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College of Nursing Council
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 10, 2026

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Chair: Kellie Thiessen

Present:

Abeer Alraja
Alia lagace
Amber Hemminger
Andrew Kerr
Asha Pereira
Ashley Bowering
Ashley Hardy
Asuka Qiao
Barb Goodwin
Barbara Tallman
Brandon Stock
Chen Jin
Cheryl Cusack
Cheryl Pryce
Christa DeGagne
Danielle Yaffe
Deb Chaboyer
Dayna Laviollette
Diana McMillan
Donalda Wotton
Elyse Griffith
Fleur McEvoy
Gail Carbonell
Genevieve Thompson
Heidi Fan
Jamie Penner
Jane Kraut
Jennifer Dunsford
Jennifer Shaw
Kaitlyn Yurick
Kim Mackay
Kim Sefton
Kristen Steinke
Lisa Banman
Lisa Knisley
Lisa Timmerman
Lisa Wong
Linda Townsend
Lynda Balneaves
Lori Sookram
Lori Davies
Marie Jivan
Mandy Archibald
Meghan Conrad
Nicole Harder
Noah Gatzke
Noel Arring
Pawandeep Gill
Rebecca Harasym
Rhonda Dube
Rhonda Campbell
Roseline Jean Louis
Shakerah Jones Hall
Shannon Guerreiro
Shelley Marchinko
Stephanie Betker
Stephanie Nunes
Sonia Udod
Sufia Turner
Tara Horrill
Trina Arnold
Vicki Zeran
Vladan Protudjer
Wanda Chernomas
Wanda Phillips-Beck

Regrets:

Roberta Woodgate
Lisa Wong
Caitlyn Fillion
Vanessa Van Bewer
Judith Scanlan

Recorder: Dayo Akinola

1. Welcome and Quorum Established

Meeting started at 2:02pm with a special welcome to Brandon Stock, New Dean of the Faculty of Health, University College of the North, and Vicki Zeran, Program Coordinator, Faculty of Health, University College of the North.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Dean proceeded 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 also acknowledged past and present harms and committed to supporting Indigenous excellence through active reconciliation, meaningful change, and respectful, reciprocal collaboration moving forward. She also noted that the College of Nursing is committed to the work of reconciliation and to actioning TRC's Call to Action #57.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by K. Thiessen and seconded by D. McMillan that:

"The Agenda of the College Council Meeting dated September 10, 2026, be approved."

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes – May 26, 2026

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

"The Minutes of the College Council Meeting dated May 26, 2026, be approved."

CARRIED

5. Approvals:

5.1 BN Program Modification – Presented by K. Thiessen
Motion to approve moved by K. Thiessen and seconded by T. Arnold
All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion

- Council was excited about the idea of the reversal to a healthier situation for both faculty and students.

- Will there be flexibility for students who are not successful in the accelerated program to make up in the non-accelerated program? Options are currently being considered to accommodate these students in the non-accelerated program. There will be an opportunity to provide remedial assistance to struggling students during the summer term.

- In terms of clinical, consultations ongoing with the other nursing programs in the province to align on how to maximize placement availability across the province.

- Are there any thoughts on increasing the number and size of cohorts? What is the distribution going to be for these 180 students in terms of cohorts? Consultations are ongoing with Registrar's office in terms of space. More consultations and work ongoing with this consideration in mind. Could it be an option to divide cohort of 90 into 45, and

have 4 cohorts of 45? Yes, this is a consideration depending on factors such as resources and faculty.

- General appreciation for the work and thought around this program modification in an evidence-informed way.

- Would leadership consider offering a formal apology to students that went through the accelerated program? The chair acknowledged that the accelerated model was a call to duty post-covid and was not done with the intent to cause harm. All stakeholders, including the students, should be proud of all the work and accomplishments that were done during the time. Hopefully we can take lessons to inform future strategic health workforce planning. The college can stand as a resource to educate the government when they make those requests in the future. A lot of good things came out of the expansion. Many students were grateful to be done in 28months and get working. It is also good to keep in mind; there was the accelerated program and there was the increase in the number of students.

- Could we have the accelerated program available to students who want to accelerate? We will remain open to all possibilities as this work progresses.

5.2 Regulation updates following program modification – Presented by T. Arnold
Motion to approve moved by T. Arnold and seconded by F. McEvoy
All in favor, motion carried.

This regulation update only affects registration status and leaves of absence. Students will not be required to show registration status in the summer term.

5.3 Update to Respiratory Mask Fit Testing Admission Requirement and Academic Regulation – Presented by T. Arnold
Motion to approve moved by T. Arnold and seconded by M. Archibald
All in favor, motion carried.

There has been an increase in religion exemption requests. The college has been working with the Spiritual Care and Multi-faith center in considering these requests.

Discussion
- Are there institutions preventing their students from providing care if they are not wearing a mask?

5.4 Undergraduate Debarment Guideline – Presented by T. Arnold
Motion to approve moved by T. Arnold and seconded by L. Davies
All in favor, motion carried.

This guideline was developed in consultation with student advocacy and legal. This document will be available to students on UMLearn and to Faculty on the MS Teams site.

5.5 Changes to the Admissions and Advanced Standing Committee Terms of Reference – Presented by T. Arnold

Motion to approve moved by T. Arnold and seconded by J. Penner
All in favor, motion carried.

5.6 Changes to the Undergraduate Curriculum Terms of Reference – Presented by J. Penner
Motion to approve moved by J. Penner and seconded by Genevieve
All in favor, motion carried.

5.7 Proposal for a NEW Bachelor of Midwifery Curriculum Committee – Presented by F. McEvoy
Motion to approve moved by F. McEvoy and seconded by T. Arnold
All in favor, motion carried.

5.8 Changes to Student Appeals Committee Terms of Reference – Presented by L. Davis
Motion to approve moved by L. Davis and seconded by C. DeGagne
All in favor, motion carried.

Increase in number of appeals called for a larger pool of students and Faculty.

5.9 Changes to Graduate Curriculum Committees Terms of Reference – Presented by G. Thompson
Motion to approve moved by G. Thompson and seconded by A. Pereira
All in favor, motion carried.

5.10 Changes to the Awards Committee Terms of Reference – Presented by L. Balneaves
Motion to approve moved by L. Balneaves and seconded by S. Udod with minor change to remove duplicated item.
All in favor, motion carried.

5.11 Changes to Council Committees' Terms of Reference – Presented by K. Thiessen
Motion to approve moved by K. Thiessen and seconded by J. Penner
All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Next Meeting –** September 29, 2026
7. **Adjournment –** Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm