



UNIVERSITY OF THE ARCTIC

Draft Minutes of the 13th Council Meeting of the University of the Arctic Yakutsk, Russia, June 2-4, 2010

Formal Council decisions are presented in *italics*.

Session I: Opening

Welcome from Vice-Chair of Council of Federation Mikhail Nikolaev [[Speech](#)]

Welcome from Vice-Chair of the Government of The Sakha Republic (Yakutia) Yuri Kupriyanov [[Speech](#)]

Address on the Role of the North -Eastern University in the development of the Russian Far East , Anatoly Alekseyev, President of the Northeastern Federal University [[Speech](#)]

Guest Speaker: Mr. Morten Hoglund, MP of Norway, Representing the Standing Committee of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region (SCPAR) [[Address](#)]

Agenda Item 1: Approval of agenda

[[Draft Agenda](#)]

Decision

The Council accepts the agenda for the Council of the University of the Arctic's 13th Meeting.

Agenda Item 2: Approval minutes of previous Council meeting

[[Draft 2009 Council Minutes](#)]

The Council accepts the Minutes from the Council of the University of the Arctic's 12th Meeting in Kiruna, Sweden, August 11-14, 2009.

Agenda Item 3: Welcome to Vice-President Indigenous Affairs

President Lars Kullerud introduced Jan Henry Keskitalo as UArctic's new Vice-President Indigenous Affairs, having been approved by the Board in December 2009. Jan Henry Keskitalo addressed Council, outlining his vision for his new role.

UArctic Strategic Plan 2009 – 2013 outlines the importance of partnership between UArctic and indigenous peoples. The UArctic values, the UArctic mission and the anticipated benefits of circumpolar cooperation all communicates a clear and prioritised relation and base for further implementation of such partnership. The further implementation to reach the UArctic 2013 vision and goals calls for increased shared involvement between UArctic and indigenous people's representatives and institutions serving indigenous communities. Such must cover action both through UArctic activities in general as well as prioritised activities.

The VP Indigenous will work under and in close relation with UArctic President and in close relationship with the UArctic administration and the senior management team Ma-mawi. Of central foci will be working together with the UArctic Indigenous Issues Committee, and serve as the secretary of that committee so it better can fulfill the role as an oversight committee. The VP Indigenous welcomed the possibility to further communicate and cooperate with all UArctic members.

Agenda Item 4: Introduction of new members

[[New Membership Applications](#)]

Seven applicants were put forward by the Membership and Nominations Committee for membership in UArctic -- six in the higher education institution category and one in the other organisations category. Presentations were made in person, or by proxy, for each new applicant.

5. Approval of new members

5.a The Council of University of the Arctic accepts Filial of Baykal State University of Economics and Law in Yakutsk, Higher School of Music, Krasnoyarsk State Agrarian University, Norilsk Institute of Industry, Northern Teacher Education Program/Northern Professional Access College, Russian State Hydro-meteorological University and University of Bergen as new members of the University of the Arctic in the category of Higher Education Institutions.

5.b The Council accepts the Karelian Research Centre of the Russian Academy of Sciences as a new member of University of the Arctic in the category of Other Organizations.

Session II: UArctic Progress

6.a Report from the Board

Barry Scherr, Chair of the Board of Governors, outlined the Board's duties and its membership, reported that the Board's had established a Finance Policy committee, and present highlights of the March meeting in Aix-en-Provence. During that meeting, the Board held a joint session with the Ma-Mawi group to receive reports on the strategic areas, approved the UArctic budget, and made a special trip to Monaco, where several members of the Board had an audience with Prince Albert II and the entire Board met with representatives of the Prince Albert Foundation.

6.b President's panel with Strategic Area Leads

[\[Annual Report for 2009\]](#)

Presenters:

UArctic Annual Report, Lars Kullerud
Thematic Networks, Kirsi Latola and Kari Laine
Mobility, Mona Johnson
Graduate Studies, Pierre-André Forest
Service to Members, Outi Snellman
Organisation, Outi Snellman

7. Research Office

Lars Kullerud outlined the concept of the development of a UArctic Research Office, to help formulate common research priorities among the membership, and strategic development of research initiatives. The discussion recognized the importance of UArctic's values of valuing different types of knowledge and supporting interdisciplinarity in this process. It was suggested to take up this concept in a future breakout session.

