Draft Minutes 18th Meeting of the Council of UArctic
June 14-15, 2015 - Ulan Ude, Buryatia, RUSSIA
Hosted by the Buryat State University / BSU
(Approved by members of Council / September 2016)

UArctic Pre-Meetings (June 13th)

Membership and Nominations Committee meeting
Chair: Rune Rydén, Committee Chair, Scandinavian Seminar Group

Participants: Liisa Holmberg, Committee member, Sámi Education Institute
Outi Snellman, Committee Secretary, UArctic International Secretariat
Pierre-André Forest, Director of Governance Support, UArctic Secretariat
Lars Kullerud, President UArctic

North2north Program Team meeting
Co-chairs: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic [Presentation]
Pirkko Pulkkanen, International Projects Manager, UArctic

Participants: Kirk Anderson, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Lena Antipina, Arctic College of Siberian People
Asthildur Jonsdottir, Iceland Academy of Arts
Jong Deog Kim, Korea Maritime Institute
Lars Kullerud, President UArctic
Minna Nousiainen, University of Lapland
Mikhail Pogodaev, Northern Forum, UArctic EALAT Institute
Kristin Schram, University of Iceland
Outi Savonlahti, University of Eastern Finland
Hanne Sondergaard, ARTEK Danish University of Technology Greenland
Krister Stoor, Umeå University
Tuija Turunen, University of Lapland
Lena Vinokurova, North Eastern Federal University

UArctic Indigenous Issues Committee meeting
Chair: Krister Stoor, Committee Chair, Umeå University

Participant: Kirk Anderson, Committee member, Memorial University of Newfoundland
UArctic Circumpolar Studies meeting
Chair: John Eichelberger, Vice-President Academic UArctic
Participants: Marina Kalinina, Vice-President Interregional Cooperation UArctic
Vladlen Kugunurov, North Eastern Federal University
Kathleen Osgood, The Centre for Circumpolar Studies

UArctic Thematic Network on Natural Hazards
Chair: John Eichelberger, Vice-President Academic UArctic
Participants: Mikael Prisyazhniy, North Eastern Federal University

UArctic Congress 2016 – Planning meeting
Chair: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic
Participants: Sergey Tunik, Vice-Rector for Research, St. Petersburg State University
Alexandra Khruskina, Advisor on Int’l Relations / St. Petersburg State University
Lars Kullerud, President UArctic
Marina Kalinina, Vice-President Interregional Cooperation UArctic
Kari Laine, Vice-President Research UArctic
Ljubov Radnaeve, Secretary of the Council of UArctic
Kirsi Latola, Director of Thematic Networks Office
Pierre-André Forest, Director of Governance Support, UArctic Secretariat
Krister Stoor, Chair, Indigenous Issues Committee
Mikael Prisyazhniy, North Eastern Federal University
Outi Moilanen, Project Planner, UArctic Thematic Networks Office

UArctic Today / Session Planning meeting
Chair: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organisation UArctic
Participants: Lars Kullerud, President UArctic
Marina Kalinina, Vice-President Interregional Cooperation UArctic
Kari Laine, Vice-President Research UArctic
John Eichelberger, Vice-President Academic UArctic
Kirsi Latola, Director of Thematic Networks Office
Pierre-André Forest, Director of Governance Support, UArctic Secretariat
Council Executive Committee / Toyon meeting

Chair: Lars Kullerud, President UArctic

Participants: Pål Markusson, Chair of Council of UArctic
Ljubov Radnaeve, Secretary of the Council of UArctic
Rune Rydén, Chair, Membership and Nominations Committee
Krister Stoor, Chair, Indigenous Issues Committee
Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organisation UArctic
Liisa Holmberg, Nominated candidate for Council Vice-chair

18th Meeting of the Council of UArctic (June 14-15, 2015)

These are the minutes of the eighteenth meeting of the Council of the University of the Arctic, held in Ulan Ude, Buryatia, Russian Federation. Agenda items are presented in order of the original agenda, even though they may have been dealt with out of sequence during the meeting. The minutes contain web links to proposals, presentations, and background documents. The focus of the minutes is the final decisions; and where relevant, an overview of the views expressed during discussions are added.

Participation: A total of 87 participants from 13 different countries attended the Council meeting, with 47 UArctic member institutions and organizations represented (see Annex 1 List of participants) [Council 2015 – Group photo]

Session I: Opening / Welcome addresses

Master of ceremony: Bair Damdinov, Head of Laboratory, Buryat State University
Nikolai I. Moshkin, Acting Rector, Buryat State University
Lars Kullerud, President of the University of the Arctic
Mikhail A. Pogodaev, Executive Director of the Northern Forum
Nina G. Veisalova, Vice-President of the Association of Indigenous Peoples of Russia

Session II: Introduction to UArctic

Introductions to UArctic and its organisational and activity areas.

