



SCHOOL OF ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC STUDIES

LABRADOR INSTITUTE OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Meeting of the Academic Council

September 28th, 2021



Present:

ASHLEE CUNSOLO (Chair; Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies)

KANANI DAVIS (Chief Executive Officer, Mamu Tshishkutamashutau Innu Education)

AMY HUDSON (Governance and Strategic Planning Lead, NunatuKavut Community Council)

ARN KEELING (Head of Dept. of Geography, Cross-Appointed with SASS)

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, Labrador Institute; Adjunct Professor, SASS)

Regrets:

JODIE LANE (Director of Education, Nunatsiavut Government)

THOMAS PIGGOTT (Medical Officer of Health; Adjunct Professor, SASS)

Guests:

FLORENTINE STRZELCZYK (Provost and Vice President Academic, Memorial University)

APPROVALS & UPDATES

TENDER PROCESS

TRANSITIONAL SPACE

SASS LI

- FLOOR PLAN 90% COMPLETE
- BUILDING WILL BE GUTTED and RENOVATED
- WAITING ON FINAL SIGNING

... IN 5-7 YEARS:
* NEW CAMPUS BUILDING

BUDGET PROCESS with PROVOST

- IDENTIFIED AS A KEY GROWTH STRATEGY
- NEED A BUDGET BEFORE WE CAN BE A CAMPUS
- AIMING FOR TRANSITION BUDGET TO BE PASSED IN DECEMBER
- FULL CAMPUS TRANSITION PLAN CREATED FOR SENATE ENDORSEMENT AND BOARD APPROVAL

STEP-WISE PLAN OVER 7 YEARS

RESEARCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR

CHELSEE ARBOUR

- NEW POSITION FOR SASS
- FOCUSING ON BUILDING RESEARCH RELATIONSHIPS
- STARTS OCTOBER 18TH!

AVPIR

VIOLET FORD

- APPOINTED TO SASS
- WILL BE CONNECTING THROUGH COURSE DEVELOPMENT, TEACHING, & RESEARCH

NEW POSITIONS at LI / SASS

OFFICE ADMIN ASSISTANT

OFFER PENDING

TWO INDIGENOUS CLUSTER HIRES

NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS

CRC POSITION

WHO DO WE WANT ON THE HIRING COMMITTEE?

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- APPROVING JOB POSTING
- FACULTY SEARCH

SEARCH BEGINNING BY DECEMBER 2021

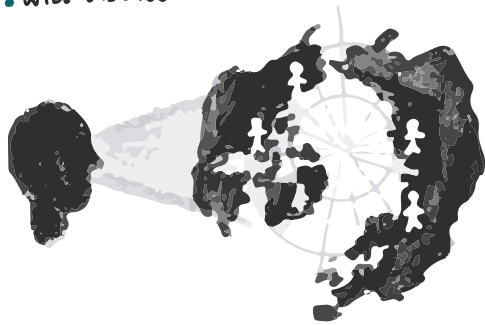
PYE CENTRE

- FARM HOUSE LEASE OFFICIALLY SIGNED!
- SUCCESSFUL FIRST OPEN HOUSE IN SEPTEMBER
- PLANNING WELLNESS PROGRAMMING WITH SIFN + AUTISM NL for SUMMER 2022

MASTER'S/PHD OFFERING

"ARCTIC + SUBARCTIC STUDIES"

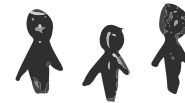
- QUITE FAR ALONG
- WILL DISCUSS at OCTOBER MEETING



THEMES

- PEOPLE, PLACE, + IDENTITY
- RESEARCH METHODS
- HEALTH SYSTEMS
- LAW, GOVERNANCE, + ADVOCACY
- WELLNESS
- ARCTIC + SUBARCTIC FUTURES

DIPLOMA IN NORTHERN AND INDIGENOUS CHILD AND YOUTH CARE



- LED BY NAT POLLOCK
- HEATHER MODLIN WORKING ON CONTRACT to DEVELOP THIS
- DIFFERENT WAYS OF TRAINING and CREDENTIALLING
- EVENTUAL UNDERGRAD DEGREE?
- WILL DISCUSS at OCTOBER MEETING

DIPLOMA IN NORTHERN PEOPLES, LANDS, AND RESOURCES



- SCOTT + SYLVIA REVIEWING WEBSITE and AD
- WILL GET on the BOOKS for FALL 2022

ENGINEERING I COURSE



- MAY HAVE FOUND A FACULTY POSITION
- ON TRACK TO OFFER NEXT FALL!

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

- INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING IN THE CLASSROOM + ON THE LAND
 - REFLECTS HOW PEOPLE WANT TO LEARN
- WILL DISCUSS at OCTOBER MEETING



DISCUSSION:

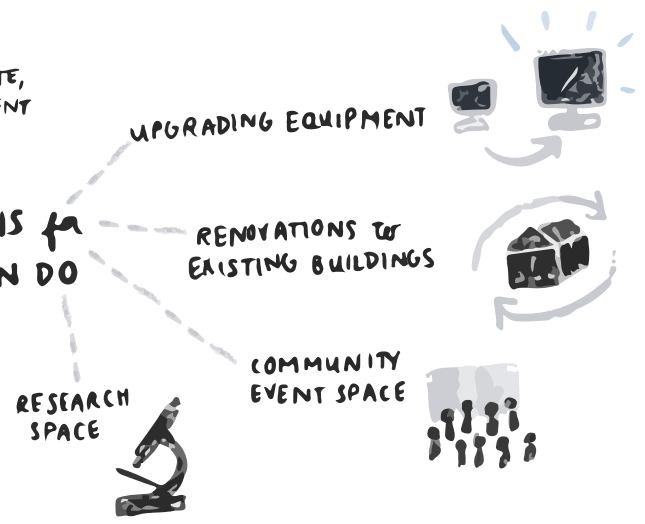
PROVINCIAL COMMUNITY HUBS



LED BY THE HARRIS CENTRE, GRENFELL, LABRADOR INSTITUTE, + OFFICE OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

RANGE of OPTIONS for WHAT HOSTS CAN DO

IS THIS of INTEREST? CAN YOU THINK of COMMUNITIES WHO MIGHT be INTERESTED?