8. Adoption of Governance Structure

[\[UArctic Bylaws\]](#)

Discussion by Council resulted in minor editorial revisions being suggested to the UArctic Bylaws. Discussions on whether to more precisely define the full and associate member categories, in terms of geographic limits, and on the issue of quorum were taken as consultative input for a future consideration of these issues.

8.a The Council accepts the Bylaws, with the necessary changes to sections 2.5, 3.2 and 4.2 that followed from discussion in the Council meeting and sends the document to the Board of Governors for final endorsement.

8.b The Council takes note of the discussions on quorum and membership categories, and will continue the discussion on these matters. The Council asks Toyon to examine the issues related to membership and to make a proposal on these issues at the next Council meeting.

9. Role of the Council representative

[Guidelines for the Role of the Council Representative]

Outi Snellman outlined a set of roles and responsibilities for Council representatives (and alternates).

a) *The Council accepts the Guidelines for the Role of Council Representatives and asks the Membership and Nominations Committee to update the current UArctic Member Guidelines.*

10. Approval of Master's Endorsement Policy

[Master's Endorsement Policy Guidelines]

Pierre-Andre Forest presented the background and rationale of the Master's Endorsement Policy, and outlined its general provisions.

The Council accepts UArctic's Master's Endorsement Policy and request that the Chair of the Master's Studies program proceed with the plans to officially launch the policy in August, 2010.

Session III: Membership and Nominations

12. Election of new Board members

Rune Ryden, Chair of the Membership and Nominations Committee, presented background on departing Board members and the process of nominating new members to the Board.

12.a *The Council re-elects Barry Scherr and Andrew Greenshaw to additional three-year terms on the Board of Governors.*

12.b *The Council accepts the nominations of Lasse Lønnum, Evgeniya Mikhailova, Frits Pannekoek, Ingá Elisá Páve and Tove Søvndahl Pedersen to serve on the Board of Governors of the University of the Arctic for a three-year term, starting in June 2010.*

12.c *The Council acknowledges that the following Board members' terms are now concluded and thanks them for their contribution to UArctic:*

- Mikkel Berg
- Jan Henry Keskitalo
- Lauri Lantto
- Erling Olsen
- Emőke Szathmáry

12.d *The Council joins the Board in inviting Jan Henry Keskitalo, Lauri Lantto and Erling Olsen to join the Friends of UArctic.*

13. Election of new Council officers

Rune Ryden, Chair of the Membership and Nominations Committee, presented background on the ending of current Council Officer terms and the process of nominating new Officers.

13.a *The Council elects Jim McDonald as Council Chair and Geir Gotaas as Council Vice-Chair.*

13.b *The Council elects Sargylana Zhirkova for the position of Council Secretary*

13.c *The Council thanks Claudia Federova for her long service to UArctic first as Vice-Chair and then two complete terms as Chair. The Council is indebted to Claudia Fedorova for her significant contribution to the development of UArctic.*

15. Member review

Outi Snellman, Secretary of the Membership and Nominations Committee, presented a status report regarding members who have failed to report for two consecutive years by the UArctic Member Survey. It was noted that the types of members who are not reporting indicate that there is a question of capacity in these institutions and organizations. To address the issue, the administration will make additional efforts to communicate with these members and support their reporting, before reviewing their continued membership at the next Council meeting.

16 Membership Fee

Outi Snellman, Vice-President Administration, outlined some of the challenges and ongoing learning involved in the collection of the annual membership fee. The discussion included suggestions for how to improve this process, such as help in identifying the correct contact persons in each member, and how to facilitate payments from Russian members.

Session IV: Breakout Sessions

[\[Breakout Session Descriptions\]](#)

Session V: Breakout Session Reports

a. Thematic Networks for Arctic coastal and marine issues

Kirsi Latola presented the discussion on the proposed Thematic Network to be jointly hosted by University Centre of the Westfjords and the University of Akureyri, which aims to build up expertise, share best practices, and promote coastal and marine studies as field of study and research in UArctic. [\[Report\]](#)

b. Thematic Networks for environmental impact assessment of industry contaminated areas

Anthony Scully presented the discussion on the proposed Thematic Network to be hosted by Umeå University, which aims to connect research activities and expertise on EIA across the circumpolar region. [\[Report\]](#)

c. Staff mobility, How to get started?