Presenters: Lars Kullerud, President UArctic [Presentation]
John Eichelberger, Vice-President Academic UArctic [Presentation]
Kari Laine, Vice-President Research UArctic [Presentation]
Kirsi Latola, Director, UArctic Thematic Networks Office [Presentation]
Marina Kalinina, Vice-President Interregional Cooperation [Presentation]
Keith Chaulk, Vice-President Indigenous / Presentation by Lars Kullerud
Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic [Presentation]
Pierre-André Forest, Director of Governance Support [Presentation]

Ref. document: [UArctic Guidelines for Organization and Management]
Session III: Council Business

Introduction to Council Officers:

Pål (Paul) Markusson, Council Vice-Chair / Acting Council Chair
Ljubov Radnaeva, Council Secretary

Council participants observed a minute of silence in memory of James (Jim) McDonald
[Commemoration Slideshow]

Introduction to Council meeting - International Planning Committee

Outi Snellman, Committee Chair
Pål Markusson        Ljubov Radnaeva
Lars Kullerud        Marina Kalinina
Kari Laine           John Eichelberger
Keith Chaulk
Pierre-André Forest, Committee Secretary

Introduction to Council meeting - Local Planning Committee

Moshkin Nikolay       Nomoev Andrey
Radnaeva Ljubov       Ovdin Mikhail
Yantranov Evgeniy     Baldanova Diana
Dorzhieva Irina       Soktoeva Bayarma
Ayusheeva Marina      Gulgenov Alexey
Loginov Ivan          Spiridonova Darima
Badmaeva Oyuna        Banzaraktsaeva Nataliya
Subanakov George

Introduction to Council meeting - Local Organizing Committee

Tatarnikova Nina      Vasilyeva Svetlana
Mashanov Alexey       Romanov Nikolay
Hubrakova Indra       Ochirzhapova Darima
Dorzhieva Darima      Rodionova Daria
Andreeva Tatiana      Chernyh Vladimir
Baikalov Nikolay

Council Meeting - Agenda items:

1. Introduction to meeting Proposal and Voting procedures

Ljubov D. Radnaeva, the Council Secretary presented the proposal and meeting procedures to members of Council. [Presentation]
2. Confirmation of Council Chair and Election of Vice-Chair

Ljubov D. Radnaeva, the Council Secretary presented the proposal.

Council decisions:

a) Council confirmed the decision by Toyon to appoint Pål (Paul) Markusson as Council Chair for the remainder of the officer’s first three-year term (through to the next Council meeting in 2016).

b) Council accepted the nomination of Liisa Holmberg as Council Vice-Chair for an initial three-year term (2015-2018) commencing immediately.

Voting results a & b: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [Open Call] [Holmberg Support Letter & Short CV]

3. Approval of meeting agenda

Council decision: Council accepted the agenda for the 18th meeting of the Council of the UArctic.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Document: [Proposal]

4. Approval of Minutes from the 17th Council meeting


Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [Draft Minutes –17th Council Meeting 2014]

5. Report from the President: 2014 Annual report and Finance Summary (information item)

Presenter: Lars Kullerud, President UArctic

Documents: [2014 UArctic Activities Report] [2014 Finance Summary]

6. UArctic Membership

Presenter: Rune Rydén, Chair, UArctic Membership and Nominations Committee

Document: [Summary table of Current UArctic Members] [Summary of Membership Applications 2015]
6a: Introduction of New Member Applicants

Arctic Members / Higher Education Institution:
- Arctic College for Peoples of the North [Video]
- Cégep de Victoriaville
- Copenhagen Business School [Presentation]
- Far Eastern Federal University
- Far Eastern State Transportation University [Presentation]
- Florida SouthWestern State College [Presentation]
- Greenland Institute of Natural Resources [Presentation]
- Iceland Academy of the Arts [Presentation]
- National Research Tomsk State University [Presentation]
- Nizhnevatovsk State University [Presentation]
- Trent University
- University of Agder [Presentation]
- University of Copenhagen [Presentation]

Arctic Members / Other Organization:
- Finnish Institute of Occupational Health [Presentation]

Non-Arctic Members / Other Organization:
- Austrian Polar Research Institute [Presentation]
- Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences

Session IV: Council Business (continuation)

6b: Election of new Arctic Members of UArctic

Council decisions:

a) Council accepted the Arctic College for Peoples of the North; Copenhagen Business School; Far Eastern Federal University; Far Eastern State Transportation University; Florida SouthWestern State College; Greenland Institute of Natural Resources; Iceland Academy of the Arts; National Research Tomsk State University; Nizhnevatovsk State University; University of Agder; and University of Copenhagen as Arctic Members / Higher Education Institutions of the University of the Arctic.

b) Council accepted the Finnish Institute of Occupational Health as Arctic Member / Other Organisation of the University of the Arctic.

c) Council accepted to defer the membership application for the Cégep de Victoriaville (Canada) and Trent University (Canada), and invited the applicants to send representative(s) to present their institution to Council at their next meeting in 2016.

