Minutes 17th Meeting of the Council of UArctic
May 20 - 21, 2014 / Prince George, British Columbia, CANADA
Hosted by the University of Northern British Columbia / UNBC
(Approved by members of Council / June 2015)

UArctic Pre-Meetings (May 19th)

North2north Program Team meeting
Chair: Mona Johnson, Director of north2north International Coordination Office; UiT –The Arctic University of Norway
Participants: Donna Anger, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Elisabeth Andersen, UiT–The Arctic University of Norway
Monica Brobakk, University of Nordland
Irina Ovchinnikova, Swedish Institute (via Skype)
Annick Pereira, University of Northern British Columbia
Pirkko Pullkanen, UArctic International Secretariat
Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation

UArctic Indigenous Issues Committee meeting
Chair: Krister Stoor, Committee Chair, Umeå University
Participants: Keith Chaulk, UArctic Vice-President Indigenous
Rune Rydén, Chair, UArctic Membership & Nominations Committee
Pierre-André Forest, UArctic International Secretariat

UArctic Circumpolar Studies meeting
Chair: Lars Kullerud, UArctic President
Participants: John Eichelberger, UArctic Vice-President Academic
Scott Forrest, UArctic International Secretariat
Sander Goes, University of Nordland
Amanda Graham, Yukon College
Karla Hardcastle, Northlands College
Vladlen Kugunurov, North-Eastern Federal University
Lars Kullerud, UArctic President
Kirsi Latola, University of Oulu
Marit Sundit, University of Nordland
UArctic Research Area meeting

Co-chairs: Kari Laine, UArctic Vice-President Research
Scott Forrest, UArctic Information Manager

Participants: Lars Kullerud, UArctic President
Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation
Kirsi Latola, UArctic Thematic Networks Office
Marina Kalinina, UArctic Vice-President Interregional Cooperation

UArctic Senior Management / Ma-Mawi meeting

Chair: Lars Kullerud, UArctic President (Norway)

Participants: Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation
Keith Chaulk, UArctic Vice-President Indigenous
John Eichelberger, UArctic Vice-President Academic
Marina Kalinina, UArctic Vice-President Interregional Cooperation
Kari Laine, UArctic Vice-President Research

17th Meeting of the Council of UArctic

These are the minutes of the seventeenth Meeting of the Council of the University of the Arctic, held in Prince George, BC, Canada from May 20th to 21st, 2014. 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 proposals, presentations, and background notes. The focus of the minutes is the final decisions; and in a few cases where it is relevant, they strive to give an overview of the various views expressed during the discussions.

Appendix A: List of participants Council 2014 – Group photo

Session I: Opening

Welcome addresses:
- Dr. Gary Wilson, Associate Professor, Chair of Local Planning Committee, UNBC
- Paul Michel, Director, First Nations Centre, UNBC
- Mayor Shari Green, City of Prince George
- Dr. Ranjana Bird, Vice-President Research, UNBC
- Lars Kullerud, President of the University of the Arctic

Introduction to Council Officers:
- Pål (Paul) Markusson, Council Vice-Chair / Acting Council Chair
- Krister Stoor, Chair of Indigenous Issues Committee, Acting Council Vice-Chair
- Lyubov Radnaeva, Council Secretary
Introduction to: International Planning Committee

- Outi Snellman, Chair
- Gary Wilson
- Jim McDonald
- Pål Markusson
- Ljubov Radnaeva
- Lars Kullerud
- Keith Chaulk

Introduction to: Local Planning Committee

- Gary Wilson, Co-chair
- Jim McDonald, Co-chair
- Jamie Reschny
- Stephanie Powell-Hellyer
- Paul Michel and Deanna Nyce
- Heidi Lawson and Annick Pereira
- Deborah van Adrichem
- Jennifer Studney and Jeffrey Kormos

Session II: Council Business

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. Approval of meeting agenda

   Council decision:
   
   Council accepts the agenda for the 17th meeting of the Council of the UArctic.

   Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

3. Approval of minutes from the 16th Council meeting

   Reference: [Draft Minutes - 2013 Council Meeting]

   Council decision:
   
   Council accepts the Draft Minutes from the 16th Meeting of the Council of UArctic, held in Fairbanks, USA, June 2-5, 2013.

   Voting result: the proposal was approved by Council / one abstention vote.
4. Introduction to UArctic (information item)
Introductions from UArctic President and Vice-Presidents on organisational areas of UArctic.