Mona Johnson presented the results of the breakout session including fundamental issues of staff exchanges vs. visiting teachers. The session identified involvement in Thematic Networks as the best tool for teacher exchange and suggested possibilities to search UArctic institutions by subject areas and underlined the need of a place on a UArctic NorthTREX page for teachers to give curriculum information. The session also highlighted the need of developing northTREX guidelines and that UArctic encourage member institutions to offer at least one teacher exchange scholarship per year for northTREX exchange. [\[Report\]](#)

d. UArctic Survey and Reporting: how can we capture the success of UArctic

Pierre-Andre Forest presented the results of the breakout session, which highlighted the need for UArctic to make the information it reports from Survey and other sources more relevant and precise. The session also highlighted the need to link this reported information to our goals and mission. Demonstrating to members how the information is used (and for what purpose) will also improve the quality of the information coming in. [\[Report\]](#)

e. The Future UArctic membership map

Barry Scherr outlined discussion from the breakout session, including fundamental issues of 'northern' vs. 'southern' institutions and how to define 'northernness' as a membership criteria, and a summary of potential existing gaps in membership. The session recommended the creation of a small task force to look into issues of members and membership categories, both within and outside the Arctic eight. Discussion acknowledged that indigenous organizations are perhaps underrepresented in membership, and efforts should be made to address their involvement in UArctic. [\[Report\]](#)

f. Developing UArctic Chairs

Outi Snellman presented a set of potential models to follow for the idea of developing UArctic Chairs, including the UNESCO Chairs and Canada Research Chairs. Issues to consider include the role of the hosting institution, the funding source and structure, and the mandate. Discussion considered broadening the Chair concept beyond research to include ideas of excellent in teaching, distance education, and indigenous traditional knowledge. A strong link between Thematic Networks and the Chairs was supported. [\[Report\]](#)

g. Ways to Improve Higher Education Services to Indigenous Peoples of the Arctic by Simultaneously Strengthening their Language and Culture?

Edward Vajda presented the results of extensive discussion in their breakout session, considering how to improve UArctic's responsiveness to the education needs of the region's indigenous peoples. The session focussed on how to effectively implement this commitment, as it is presented in the Strategic Plan. [\[Report\]](#)

18. Approval of New Thematic Networks

[\[Thematic Network Proposals\]](#)

Kirsi Latola of the Thematic Networks Office presents the proposed Thematic Networks, including their area of focus and partner institutions.

Council approves the following as Thematic Networks

18.a Thematic Network for Environmental Impact Assessment of Industry Contaminated Areas, hosted by Umeå University Sweden.

18.b Thematic Network on Arctic Coastal and Marine Issues, co-hosted by University Centre of the Westfjords and University of Akureyri, Iceland.

Session VI: Committee Business

19. Academic Quality Committee

Geir Gotaas, Chair of the Academic Quality Committee, presented a report outlining that there are no major concerns regarding the quality of UArctic programming and activities by member institutions. He noted the role and functioning of the Committee may need to be restructured given the changing nature of UArctic activities.

20. Indigenous Peoples Issues Committee

Jan Henry Keskitalo, Vice President Indigenous Affairs, stressed the importance of this Committee's work and the need to find new ways to ensure it is an active and contributing organ in UArctic. The new position of Vice-President Indigenous Affairs should help to support the effective work of this Committee.

21. Council meeting 2011

[\[Council Meeting Lapland 2011\]](#)

Outi Snellman, Annikki Pulkkinen and Matti Lempiäinen presented details of next year's Council meeting to be hosted by the Lapland University Consortium, in cooperation with the Sami Education Institute. They welcome Council members to Lapland on behalf of the host institutions, and note that the theme of the 2011 Council meeting will be a celebration of 10 Years of UArctic.

The 2011 Council meeting will be held from May 25 to 27, 2011 in Rovaniemi with pre-meetings in Kemi-Tornio (May 23-24, 2011) and the Ofelas meeting in Inari (May 28, 2011). Council requests that the local planning committee work closely with Toyon (International Planning Committee) on defining the program and thematic focus of UArctic's 10-year Anniversary meeting.

22. Council meeting 2012

[\[Council Meeting Tromsø 2012\]](#)

Geir Gotaas, on behalf of the University of Tromsø, presents an invitation from the institution to host the Council meeting in 2012.

The Council accepts the invitation from the University of Tromsø to host the 2012 Council meeting.

