Applied Sciences), Zoya Perestyuk (L.V. Laptui Performing Arts and Culture College), Galina Dubchenko (Salekhard Pedagogical College of the Peoples of the Far North named after A.M Zverev).

Following the presentation, Gerd Bjørhovde, from the University of the Tromsø, noted that the term “world image” in the title was problematic because it implies that one is looking at another person from the outside. She suggested that the network should consider changing the title to one that is not ambiguous and describes the activity of people looking at themselves from the inside.

Appendix D: Panel Debate - Can Oil and Gas Go Hand in Hand with the Fisheries and Tourism in the North?

Informal notes:

Lars Kullerud introduced the panel and moderators and invited us to see parallels/similarities between Norway's experience in the North and each of our own. Challenged us to learn from this panel debate and to share our knowledge.

Moderator Richard Caulfield echoed, saying we were about to hear an internal Norwegian debate but that we had an opportunity to apply what we learn from it to each of our own contexts.

Each of the panelists gave a presentation and responded to questions from Council members.

Aili Keskitalo: The Sami are only one of a number of northern Indigenous peoples. Sami Parliament underlines that the Sami have rights to the oil and gas in the region. Believes it's important that the Indigenous communities build confidence and institutions to face challenges in the North. The Sami people like the holistic approach of the Integrated Management Plan for the Barents region, but the Sami Parliament was disappointed that the Sami were not consulted in building the plan. Given the chance to respond to the proposed plan, the Sami chose not to comment on it and demanded special compensation on Barents development. Business has gone farther than the government in recognizing the Sami people as stakeholders. Statoil is a case in point. Of course there are negatives in oil/gas development, but there has already been a lot of development. Especially because of experience of others, such as the Russians, Sami people want to be involved in development. Would like to see ethical standards imposed and adhered to. Keskitalo found the Labrador model discussed by Michael Collins from Memorial University, Canada, interesting and a possible solution to challenges. (Collins described a body that acts as a liaison between fisheries and oil/gas industries and Indigenous peoples. His answer to the question being debated: Yes, for the time being.) Keskitalo does not agree with the Integrated Management Plan. Does not believe in a Klondike for northern Norway. Responding to Deanna Nyce's question about quality of life and whether the oil and gas industry was relying on an economy of poverty, Keskitalo worried to hear about BC Indigenous communities who are not prepared for the social impacts of industry. (Nyce is a social scientist from the Nisga'a people on the northwest coast of British Columbia, Canada. Described overtures the oil and gas industry has made in her community, including requests that the post-secondary institutions train people for industry. Are the communities engaged? – or are they only responding? There are promises that oil and gas will contribute to a better quality of life, but there are social problems in Fort McMurray and elsewhere in and around Alberta have escalated.) Keskitalo agrees with Knutson that authorities can do much more than business alone. Agrees with Knutson that authorities can do so much more than business alone. Need wealth-sharing and investment. Need more Indigenous hands and heads. Need to build competencies to face challenges and engage in dialogue. Need resources to be true partners. It is a challenge.

Geir Knutson: Northern Norway will play a key role in oil and gas development. There is a focus on protecting sea areas of Lofoten and the Barents Sea. Storting debated this yesterday: there will be no exploration or drilling in these areas for the first 10 years. Say Yes to better technology. Optimism for economic/social growth. Limited timeframe to take advantage of this opportunity: there is a window of opportunity to invest in renewable resources of maybe

only 50-100 years. Mutual understanding and respect are needed to plan and solve problems. New technology will make it a safer world in which to extract oil and gas. Fisheries and fish-farming present new challenges. Norway is beautiful: potential for tourism. Demands on education, research. New ecosystem management. Answer to the question being debated is “Yes.” The Integrated Management Plan was first made official by the Sami government, by mistake. Economies We’re just starting to start discussion what roles Sami and other Indigenous people ought to have, but there is cooperation in the Barents region with Indigenous peoples. Thirteen countries involved. Business makes wealth for themselves possible. Business wouldn’t do anything if they weren’t made to. Political pressure makes business take care of things. The authorities have a responsibility to make laws for the greater good and to educate people to participate in development to help make it work. Small populations present difficulties.

Ms. Inger Oline Røsvik, Department Director Norwegian Fisheries and Coastal Department. Dialogue with respect and knowledge about each other is fundamental: The Integrated Management Plan for the Barents Sea opens up exploration for oil and gas, with the exception of areas considered important to marine life, etc. There has been a process. Challenge is to know sensitive areas and to have dialogue and cooperation with good respect.