Presenters: Lars Kullerud, UArctic President [Presentation]
Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation
Keith Chaulk, UArctic Vice-President Indigenous [Presentation]
John Eichelberger, UArctic Vice-President Academic [Presentation]
Marina Kalinina, Vice-President Interregional Cooperation [Presentation]
Kari Laine, UArctic Vice-President Research [Presentation]

5. Endorsement of Strategic Implementation Plan 2014-2016 / Our Future Direction

References: [UArctic Strategic Implementation Plan 2014-16]
[UArctic Guidelines for Organisation and Management]

Presenter: Lars Kullerud, UArctic President

Discussion: Didi Hitchens of the University of Alaska Anchorage thanked UArctic for recognizing the development of the Model Arctic Council as part of UArctic’s educational efforts

Council decision:
Council welcomes and supports the Strategic Implementation Plan 2014-2016 and its indicators, and considers it to reflect the priorities set by the Council for academic development and the goals stated in the UArctic Strategic Plan 2020. The Council looks forward to efficient implementation of the plan and urges all UArctic members to take active part in the UArctic activities as described in the Plan.

Voting result: Council unanimously approved the proposal.

6. 2013 Annual Report and Financial Summary (information item)

References: [UArctic 2013 Annual Activity Report]
[UArctic Year-end Financial Report 2013]

Presenters: Lars Kullerud, UArctic President
Outi Snellman, UArctic as an Organisation – report 2013 [Presentation]
Keith Chaulk, UArctic Indigenous Issues - report 2013 [Presentation]
Marina Kalinina, UArctic Research Office – report 2013 [Presentation]
Kari Laine, Thematic Networks & Institutes – report 2013 [Presentation]
Session III: Council Business (continuation)

7. UArctic Membership

References:  [Summary Table of Current UArctic Membership]  
            [Summary of Membership Applications 2014]

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

7a: Introduction of New Member Applicants

Full Member / Higher Education Institutions:
- Antioch University New England, USA [Presentation]
- Cape Breton University, Canada [Presentation]
- Lund University, Sweden [Presentation]
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway [Presentation]
- Perorsaanermik Ilinniarfik - College of Social Education, Greenland [Presentation]
- Pskov State University, Russia [Presentation]
- Royal Roads University, Canada [Presentation]
- Siberian Federal University, Russia [Presentation]
- Tyumen State Oil and Gas University, Russia [Presentation]
- University of Southern Denmark / Dept. of Environmental and Business Economics [Presentation]

Full Member / Other Organizations:
- Barguzinsky State Nature Biosphere Reserve and Trans-Baikal National Park, Russia [Presentation]
- Center for Northern Studies / Centre d'Études Nordiques, Canada [Presentation]
- Finnish Meteorological Institute, Finland [Presentation]

Associate Member / Higher Education Institutions:
- Climate Change Institute - University of Maine, USA [Presentation]
- Dalian Maritime University, China [Presentation]

Associate Member / Other Organizations:
- Environmental Development Centre (EDC) - Ministry of Environmental Protection, China [Presentation]
- Korea Maritime Institute, Korea [Presentation]
7-b: Election of New Full Members of UArctic

Council decisions:

a) Council accepts Antioch University New England; Cape Breton University; Lund University; Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU); Perorsaanermik Ilinniarfik - College of Social Education; Pskov State University; Royal Roads University; Siberian Federal University; Tyumen State Oil and Gas University; and the University of Southern Denmark / Dept. of Environmental and Business Economics as Full Member / Higher Education Institutions of the University of the Arctic.

b) The Council also accepts Barguzinsky State Nature Biosphere Reserve and Trans-Baikal National Park; Center for Northern Studies / Centre d'Études Nordiques; and the Finnish Meteorological Institute as Full Members / Other Organisation of the University of the Arctic.

c) The Council defers the membership application for the Maritime State University named after G.I. Nevelskoy (Russia); and Nizhnevartovsk State University (Russia), and invites both applicants to present themselves to Council at the next Council meeting in 2015.

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

7-c: Election of New Associate Members of UArctic

Council decisions:

a) Council accepts Climate Change Institute - University of Maine; and Dalian Maritime University as Associate Member / Higher Education Institutions of the University of the Arctic.

b) The Council accepts the Environmental Development Centre (EDC) - Ministry of Environmental Protection; and the Korea Maritime Institute as Associate Members / Other Organizations of the University of the Arctic.

c) The Council defers the membership application for the Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences (China), and invites the applicant to present itself to Council at the next Council meeting in 2015.