23. Future Council of Meetings

Richard Boone, on behalf of the University of Alaska Fairbanks, presents an invitation from the institution to host the Council meeting in 2013. [\[Invitation Letter\]](#)

Gary Wilson, on behalf of the University of Northern British Columbia, presents an invitation from the institution to host the Council meeting in 2014. [[Invitation Letter](#)]

23.a The Council accepts the invitation from the University of Alaska Fairbanks to host the 2013 Council meeting.

23.b Council accepts the invitation from the University of Northern British Columbia to host the 2014 Council meeting.

25. Other business

Introduction to World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC), presented by Jan Henry Keskitalo. [[Presentation](#)]

Circumpolar Studies Certificates of Completion were awarded to local students from Northeastern Federal University. Daria Burnasheva, Natalia Miftahkutdinova (unable to attend), Tatiana Potapova, Maria Yakovleva. Congratulations and well-done from the University of the Arctic on their achievements.

26. Closing and Welcome new officers!

The Council warmly thanks Claudia Fedorova for her years of dedication and service to UArctic, and awards her the UArctic Certificate of Recognition, the organization's highest honour.

Appendix A: List of Participants

Name	Organisation	City
CANADA		
Dr. Jim Basinger	University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon
Dr. Lorna Butler	University of Saskatchewan	Saskatoon
Mr. James Dean	University of Manitoba	Winnipeg, Manitoba
Dr David Gauthier	University of Regina	Regina
Dr. Peter Geller	ACUNS	Edmonton, Alberta
Mr James McDonald	Northwest Community College	Terrace, BC
Ms Glenys Plunz	Northlands College	La Ronge, Sk
Dr. Trudy Sable	Saint Mary's University	Halifax
Dr Gary Wilson	University of Northern BC	Prince George
FINLAND		
Ms. Riitta Aikio	University of the Arctic	Rovaniemi
Mr Pierre-André Forest	University of Lapland	Rovaniemi
Mr Scott Forrest	University of the Arctic	Rovaniemi
Dr Kari Laine	University of Oulu	Oulu
Dr Kirsi Latola	University of Oulu	Oulu
Mr. Matti Lempiäinen	Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences	Rovaniemi
Mrs Päivi Pihlaja	CIMO	Helsinki
Ms Annikki Pulkkinen	Kemi-Tornio University of Applied Sciences	Kemi
Ms Outi Snellman	University of the Arctic	Rovaniemi
Mr Mauri Ylä-Kotola	University of Lapland	Rovaniemi
FRANCE		
Dr Jan Borm	Universitz of Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines	Guyancourt
GREENLAND		
Ms Karen Langgård	Ilisimatusarfik University of Greenland	Nuuk
NORWAY		
Ms Lena Susanne Gaup	Sami University College	Alta
Mr Geir Gotaas	University of Tromsø	Tromsø
Mr Morten Høglund	Stortinget	Oslo
Ms Gøril Johansen	Finnmark University College	Alta
Mrs Mona Johnson	Finnmark University College	Alta
Mr Jan Henry Keskitalo	UArctic BOG	Kautokeino
Dr. Lars Kullerud	University of the Arctic	Arendal
Mrs Hilde-Gunn Lوندal	Finnmark University College	Alta

Mr Pål Markusson	Finnmark University College	Alta
Mr Bjørn Willy Robstad	SCPAR	Oslo
Mr Anders Oskal	Association of World Reindeer Herders	Alta
Mr. Gunnar Saetra	Finnmark University College	Alta
Mrs/Dr Marit Sundet	Bodø University College	Bodø

RUSSIA

Dr Vera Afanasieva	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Mr Anatoly Alekseev	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Mr Andrei Alekseyev	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Anush Alikhanyan	Baykal State Univ. of Economics and Law (filial)	Yakutsk
Ms Ekaterina Arkhangelskaya	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Darima Badmatserenova	North-Eastern Federal University	Nerungri
Dr Varvara Belolubskaya	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Aitalina Borissova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Alexandra Chepel	North-Eastern Federal University	Nerungri
Mrs Vera Cherkasova	Taymyr College	Dudinka
Dr Olga Chorosova	Institute for Teachers Professional Development	Yakutsk
Mr Nickolai Djachkovsky	Medical Institute of the North - Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Ivan Doctorov	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Claudia Fedorova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Nadia Fedorova	Yakut State Agricultural Academy	Yakutsk
Dr Albina Goldman	North-Eastern Federal University	Mirny
Dr Antonina Grigorieva	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Olga Hopiaynen	Yugra State University	Khanty-Mansiysk
Dr Sargylana Ignatieva	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture	Yakutsk
Ms Anna Ikonnikova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Mr Andrey Ivanov	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Mr Alexy Kalinin	Northern Arctic Federal University	Arkhangelsk
Ms Nadezha Kharlampieva		St. Petersburg
Mrs Sargylana Kondakova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr. Nadezhda V. Konoplina	Surgut State Teachers' Training	Surgut
Dr Konstantin Krivoshapkin	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Tatyana Makarenko	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Sargylana Maksimova	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture	Yakutsk
Dr Tatyana Makyarenko	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Vasily Maximov	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Evgenia Mikhailova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Mr Ivan Naumov	Higher School of Music	Yakutsk
Dr Alexander Nevzorov	ASTU	Arkhangelsk