Voting results a-b-c: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Document: [Proposal]
6c: Election of new Non-Arctic Members of UArctic

Council decisions:

a) Council accepted Austrian Polar Research Institute as Non-Arctic Member / Other Organizations of the University of the Arctic.

b) The Council accepted to defer the membership application for the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, and invited the applicant to send representative(s) to present their institution at the next Council meeting in 2016.

Voting results a-b: Council unanimously the proposal.

Document: [Proposal]

6d: Membership Review – Vote on Removal of Members

Note: In error there was a discrepancy between the proposal approved by Toyon and the proposal sent to Council members two weeks prior to the meeting. Thus, only the initial proposal approved by Toyon was put forward to Council for a vote.

Council decision: Council agreed to have Churchill Northern Studies Centre (Canada) removed from the membership roster of the University of the Arctic, for having failed to comply with UArctic’s membership obligations.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Document: [Proposal]

Session V: Council Business (continuation)

7. UArctic Thematic Networks

Presenter: Kirsi Latola, Director, UArctic Thematic Networks Office

7a: Introduction to new Thematic Networks

In 2015 the Thematic Network Office received and the Thematic Networks Program Team reviewed the following proposed thematic networks:

- Arctic Telecommunications and Networking [Presentation]
- Working in the Arctic [Presentation]
- Model Arctic Council (MAC) [Presentation]
- Northern Nursing Education [Presentation]
- Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity in Education [Presentation]
- UArctic World Ensemble
7b: Approval of New and Provisional Thematic Networks

Council decisions:

a) Council approved the establishment of the:

i) *Thematic Network on Arctic Telecommunications and Networking*, hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA;

ii) *Thematic Network on Working in the Arctic*, hosted by the Northern Arctic Federal University, The Russian Federation;

iii) *Thematic Network on Model Arctic Council*, hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA;

iv) *Thematic Network on Northern Nursing Education*, hosted by the University of Saskatchewan, Canada;

v) *Thematic Network on Teacher Education for Social Justice and Diversity in Education*, hosted by the University of Lapland, Finland; and the

vi) *Thematic Network on UArctic World Ensemble*, hosted by UiT the Arctic University of Norway.

b) Council supported the Thematic Network Office’s decision to grant full endorsement to the *Thematic Network on the Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North*, hosted by the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Voting results a (i-vi) & b: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal]

8. Amendments to UArctic Bylaws

8a: Proposed Bylaw Amendment – Role of Council

Council decision: Council accepted the amendment to the UArctic Bylaws, Section 3 (additional Council responsibility for “approving the rules of procedure for UArctic’s Endorsement of academic activities) and asks the Secretariat to implement the change accordingly.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [UArctic Bylaws – Proposed Amendments draft 2015]

8b: Proposed Bylaw Amendments – Change to Council Committee

Council decision: Council accepted the amendments to the UArctic Bylaws, Section 2 (sub-section 2.1.4), and Section 3 (sub-sections 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.5. a & b, and 3.1.6) and Section 4 (sub-section 4.2) and asked the Secretariat to implement the changes accordingly.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [UArctic Bylaws – Proposed Amendments draft 2015]
Session VI: Council Business (continuation)

9. Nominations Committee – Member Election and Confirmation of Chair and Co-chair

Presenter: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic

Council decisions:

a) Council accepted the nominations of Claudia Fedorova, Jan Henry Keskitalo, and Lena Maria Nilsson to serve as members of the Nominations Committee for an initial three year term (2015-2018).

b) Council confirmed the appointments of Claudia Fedorova as Chair, and Barry Scherr as Vice-Chair of the Nominations Committee.

c) Council joined the Board in thanking Rune Rydén, Joan Nymand Larsen, Sonni Olsen, Yury Alexandrovitch Sumarokov, and Liisa Holmberg for their important contributions to UArctic as members of the Membership and Nominations Committee.

Voting results a, b, c: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [Jan Henry Keskitalo – Short Biography] [Lena Maria Nilsson – Short CV] [Claudia Fedorova – Short CV]

10. Indigenous Issues Committee – Member Confirmations

Presenter: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic

Council decisions:

a) Council confirmed the decision by Toyon to accept the nominations of Kirk D. Anderson (Canada), Leanna Ellsworth (Canada), Gwen Healey (Canada), Beth Leonard (USA), and Sardana Savvina (Russia) to serve as members of the Indigenous Issues Committee for an initial three year term (2015-2018).

b) Council confirmed confirms the decision by Toyon to accept the deferred nomination of Johan Mathis Turi (Norway) to serve as members of the Indigenous Issues Committee commencing at the next Council meeting in 2016.

c) Council acknowledged the contributions made by Eeva-Maaria Aikio (Finland), Tatiana S. Degai (Russia), Marit Breierit Henriksen (Norway), Deanna L.E. Nyce (Canada), and Gitte Tróndheim during their terms on UArctic’s Indigenous Issues Committee, and thank them for their dedication to the University of the Arctic.