CLIMATE COLLECTIVE OPPORTUNITIES



GLOBAL AFFAIRS INVESTED \$500K ACROSS the NORTH

3-4 PROJECTS in LABRADOR

EXAMPLES...

LEARNING MODULES

SUPPORT from "ADAPTATION EXPERTS"

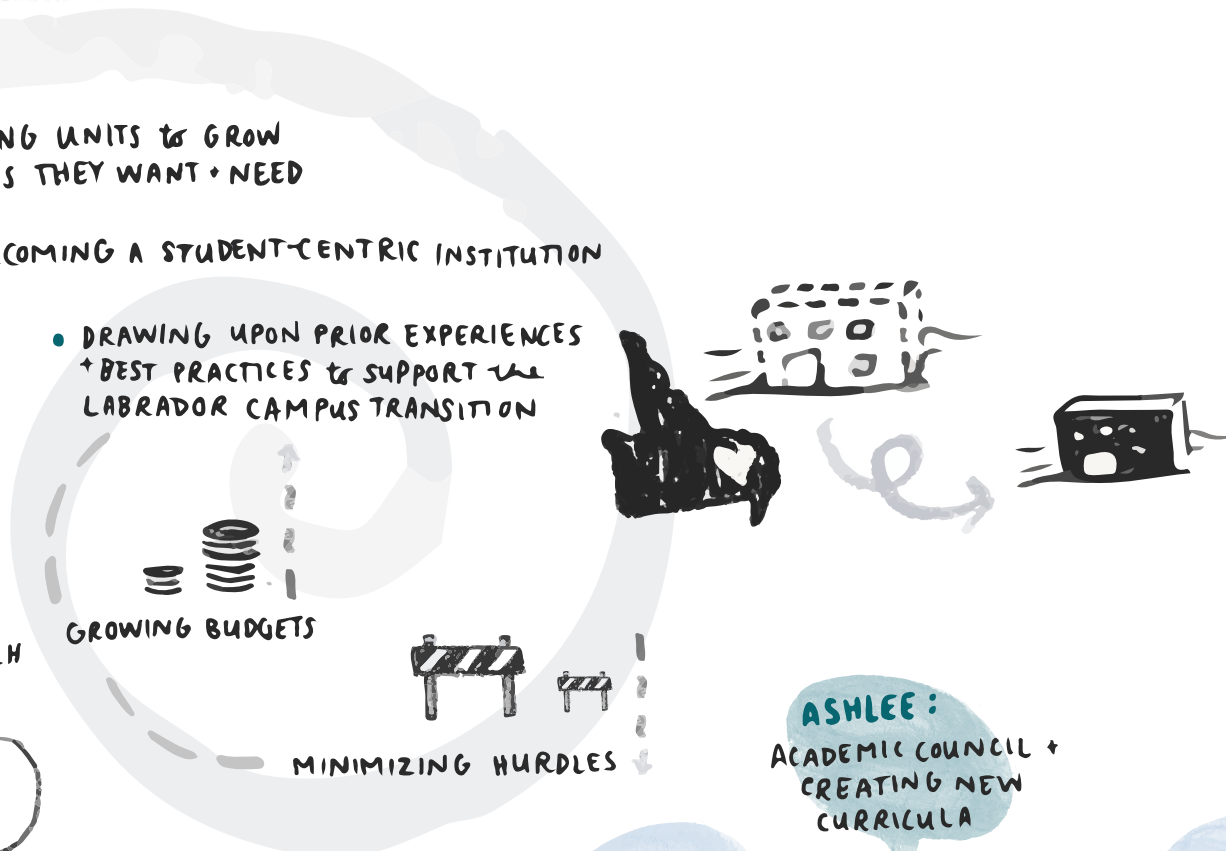
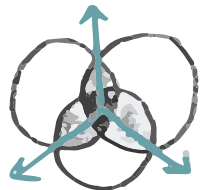
COULD CONNECT WITH ACADEMIC COUNCIL, POTENTIAL COMMUNITY HUBS, INDIGENOUS GOVERNMENTS' ONGOING YOUTH INITIATIVES

INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Florentine Strzelczyk, the new Provost and Vice President Academic of Memorial University

PRIORITIES AS PROVOST

- ENABLING UNITS to GROW in WAYS THEY WANT + NEED
- BECOMING A STUDENT-CENTRIC INSTITUTION
- DRAWING UPON PRIOR EXPERIENCES + BEST PRACTICES to SUPPORT the LABRADOR CAMPUS TRANSITION
- EDI INITIATIVES + TRC COMMITMENTS
- TRANSDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH



ASHLEE:
ACADEMIC COUNCIL +
CREATING NEW
CURRICULA

LISA:
IMPROVING ACCESS
to EDUCATION

SCOTT:
HAVING A PHYSICAL
CAMPUS in LABRADOR

WHAT ARE WE EXCITED ABOUT AT SASS?

KANANI:
POST-SECONDARY
OPPORTUNITIES
CLOSE TO HOME

SYLVIA:
DEVELOPING NEW
PROGRAMS + MOVING
FORWARD WITH
VISION

ARN:
GROWTH of NORTHERN
EDUCATION + CREATING
NEW COURSES

* NEXT MEETING: OCT. 26 @ 10 AM ADT