

University College of the North Governing Council

Manitoba Government Appointed Board Members:

Chair

Becky Cianflone, Flin Flon

Vice Chair

Linda Markus, The Pas

Members

Bonnie Linklater, Nelson House
Becky Cianflone, Flin Flon
Tracey Como, Cranberry Portage
Alfred McDonald, The Pas
Edith Sexsmith, The Pas
Dayna Waring, Thompson

Student Representatives

Brea Anderson, The Pas (Ind)
Manon Blais, Thompson

Mandate:

The University College of the North (UCN) Governing Council oversees the provision of post-secondary education as learner and community-centred, characterized by a culture of openness, inclusiveness, tolerance and respect of Aboriginal and northern values and beliefs. The Governing Council operates with two advisory bodies; the academic body or Learning Council, that advises the Governing Council on academic issues, and the Council of Elders that provides guidance and wisdom.

Authority:

[The University College of the North Act](#)

Responsibilities:

General responsibilities include:

- determine the mission, vision and values of the university college,
- appoint the president and determine his or her term of office and remuneration;
- engage teaching and other staff as required, and determine their duties, conditions of employment, salaries and honoraria;
- determine the administrative and academic organization of the university college;
- determine which courses or programs are to be offered by the university college, in accordance with the criteria established by the Learning Council,
- determine all questions relating to qualifications for admission,
- approve granting of degrees, honorary degrees, certificates and diplomas;
- exercise internal disciplinary jurisdiction over the non-academic conduct of students, including the power to expel or suspend for cause;
- borrow and invest money required to meet ordinary expenditures;
- enter into agreements to further the university college's purposes, including agreements to develop and deliver joint academic programs;
- establish and collect fees and charges for tuition, and for other services

Membership:

10 Members are appointed by the Manitoba Government and includes Student Representatives.

Other members of the Council consist of:

- The Chancellor (non voting)
- The President
- A student of the university college, selected by the students' association of the university college
- A representative of the Learning Council, appointed by that council
- A representative of the Council of Elders, appointed by that council
- Up to three (3) employees of the university college, elected by the council
- One (1) or two (2) persons who are not employees or students of UCN, appointed by the Governing Council

The chair of the Governing Council is to be selected by the Minister, and the members are to select a member to serve as vice-chair. Due regard is given to the Aboriginal composition of northern Manitoba, as well as appointments among women, and those from northern and remote communities.

Length of Terms:

Board Members:

3 years per term, 2 term max (6 Years)

Members may be reappointed, and continue to serve until reappointed, replaced or revoked.

Student Members:

1 year per term (2 terms max)

Desirable Experience:

- experience in the areas of post-secondary education especially the university colleges sector in Manitoba and elsewhere, financial accounting, cultural, social, economic, and labour market issues;
- knowledge of issues specific to the post-secondary education field;
- have the ability to read complex written material, analyze written and verbal information in order to ascertain facts, and apply relevant legislation to this written and verbal information;
- use plain language;
- adhere to a high degree of confidentiality;
- basic technology skill.

Time Commitment:

Full-day meetings are held monthly on the fourth Thursday from September to June. The meetings alternate monthly between Thompson and The Pas.

Meetings:

Location: Thompson/The Pas
Frequency: Monthly (excluding July)
Duration: Full day (8am – 3pm)

Remuneration:

Chair: \$250 per month
Vice-chair: \$200 per month
Members: \$150 per month

Additionally, members may be reimbursed for any expenses incurred in discharging their duties. All remuneration and reimbursement is from the funds of the university college.