Voting results a-b-c: Council approved the proposal / three abstention votes.

Session IV: Council Breakout Sessions

8. Introduction to Breakout Sessions (information item)

Presenter: Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation

Reference: [Breakout Session descriptions]
Session V: Council Business (continuation)

9. Reports from Individual Breakout Sessions

Session A: Introductions to existing and proposed Thematic Network on the Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North
Chair: Kirsi Latola, Director of Thematic Networks Office
Presenter: Ken Coates, Lead of proposed Thematic Network [Presentation]

Session B: UArctic and Education
Chair: John Eichelberger, UArctic Vice-President Academic
Presenter: Amanda Graham, Yukon College [Presentation]

Session C: Indigenous Issues [Introduction presentation]
Co-Chairs: Keith Chaulk, UArctic Vice-President Indigenous [Presentation]
Krister Stoor, Chair of Indigenous Issues Committee

Session D: UArctic Research [Introduction presentation]
Co-Chairs: Keith Chaulk, UArctic Vice-President Indigenous
Presenter: Peter Sköld [Presentation]

Session E: UArctic Mobility and Future Plans
Co-Chairs: Mona Johnson, Director of north2north Int’l Coordination Office
Donna Anger, University of Alaska Fairbanks

10. Support for UArctic north2north+ Feasibility Study Project
Reference: [Circumpolar Mobility Program - Concept paper 2011] [Proposal]
Presenter: Mona Johnson, Director of UArctic north2north Int’l Coordination Office

Council decisions:

a) Council encourages members to take positions when and where they can to support mobility development via north2north+ initiatives, which, as a result, will create more ambitious, concrete and powerful requests for support from external partners.

b) The Council will encourage members to, by words and actions, engage the governments of the eight Arctic states as well as other interested parties to work with UArctic to find sustainable solutions in support of the north2north+ initiative as a structural circumpolar mobility programme.

Voting result a & b: Council unanimously approved the proposal.
11. Approval of New and Provisional Thematic Networks

In 2014 the Thematic Network Coordination Office received and the Thematic Networks Program Team reviewed the following new thematic network:

**Thematic Network on the Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North**
- **Host:** University of Saskatchewan, Canada
- **Lead:** Dr. Ken Coates, Director, International Centre for Northern Governance and Development, and Canada Research Chair in Innovation.
- **Co-lead:** Frode Mellemvik, Director, the High North Centre, University of Nordland, Norway.
- **Proposal:** [Proposal-Support-Letter_TN-Commercial SciTech]

In 2013 the following Thematic Networks were given provisional status by Council, and since have shown that activities have been planned and/or initiated.

**Thematic Network on Permafrost**
- **Host:** University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA
- **Lead:** Kenji Yoshikawa, Professor
- **Reference:** [TN-Permafrost Activity Report 2013]

**Thematic Network on Natural Hazards**
- **Host:** University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA
- **Lead:** John Eichelberger, Dean of UAF Graduate School
- **Reference:** [TN-Natural Hazards – Activity Report 2013-14]

**Council decisions:**

a) Council approves the establishment of the **Thematic Network on the Commercialization of Science and Technology for the North**, hosted by the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

b) Council supports the Thematic Network Office’s decision to grant full endorsement to:
   i) **The Thematic Network on Permafrost**, hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA.
   ii) **The Thematic Network on Natural Hazards**, hosted by the University of Alaska Fairbanks, USA.

Voting results a - b-i & ii: Council unanimously approved the proposal.
12. Membership & Nominations Committee – Approval of New Member

Presenter: Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation
Reference: [Barry Scherr – Short Biography] [Proposal]

Council decision:

a) Council accepts the nomination of Barry Scherr to serve as a member of the Membership and Nominations Committee for an initial three year term (2014-2017).

b) Council acknowledges the contributions made by Mike Sfraga during his time on the Membership and Nominations Committee.

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

Session VI: Council Business (continuation)

13. Proposed Amendments to UArctic Bylaws

Reference: [UArctic Bylaws – Proposed Amendments 2014]

13-a: Bylaw amendments – Alignment with Strategic Plan 2020

Reference: [Proposal] [UArctic Strategic Plan 2020]

Council decision:
Council accepts the amendments to UArctic Bylaws, Section 1 (sub-sections 1.1 through 1.4.), Section 2 (sub-section 2.4), Section 3 (sub-section 3.1.5) and Section 4 (sub-section 4.2) and asks the Secretariat to implement the changes accordingly.

