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College Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Time: 9:00 – 11:00 am

Location: HGCN Room 260 & Zoom

Chair: Kellie Thiessen

Present:

Abeer Alraja
Andrew Kerr
Andrea Castro
Amber Hemminger
Asha Pereira
Ashley Hardy
Asuka Qiao
Alyssa Visda
Barb Goodwin
Barbara Rose-Lovett
Barbara Tallman
Britany Macovichuk
Caitlyn Fillion (Farr)
Chen Jin
Cheryl Cusack
Cheryl Pryce
Christa DeGagne
Christine Neilson
Cindy Woodson
Deb Chaboyer
Dayna Laviollette
Diana McMillan
Diane Cepanec
Divjyot Grewal
Donalda Wotton
Elsie Duff
Elyse Griffith
Em Pijl
Federico Lopez-Ficher
Fleur McEvoy
Gail Carbonell
Genevieve Thompson
Ginny Clement
Heidi Elias
Heidi Fan
Jamie Penner
Jane Kraut
Jennifer Dunsford
Jennifer Shaw
Judith Scanlan
Holly Harding
Ingrid Olson
Kaitlyn Yurick
Kam Wan
Karla Blackwell
Kim Mitchell
Kim Sefton
Kimberly Heppner
Lisa Banman
Lisa Knisley
Lisa Timmerman
Linda Townsend
Lori Sookram
Lynda Balneaves
Meghan Conrad
Mandy Archibald
Marck Salamatin
Mariam Brown
Marie Jivan
Monica Sarte
Nicole Riches
Noel Arring
Pawandeep Gill
Rhonda Dube
Roberta Woodgate
Ryan English
Samantha Holmes
Shane Geschiere
Shakerah Jones Hall
Shelley Marchinko
Stefan Stefansson
Stephanie Betker
Stephanie Nunes
Sufia Turner
Suzanne Lennon
Roseline Jean Louis
Talia Tumak
Tanya Letkeman
Terilyn Hunter
Trina Arnold
Trinh Nguyen-Lu
Tyla Turman
Vanessa Van Bewer
Victoria Bekovcki
Vladan Protudjer
Wanda Chernomas
Wanda Phillips-Beck

Regrets: Sonia Udod
Annette Schiltz

Recorder: Dayo Akinola

1. Welcome and Quorum Established

Meeting began at 9:03am. The Dean welcomed attendees, especially returning staff and new Faculty. Quorum was reached.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Dean began by acknowledging that the University of Manitoba campuses and research spaces are located on the original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Inuit, Anisininew, Dakota Oyate, and Dene peoples, and on the national homeland of the Red River Métis. She recognized that the treaties signed on these lands represent enduring, lifelong relationships and affirmed the university's commitment to upholding their spirit and intent. She also acknowledged past and present harms and committed to supporting Indigenous excellence through active reconciliation, meaningful change, and respectful, reciprocal collaboration moving forward.

Ways we are advancing the work of reconciliation include:

- Reference to Norway house engagement session on Monday April 20th, 2026.
- We will take good care of our people event attended by the Dean and AD Graduate Programs.
- Naming of the college's indigenous leadership circle in the afternoon of April 22nd, 2026.
- SNA Letter and funds collection for indigenous youth suicide prevention
- Restorative justice facilitation training

3. Approval of Agenda

Revision to the agenda to include item 8.5

It was moved by K. Thiessen and seconded by J. Penner and that:

"The revised Agenda of the College Council Meeting dated April 22, 2026, be approved."

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes – February 25, 2026

It was moved by G. Thompson and seconded by J. Dunsford that:

"The Minutes of the College Council Meeting dated February 25, 2026, be approved."

CARRIED

5. Updated Terms of Reference for Community Outreach and Engagement Committee

- F. Ficher & E. Griffith

- Vision aligns with the UM and CoN strategic plans. Events include Teddy bear picnic
- New events Added including: Special Olympics, United way, Wellness initiatives
- Committee volunteers for different events and initiatives that support the community. The experience is described as uplifting and energizing.
- Activities that support mental and social well-being of students and faculty are encouraged
- Committee needs new membership as term of current members is coming up. If you cannot join as a member, you are encouraged to participate and volunteer in the events.
- How does the committee communicate events? Emails and social media
- Some of the events require a healthcare license.

