SCHOOL OF ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC STUDIES

LABRADOR INSTITUTE OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Meeting of the Academic Council

November 30th, 2021

Present:

ASHLEE CUNSOLO (Chair; Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies)
ARN KEELING (Head of Dept. of Geography, Cross-Appointed with SASS)
JODIE LANE (Director of Education, Nunatsiavut Government)
SCOTT NEILSEN (Assistant Professor, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies & Department of Archaeology)
SYLVIA MOORE (Assistant Professor, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies & Department of Education)
NATHANIEL POLLOCK (Research Associate & Adjunct Professor, SASS)
LISA RANKIN (Professor of Archaeology, Cross-Appointed with SASS)
ALEX SAWATZKY (Secretary; Special Projects Manager & Adjunct Professor, SASS)

Regrets:

KANANI DAVIS (Chief Executive Officer, Mamu Tshishkutamashutau Innu Education)
AMY HUDSON (Governance and Strategic Planning Lead, NunatuKavut Community Council)
THOMAS PIGGOTT (Medical Officer of Health; Adjunct Professor, SASS)

Guests:

PRESIDENT VIANNE TIMMONS (President & Vice-Chancellor, Memorial University)
TODD CONSTANTINE, RUTH HICKEY, & KIM MYRICK (Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning)
DISCUSSION: Sharing perspectives and aspirations for education with President Timmons

The President’s aspiration for the Labrador Campus is that it becomes the central hub for all Memorial’s Northern initiatives. What we are doing is building a lasting legacy for Labrador.
DISCUSSION: Roundtable on integrating technology and education with the Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning (CITL)

Primarily blended format: synchronous + asynchronous

How are courses currently being delivered?

Interested in doing more land-based programming

Grad courses on indigenous education are best delivered synchronously

How can technology connect people through place-based learning, from different places?

How can CITL support our work at SASS?

Seeing more students opting for online learning models

Many factors involved in decision/ability to go away for school

Enriches discussions and engagement with the content

Some students aren't comfortable with being on-screen

Common challenges

Webex doesn't work as well as Zoom

Bandwidth is an issue in communities

Needing additional tech support with classroom-classroom connections

Sound quality issues: every little sound from the classroom is heard by those tuning in remotely

Technology and instruction go hand-in-hand; can't build one without the other.
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With the establishment of the Campus and growth of SASS, there will be more opportunities to build on past successes and bring in expertise from across the Circumpolar North.
APPROVALS & UPDATES

CAMPUS APPROVALS

2/3 COMMITTEE APPROVALS
- Final committee vote is this afternoon (Nov. 30th)
  - Update approved!
- Board of Regents vote in December
  - Update passed!
- Embargoed until January 20, 2022

NO DECEMBER MEETING!
- Will convene in the new year - happy holidays!

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- As long as we have everything approved by May Board meeting
- Can now pilot special topics courses before regularizing
- Won't be on the online calendar, but can use our own advertising
- Draft of engineering one included in email attachments
- Cyc diploma courses developed, need to be reviewed
- Business case developed
- Will start certificate development in January

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 25TH @ 10:00AM AST