Mikhail Nickolaev	Council of Federation of Russia	Moscow
Dr Vera Nikiforova	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture	Yakutsk
Dr Valery Nikitin	North-Eastern Federal University	Nerungri
Mrs Natalia Okhlopkova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Alena Olesova	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture	Yakutsk
Ms Tatiana Olesova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Olga Osipova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Palmira Petrova	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Mrs Larissa Pisareva	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Albina Popova	Institute for Teachers Professional Development	Yakutsk
Mrs Victoria Purtova	Surgut State University	Surgut
Ms Tamara Saphronova	Higher School of Music	Yakutsk
Mrs Sardana Savvina	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture	Yakutsk
Ms Svetlana Semenova	Scientific Research Institute for National Schools	Yakutsk
Mr Alexander Searyakov	Syktyvkar Stae University	Syktyvkar
Mr Igor Shevchuk	Karelian Research Centre, Russian Academy of Science	Petrozavodsk
Ms Nadezhda Shilova	Institute for Teachers Professional Development	Yakutsk
Mr Peter Skryabin	Institute for Teachers Professional Development	Yakutsk
Dr Tymophei Solovyov	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Lyudmila Tsoy	Baykal State Univesity of Economics and Law filial	Yakutsk
Dr Ayal Tymopheyev	North-Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Dr Irina Vinokurova	North-Eastern Federal University	Mirny
Dr Uliana Vinokurova	Arctic State Institute of Arts and Culture	Yakutsk
Dr. Vladislav P. Zasyppkin	Surgut State Teachers' Training University	Surgut
Ms Ludmila Zamorshcnikova	North Eastern Federal University	Yakutsk
Ms Sargylana Zhirkova	Scientific Research Institute for National Schools	Yakutsk

SWEDEN

Dr Lars Lövgren	Umeå University	Umeå
Mr Åke Nagrelius	Stockholm University	Stockholm
Dr Rune Rydén	Scandinavian Seminar Group	Lund
Mr Anthony Scully	Umeå University	Umeå

USA

Mr. John Bennett	Bennett & Associates	New York
Dr. Richard Boone	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Fairbanks, AK

Ms. Nadine Fabbi	University of Washington	Seattle, Washington
Dr. Doug Nord	ACSUS- Assn.for Canadian Studies in the U.S.	Bellingham
Dr. Barry Scherr	Dartmouth College	Hanover
Dr. Edward Vajda	ACSUS- Assn.for Canadian Studies in the U.S.	Bellingham
Dr Hannele Zubeck	University of Alaska Anchorage	Kenai, AK

Appendix D: Voting Results by Agenda Item

1. **Proposal on Approval of Agenda:**
Council unanimously approves
2. **Proposal on Minutes from 2009 Council meeting:**
Council unanimously approves
5. **Proposal on Approval of New Membership:**
Higher Education Institutions:
THREE ABSTENTIONS
Other Organizations:
Council unanimously approves
8. **Adoption of Governance Structure:**
Council unanimously approves
9. **Role of the Council representative:**
Council unanimously approves
10. **Approval of master's endorsement policy:**
Council unanimously approves
12. **Election of New Board members:**
ONE ABSTENTION
13. **Election of new council officers:**
TWO ABSTENTIONS
18. **Approval of New Thematic Networks:**
ONE ABSTENTION
21. **Next meeting 2011:**
Council unanimously approves
22. **Meeting in 2012:**
Council unanimously approves
23. **Future meetings:**
Fairbanks 2013
Council unanimously approves
UNBC 2014
Council unanimously approves