Voting result: the proposal was approved by Council / one vote opposed.

13-b: Bylaw amendments – Changes to Membership Categories

Reference: [Proposal]

Discussion:
During discussions a comment was made that the decision to give non-Arctic members the same voting rights deserves some additional consideration by Council as to what impacts it will have on UArctic and its program activities. In response, it was noted that UArctic’s mobility program would need to take the matter of role and engagement of non-Arctic members into consideration.

UArctic President, Lars Kullerud noted that this change also provides flexibility for non-Arctic members to lead programs and Thematic Networks, and UArctic Vice-President Academic, John Eichelberger, agreed that we should not discourage strong participation from members outside the Arctic region.

Council decision:
Council accepts the amendments to UArctic Bylaws, Section 2 (sub-section 2.1 through to 2.6), and Section 3 (sub-section 3.1.2 through to 3.1.5, and 3.2), and asks the Secretariat to implement the changes accordingly.
Voting result: the proposal was approved by Council / one abstention and one opposing vote.

13-c: Bylaw amendments – According to Board Decisions

Reference: [Proposal]

Council decision:
Council accepts the amendments to UArctic Bylaws, Section 3 (sub-section 3.1.4 and 3.1.5), Section 4 (sub-section 4.3 and 4.4) and Section 5 (sub-section 5.2), and asks the Secretariat to implement the changes accordingly.

Voting result: the proposal was unanimously approved by Council.

14. Introduction to Arctic Human Development Report / AHDR II

Presenter: Joan Nymand Larsen, Senior Scientist, Stefansson Arctic Institute

[Presentation]

15. Introduction to UArctic Student Ambassadors Plan

Presenter: Jamie Reschny, Student Representative, UArctic Board of Governors

Discussion:
During discussions a Council member asked about how the Student Ambassadors would relate to existing student representatives on the Board of Governors, as well as with the Student Forum (at the Rectors’ Forum) and the proposed UArctic Alumni Association?

UArctic Vice-President Organisation, Outi Snellman responded by saying that the Student Ambassadors would work with the student Board Representatives to help move the Alumni Association process forward. Further adding that Student Ambassadors will be supported by member institutions to allow them to travel in the region to promote and increase exposure of UArctic and its institutions, and to represent UArctic in key external fora. The ambassadors would also be responsible for spreading the word to the student bodies in the member institutions.

It was also questioned if Student Ambassadors would come from every UArctic member institution to collaborate? The number of ambassadors would be limited, but that an open call to all higher education institution members of UArctic. The first such call is planned for late summer / early autumn 2014.

A Council representative also suggested that UArctic’s Student Ambassadors could also accompany UArctic member representatives to community outreach activities.

Session VII: Council Business (continuation)

16. Election on Board Members

Presenter: Rune Rydén, Chair, UArctic Membership and Nominations Committee
16-a: Re-election of Board members to 2\textsuperscript{nd} term

Reference: [Proposal]

Council decision:

Council re-elects \textit{Elena Kudryashova} as member of UArctic’s Board of Governors for a second three-year term (2014-2017).

Voting result: the proposal was approved by Council / one vote opposed.

16-b: Election of new Board member

Reference: [MUN Board nomination Letter] [Biography – CV / Kachanoski] [Proposal]

Council decisions:

a) Council accepts the nomination of \textit{Gary Kachanoski} to serve as a member of UArctic’s Board of Governors for an initial three-year term (2014-2017).

b) Council acknowledges the contributions made by \textit{George Iwama} as Board member, and thanks him for his dedication and commitment to helping guide the development of the University of the Arctic.

c) Council joins the Board in inviting \textit{George Iwama} to join the Friends of UArctic.

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

16-c: Election of Board Student Representative

Reference: [Board Student Nomination–Ocean-Yitong Letters] [Proposal]

Council decisions:

Council accepts the nomination of \textit{Chen Yitong} to serve as student representative member of UArctic’s Board of Governors for the fixed three-year term (2014-2017).

Voting result: the proposal was approved by Council / 1 abstention vote.

