



SCHOOL OF ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC STUDIES

LABRADOR CAMPUS OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Meeting of the Academic Council

January 30th, 2024



Present:

ASHLEE CUNSOLO (Chair; Vice-Provost, Labrador Campus, & Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies)

DARIA BOLTOKOVA (Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Cross-Appointed with SASS)

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

JESSE JACOBS (Director, NAC-Memorial University Partnership)

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

SYLVIA MOORE (Associate Professor, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies)

SCOTT NEILSEN (Associate Professor, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies & Department of Archaeology)

SARAH PAPPLE (Public Services Librarian, SASS)

ALYSSA PAUL (Chief Administrative Officer, NunatuKavut Community Council)

NATHANIEL POLLOCK (Adjunct Professor, SASS)

LISA RANKIN (Professor of Archaeology, Cross-Appointed with SASS)

ALEX SAWATZKY (Secretary; Knowledge Mobilization Manager, Labrador Campus; Adjunct Professor, SASS)

JAMIE SNOOK (Executive Director, Torngat Secretariat; Adjunct Professor, SASS)

Regrets:

AMY HUDSON (Assistant Professor, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies)

JODIE LANE (Director of Education, Nunatsiavut Government)

UPDATES

STAFFING

NEW HIRES

- IT CONSULTANT: JEFFREY GHARIB RECENTLY STARTED
- WILL BE PROVIDING ON-CAMPUS SUPPORT, AS WELL AS VIRTUAL SUPPORT
- PART-TIME SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR: COURTENAY GRIFFIN
- CURRENTLY WORKING WITH ASHLEE AND ALEX ON A STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

CLOSED POSITIONS

- WELLNESS & SUCCESS NAVIGATOR: CURRENTLY DOING REFERENCE CHECKS, AND WORKING WITH HR

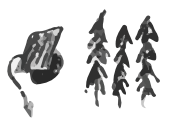
COMING SOON!

CURRENTLY INTERVIEWING / INTERVIEWING SOON

- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT: SENT OUT AN OFFER, CURRENTLY WORKING THROUGH DETAILS WITH HR

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR POSITION: LISA, AMY, AND SYLVIA ARE ON THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: CAMPUS ELDERS, AUNTIES, AND UNCLES PROGRAM



FIRST PHASE OF INTERVIEWS STARTING SOON - STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES!

THIS POSITION WILL PROVIDE LEADERSHIP AT THE CAMPUS AROUND DECOLONIZING AND INDIGENIZING THE CURRICULUM

ARN:

IS IT EXPLICIT IN THE DESCRIPTION THAT THE PERSON MIGHT TRAVEL?

ARE THERE ANY SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES?

THE HOPE IS THAT THIS PERSON WILL BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE CAMPUS, SO WILL MAKE THIS PIECE MORE PROMINENT IN THE "DUTIES" SECTION.

AS THE PROGRAM GROWS, SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP MAY BECOME A PART OF IT, SO WILL ADD THIS TO THE DESCRIPTION AS WELL.

GENERAL CAMPUS UPDATES

LIBRARY TRANSFORMATION



- SARAH REDID ALL THE STACKS AND PUT THEM INTO PROPER ORDER, AND ORDERED A BUNCH OF NEW BOOKS AND MATERIALS

CAMPUS ARTWORK

- NEW HAND-WOVEN BAKEAPPLE RUG BY JASON SHIWAK
- NEW POLAR BEAR SKIN, HARVESTED BY DEREK POTTLE
- MURALS COMING SOON!
- NEW BACKDROPS FOR CLASSROOMS, BY ALEX

A COUPLE BIG EVENTS ARE COMING UP TO BRING IN COMMUNITY MEMBERS

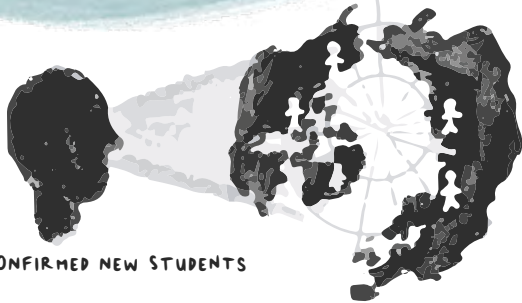
SOFT LAUNCH: END OF FEBRUARY

HARD LAUNCH: APRIL (STAY TUNED!)



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARCTIC & SUBARCTIC FUTURES



- 11 CONFIRMED NEW STUDENTS


- 9 FROM LABRADOR, 2 FROM AWAY

- SOME FULL-TIME (DIFFERENCE FROM FIRST COHORT, WHO ARE ALL PART-TIME)

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM: BACHELOR OF ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES



- RECEIVED SENATE APPROVAL IN JANUARY 

- ONCE THE BOARD OF REGENTS GIVES THEIR APPROVAL IN MARCH, WE WILL BE ABLE TO ADVERTISE PUBLICLY 

2-PAGE OVERVIEW

- ALEX CREATED A 2-PAGE OVERVIEW: ANY FEEDBACK? 

ARN:

ELABORATE MORE ON THE MODULE THEMES SO PEOPLE CAN GET A SENSE OF WHAT TO EXPECT.

PERHAPS TURN IT INTO A TRI-FOLD BROCHURE TO ACCOMMODATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

JAMIE:

INCLUDE A SECTION ON "CAREER PATHWAYS"

NAC PARTNERSHIP



- FOR THE POTENTIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM, THE NEW DEAN OF EDUCATION HAS STARTED AND SEEMS VERY HOPEFUL! WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE POSTED ON HOW THIS DEVELOPS

- ASHLEE AND JESSE CONTINUING TO WORK ON SOCIAL WORK DIPLOMA

- BRINGING IN ASHLEY HOLLOWAY TO LOOK INTO INTERNAL MECHANISMS

INDIVIDUAL UPDATES

PUT TOGETHER A HARLOW PROGRAM CALLED "EMPIRE AND THE COLONIAL PROCESS", TO TAKE PLACE IN SPRING/SUMMER 2025
ALL COURSES WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO INDIGENOUS STUDIES CERTIFICATE

LISA

PLEASE HOLD APRIL 9 AND 10 FOR GRAD STUDENTS' FINAL PRESENTATIONS OF THEIR RESEARCH PROPOSALS (VIRTUAL EVENTS)
MORE INFO AND FORMAL INVITATIONS COMING SOON.

ALEX

SHARED UPDATES ON THE IWELL RESEARCH PROJECT (WORKING ON THIS WITH SYLVIA) - LOOKING AT IMPACTS OF LAND-BASED PEDAGOGY ON INUIT YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND SENSE OF IDENTITY

JAMIE



ARN

THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 15-18
REACH OUT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN OPENING UP OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE WITH THE CONFERENCE, CONNECTING CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY IN LABRADOR

JESSE

LAUNCHING AN INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL PROGRAM SOON - PARTNERED WITH INUIT FISHERY COMPANIES IN NUNAVUT AND NAC TO DEVELOP THIS PROGRAM