6. **Strategic Plan Update – K. Thiessen**

The college's strategic plan has been finalized. The Dean shared some of the work is already happening, and there will be a call-out for faculty and staff to participate in the various focus groups. The strategic plan will eventually go on the college's intranet. A copy of the strategic plan was included in the agenda package. Some of the highlights discussed included:

- how we work together better, and how me map out pathways for students to learn better
- Different admission streams
- Seat re-distribution
- Indigenous engagement and collaboration (Norway House)
- Goose
- Marcia Anderson as Keynote speaker and Pedro returning in the fall for the college retreat
- Consideration on the opportunity for Nursing graduate students to take courses in business management to promote relevance – micro credential that nursing graduate students can take. And there were discussions around pulling together various micro-credentials to form parts of the master's program.

7. **New Initiatives**

7.1 UM Circles of Care Initiatives – K. Thiessen – reference to email about UM Circles of care (document included in the agenda package). Focus includes impacts of world events on students. Each college has been tasked with providing names of individuals that will serve as college contact people for the circles of care hubs. The Dean to follow up with faculty members who have expressed their interest.

7.2 Indigenous Leadership Circle Overview – K. Thiessen & W. Philips-Beck – This was an idea proposed by the Dean. The framework is currently in progress. The circle will be made up of faculty and indigenous knowledge keepers, to work with the Dean in an advisory capacity. To promote indigenous ways of knowing and doing. A way to action out TRC call to action 3. Hoping that this circle will expand to include research. Using a circle process in terms of hierarchy to level out. Indigenous grandmother knowledge keeper will also be involved in the circle. A new circle will be named in the college of nursing on April 22nd, 2026.

7.3 Data Working Group – K. Thiessen – work is ongoing to clean up our file management system and improve the way we store data in consultation with IST and records management.

7.4 U1 Alignment Overview – K. Thiessen & J. Penner – The Dean RFHS challenged Deans across the six colleges, to be a more unified U1 program. This work will align with the timeline for the college's curriculum renewal. This is a Rady-wide initiative. It will be coming back to council for approval. Great initiative as these changes could give undergraduate students the opportunity to work as research assistants in the summer. The Dean will bring back discussions around undergraduate nursing part-time studies to Rady executive council. It could be useful to map out what courses other colleges within Rady have as pre-requisites and use that to inform the selection of our pre-requisite courses. Work is already ongoing in this regard.

7.5 Campaign Planning with Donor Relations – K. Thiessen – lots of exciting events coming up across the university; the 150th anniversary of the UM. The Dean shared the pre-campaign video.

All Deans have been tasked to create a campaign for their individual units. The Dean is working with donor relations to review current practices and to bring in new donors for the college.

8. General Updates

8.1 Pinning Update – K. Thiessen – Pining is now student-led, in consultation with the college's events coordinator. Faculty and staff are encouraged to volunteer and support the students in any way they can. The next pining ceremony is coming up on May 28th, 2026. Invites to be sent out soon.

8.2 Website Revision and Video Updates – K. Thiessen & T. Arnold – comprehensive review and update of the college's website is ongoing. Project is led by Joeffer Domingo.

8.3 Annual Review Updates – K. Thiessen – Annual reviews are up to date. We are working to make the process more efficient.

8.4 Indigenous Nurses Day Celebration – S. Holmes - Pine organizing an indigenous nurses day celebration, including a panel discussion session. Invites have been sent out.

8.5 Support Letters and Donations for NISICHAWAYAYASIHK - Dr. Elaine Mordoch shed more light on the ongoing awareness and campaign for the current suicide crisis going on in the Nisichawayayasihk Cree Nation. Faculty and staff encouraged to donate to this important cause.

9. Announcements

- Helen Glass Research Symposium – revised this year with hopes of increasing networking. It will be coming up on May 12th with an exciting line up of events; including MCNHR's 40th anniversary panel. 101 registrants so far!
- President and vice-provost academic will be attending the May college council

10. Next Meeting: May 26, 2026

11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:40am