17. Invitation to join the “Friends of UArctic”

Reference: [Current list of Friends of UArctic] [Proposal]

Council decisions:

a) Council acknowledges the contributions made by both \textit{Raimo Väyrynen} and \textit{William Kaufmann} as Board Fellows, and thanks them for their dedicated engagement with the Board, and for their commitment to helping guide the development of the University of the Arctic.

b) Council asks the Board to join in inviting \textit{Raimo Väyrynen} and \textit{William Kaufmann} to the Friends of UArctic.

Voting results a-b: the proposal was unanimously approved by Council.
18. Council Meeting 2015

Presenter: Ljubov Radeava, Buryat State University [Presentation]

Reference: [Proposal]

For the 2015 Council meeting, Buryat State University proposes the following dates of June 13th to June 17th, including side-meetings and a visit to an Indigenous village, and an excursion to Lake Baikal.

Council decision:

For the Council meeting held in Ulan-Ude, Buryatia, Russia, the Council accepts the planned dates for its next meeting in June 2015, and requests that the local planning committee works closely with Toyon / International Planning Committee on defining the program and thematic focus of the 18th meeting of the Council of UArctic.

Voting result: the proposal was unanimously approved by Council.

19. UArctic Congress 2016 – Introduction / Endorsement of Plans

Presenter: Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation

Reference: [Proposal] [UArctic Congress 2016 – Host Letter of Commitment]

Council decision:

a) Council endorses the Board decision requesting that a “UArctic Congress” be arranged in 2016, and asks the UArctic Secretariat to proceed in seeking support from member representatives at the upcoming Rectors’ Forum 2014.

b) Council joins the Board in asking the UArctic Secretariat to begin working with the Board and Council Executive Committees, and the members of UArctic’s Senior Management Team (Ma-Mawi) to draft a UArctic Congress - Terms of Reference, which is to include guidelines for the general framework, planning, and hosting of the event.

c) Council supports the preliminary plan to have the UArctic Congress 2016 hosted by Saint-Petersburg State University, and asks the UArctic Secretariat to begin assessing the suitability of dates for the event.

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

20. Other Business – UArctic Research Office Newsletter

Presenter: Marina Kalinina, UArctic Vice-President Interregional Cooperation

Reference: [UArctic Research Office – Newsletter May 2014]

Closing of meeting
**UArctic Post-Council Meetings (May 22nd)**

**North2north Members and Partners meeting**

**Chair:** Mona Johnson, Director of north2north International Coordination Office; UiT –The Arctic University of Norway

**Participants:** Alec Aitken, University of Saskatchewan  
Donna Anger, University of Alaska Fairbanks  
Elisabeth Andersen, UiT –The Arctic University of Norway  
Monica Brobakk, University of Nordland  
Karin Buhmann, Roskilde University  
Sylvester Chen, University of Northern British Columbia  
Scott Forrest, UArctic International Secretariat  
Amanda Klabuk, Nunavut Arctic College  
Vladlen Kugenupopov, North-Eastern Federal University  
Lars Kullerud, UArctic President  
Laila Nutti, Sámi University College  
Linda Pemik, Nunavut Arctic College  
Annick Pereira, University of Northern British Columbia  
Pirkko Pullkanen, UArctic International Secretariat  
Ljubov Radnaeva, Buryat State University  
Artem Shakhmatov, Siberian Federal University  
Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation  
Chris Southcott, Lakehead University  
Ute Vogel, UiT –The Arctic University of Norway

**References:**  
[north2north Presentation] [north2north Statistics]  
[north2north Funding] [north2north Partners meeting minutes]

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

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

**Participants:** Keith Chaulk, UArctic Vice-President Indigenous  
John Eichelberger, UArctic Vice-President Academic  
Marina Kalinina, UArctic Vice-President Interregional Cooperation  
Kari Laine, UArctic Vice-President Research  
Ljubov Radeava, Council Secretary  
Rune Rydén, Chair of UArctic Membership & Nominations Committee  
Outi Snellman, UArctic Vice-President Organisation  
Krister Stoor, Chair of UArctic Indigenous Issues Committee
UArctic Circumpolar Studies – Revision Team meeting

Chair: Marit Sundit, University of Nordland

Participants: Alec Aitken, University of Saskatchewan
Sander Goes, University of Nordland
Amanda Graham, Yukon College
Karla Hardcastle, Northlands College
Chris Southcott, Lakehead University

Reference: Revision Team meeting - Minutes