Voting results a, b, c: The proposal was approved by Council with one abstention vote.

Documents: [Proposal] [Open Call for Nominations]
11. UArctic Academic Area

Presenter: John Eichelberger, Vice-President Academic UArctic

11a: Academic Quality Committee – Next Steps

Council decision: Council agreed that until the functions that will follow the Academic Quality Committee is decided, the Council executive / Toyon will resume the responsibility of overseeing the role of the Academic Quality Committee.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [2012 Evaluation Summary and Recommendations]

11b: Approval of UArctic Academic Endorsement Principles

Council decision: Council approved the UArctic Academic Endorsement Principles, and request that the Vice-President Academic start executing the stated principles immediately, with the objective of having endorsement procedures fully implement during the autumn of 2015.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Documents: [Proposal] [UArctic Academic Endorsement Principles]

12. Election on Board Members

Presenter: Rune Rydén, Chair, UArctic Membership and Nominations Committee

12a: Re-election of Board member to 3rd term

Council decision: Council re-elects Brian Rogers as member of UArctic’s Board of Governors for a third and final three-year term (2015-2018).

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

Document: [Proposal]

12b: Election of Board Student Representative

Council decisions:

a) The Council accepts the nomination of Andrian Vlakhov of the European University at St-Petersburg, Russia, to serve as Board Student Representative of UArctic’s Board of Governors for the fixed three-year term (2015-2018).
b) The Council thanks Board Student Representative, Jamie Reschny of the University of Northern British Columbia, Canada, for his three years of service to UArctic’s Board of Governors, and wish him success in his future endeavours.

Voting results a & b: Council approved the proposal with one abstention vote.

Documents: [Proposal] [Open Call] [Student Rep - Letter and CV - Vlakhov]

13. UArctic Mobility Program – Update (information item)
   Presenter: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic
   [Presentation]

14. UArctic Student Ambassadors – Update (information item)
   Presenter: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic
   [Presentation]

15. Invitation to join the Friends of UArctic
   Presenter: Outi Snellman, Vice-President Organization UArctic

   Council decisions:
   a) Council acknowledged the contributions made by both Rune Rydén and Pat Pitney, and thanks them for their dedicated engagement with the Board and the Council, and for their commitment to helping guide the development of the University of the Arctic.
   b) Council joined the Board in inviting Rune Rydén and Pat Pitney to the Friends of UArctic.

   Voting results a & b: Council approved the proposal with one abstention vote.

Documents: [Proposal] [Current List of Friends of UArctic]

   Presenter: Sergey Tunik, Vice-Rector for Research, St. Petersburg State University
   [Presentation] [St-Petersburg Video]

   The members of Council welcomed the presentation and look forward to receive additional information about the planned UArctic Congress 2016, which is tentatively planned to be held in September 2016.
17. Other Business

17a: Report on Barents cooperation, by the Chair of the BEAC Working Group on Higher Education and Research
Presenter: Marina Kalinina, UArctic Vice-President Interregional Cooperation

17b: Report on the UArctic Strategy for ICARP III: UArctic Community Consultation on Arctic Research Priorities (UCCARP) – A Pilot Project
Presenter: Kirsi Latola, Director of UArctic’s Thematic Networks Office
[Presentation]

17c: Introduction to Language Documentation and Language Technologies for the Circumpolar Region: Concept for a future Thematic Network.
Presenter: Jargel Badagarov, Associate Professor, Head of Dept. of Philology of Central Asia, Institute of Oriental Studies, Buryat State University
[Presentation]

Closing of meeting

*UArctic Post-Council Meetings* (June 16th)

**Ofelas meeting (Council Executive Committee and Ma-Mawi)**

**Co-chairs:** Lars Kullerud, UArctic President
Pål Markusson, Council Vice-chair

**Participants:** John Eichelberger, UArctic Vice-President Academic
Marina Kalinina, UArctic Vice-President Interregional Cooperation
Kari Laine, UArctic Vice-President Research
Lyjubov Radeava, Council Secretary
Rune Rydén, Chair of UArctic Membership & Nominations Committee
Krister Stoor, Chair of UArctic Indigenous Issues Committee
Pierre-André Forest, Meeting Secretary, UArctic International Secretariat