Bjørn Kristofferson, Manager of Health, Security, and Environment, Statoil: There are oil and gas reserves in the North, and Statoil will pursue them. Statoil planning to transport liquid gas to the U.S. in future: an example of “value creation.” Have to be prepared with the technology to deal with environmental conflicts that could have effects on the fish markets, etc. Subsea installations are connected to land or have floaters. Pipelines are on sea bottom. There are more than 50 large platforms already, but there has been no effect on fisheries yet. “Co-existence circle of the Arctic” is a model for sustainable development. We need to focus on some few areas, like environmental challenges, for example, oil-spill contingency in an ice environment. Will have to strengthen technology development for Arctic areas. Everything they do is risk-based. Consequences of not looking into risks could be bad. Need to remotely locate oil in ice conditions. We all need to be aware that we need to use it as energy influx. Oil and gas development is a snapshot. Not long period of time for us. Seismic activities: still lots to do in technology development. Industry has to be more vigilant in consulting RAIPON and Norwegian Indigenous peoples. Statoil supports Sami University College, for example, but there are limits to what a company can do. Statoil is working with UNEP to have an integrated development plan that works with Indigenous peoples. There are potential investment opportunities in Arkhangelsk and Murmansk.

Richard Caulfield: Oil and gas and fisheries have brought huge wealth to Alaska. For more than 30 years, the “Alaska permanent fund” has collected 25 per cent of all oil wealth from Prudhoe Bay and other Slope locations and has developed a savings account of \$35 million in US funds for the state to use long after the oil is gone. Red/sockeye salmon fisheries, troll fishery, hunting, and tourism and the other important industries in Alaska.

As a result of the *Settlement Act* of 1971, \$1 billion accumulated. Pipeline to southern markets. Graduates: \$70-80,000 salaries. Other side of coin: oil spills. There is still evidence of the EXON VALDEZ spill, which spilled 11 million gallons of oil into the sea and into the

environment. It was a problem of poor planning, human complacency, human error. Highlights the importance of dialogue.

Further questions from the Council focused on loss of environment for fisheries.

Joan Nymand Larson: significant impacts: resource finds usually means a loss of environment for fisheries: one potential on the policy side: packed ice, oil spills difficult to clear up. Ice moving to Canada or somewhere else. If pollution doesn't damage the fish stocks, it will damage the reputation of the North as a clean environment.

Ben Ellis: Anchorage and Cook Inlet – fisheries since late 1800s. Active oil and gas community with platforms and underground pipelines. 40-50 years coexistence. Discharge or spill has never shut down the commercial fishery. It was the shipping industry that shut down the commercial and sport fishery in 1989. The *Oil Spill Act* of 1990 (“OPA90”) stipulated that a citizen advisory body engages all stakeholders. Fishermen are the first responders to oil spills/leaks. They are on the scene and have been trained.

Elena Krikunen, RAIPON support: from KOLA to Chukotka – 14 different ethnic groups. Situation in Sakalina Project: 1 and 2 have become large-scale developments. Negative impact on herring, with sharp decreases in cod in 1999-2003. Background noise forced herders to leave their pasture lands in the North. Protests began in January and June 2005; then came support for Indigenous peoples development plan and sustainable development. Gas, tourism, and Indigenous peoples now go hand in hand.

Rasmus Ole Rasmussen: Values are generated, yes, but what happens to those values? Development in Greenland and the Faroe Islands without any positive social results. Mining cases from Greenland tell of people living on site during peak production. When the mines closed because of world market, the site was abandoned and people resettled elsewhere in Greenland. Nothing to show for the activity. In other cases, a percentage the wealth was invested in fisheries, which are thriving now. What will you do to minimize the bad effects of the development activity? Will wages earned be invested in the local community? Can local people demand things? Doesn't work that way unless business and government make it possible.

[Gorge Jacobsen?]: Used to work with Shell. Looked holistic, but there were problems. Foreign politics in the North. No one is taking care of the North. University of the Arctic is taking responsibility of the circumpolar North without producing anything. Need to help develop skills in industry to take care of the North. How do we do that?

Margaret Imrie: The University of the Arctic has an opportunity. There is expertise. There is knowledge. We need to share knowledge and expertise.

Richard Caulfield thanked the panel for describing the Norwegian context and others in the Council for offering their knowledge and experience. Recurring terms in this debate: expertise, knowledge, resources.

Claudia Federova thanked the panel and gave each member a Shared Voices T-shirt.

Lars Kullerud: Theme of the next Council meeting of the University of the Arctic in Luleå will be “Everything is connected to everything.” 5 years ago, we want to develop programs to develop Indigenous peoples will. Minister of Fisheries Norway today was partially trained by UArctic: worked for RAIPON and is from Sami school. Rick thanks to him.