



SCHOOL OF ARCTIC AND SUBARCTIC STUDIES

LABRADOR CAMPUS OF MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY

Meeting of the Academic Council

September 26th, 2023



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)

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

JODIE LANE (Director of Education, Nunatsiavut Government)

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

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

ALYSSA PAUL (Chief Administrative Officer, NunatuKavut Community Council)

NATHANIEL Pollock (Research Associate & Adjunct Professor, SASS)

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

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

Regrets:

JESSE JACOBS (Director, NAC-Memorial University Partnership)

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

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

UPDATES

- CURRENTLY ADVERTISING - ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL NOVEMBER 12, 2023

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR



CAMPUS ELDERS, AUNTIES, & UNCLES PROGRAM

- STILL FIGURING OUT A MODEL THAT WILL WORK
- MOST FOLKS ARE INTERESTED IN COMMITTING TO SPECIFIC THINGS, LIKE WORKSHOPS AND OTHER GOAL-BASED ACTIVITIES, RATHER THAN REGULAR HOURS ON CAMPUS

EXAMPLE TO CONSIDER: YUKON UNIVERSITY HAS AN ELDERS' ROOM WITH REGULAR DROP-IN HOURS, PLUS WEEKLY OUTDOOR FIRES WITH ELDERS

SCOTT NEILSEN
SASS

PYE CENTRE UPDATES



- SAVE THE DATE FOR FARM DAY! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 12-5 PM

- EXPERIENCED LOTS OF GROWTH THIS YEAR IN BOTH FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROGRAMMING

STAFFING



PER-COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- FOR SASS 6003: DEVELOPING RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS IN ARCTIC & SUBARCTIC STUDIES
- APPLICATIONS OPEN UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2023

ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN



- FIRST ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN IN LABRADOR
- SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE TO BEGIN THIS FALL
- WILL FOCUS ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

WELLNESS NAVIGATOR

- CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE

IT POSITION



- OPENING TO EXTERNAL APPLICANTS IN OCTOBER

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

- HOLDING OFF ON ADVERTISING FOR NOW

GENERAL CAMPUS UPDATES

NATIONAL TRC DAY

- DISTRIBUTING FOOD DONATIONS FROM THE PYE CENTRE TO OUR PARTNERS & THE FOOD BANK

- ELDER ELIZABETH PENASHWE, KANANI DAVIS, AND ELDER SARAH TOWNLEY WILL VISIT CAMPUS TO DO LANGUAGE TEACHINGS WITH STAFF & STUDENTS



- BUILDING IS 95% COMPLETE! WAITING ON ARTWORK AND OTHER FINAL TOUCHES

- AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT ON MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY TO BE RELEASED IN MID-OCTOBER

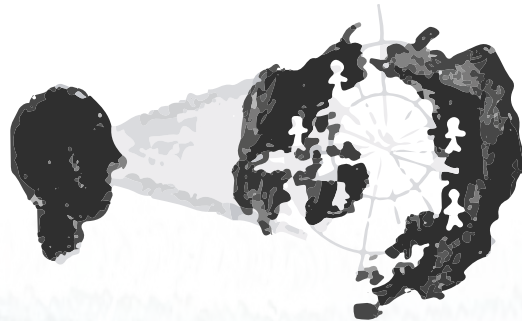


- WORKING ON LARGE FUNDING PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT CONTINUED GROWTH & EXPANSION



ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING

GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ARCTIC & SUBARCTIC FUTURES



• OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN MAY 2023!

• 13 STUDENTS, ALL INDIGENOUS WOMEN FROM THE NORTH

• WE ARE LOOKING AT HOW STUDENTS ARE LEARNING SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN THE PROGRAM



REFLECTIONS SO FAR...

THIS PROGRAM BRINGS THE UNIVERSITY TO THE STUDENTS, FACILITATES SHARED LEARNING, AND FOCUSES ON RECIPROCITY IN TEACHING & LEARNING



SYLVIA MOORE
SASS

THIS PROGRAM IS SO ACCOMMODATING AND FLEXIBLE, AND PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT SUPPORT SYSTEM. IT'S A PRIVILEGE TO BE IN THIS COHORT.

JODIE LANE
NUNATSIAVUT GOVERNMENT (AND ARCTIC & SUBARCTIC FUTURES PHD STUDENT)



AMY HUDSON
SASS

IT'S AMAZING TO BE IN A ROOM WHERE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ARE TALKING ABOUT INDIGENOUS RESEARCH. ONE DAY, THESE STUDENTS WILL BE LEADING OUR INSTITUTIONS!

We are finding ways of respectfully blending "mainstream" kinds of learning with the wisdom, knowledge, and traditions each student is bringing to their studies.

SCOTT NEILSEN
SASS

ENJOYED CREATING A COURSE THAT COMBINED PLACE-BASED LEARNING WITH ONLINE COMPONENTS. STUDENTS ARE DOING INCREDIBLE WORK.



UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM PROPOSAL

• 85% DONE - FINALIZING BUDGET, VISUALS, & MODULE DESCRIPTIONS

• WORKING WITH THE REGISTRAR & SCUGS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE EVERYTHING IN PLACE



• GOAL IS TO SEND IT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN OCTOBER...IF ALL GOES WELL, MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER IT IN FALL 2024!



• MAIN HURDLES WILL BE SECURING FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS

NEXT MEETING:
OCTOBER 31 @ 4:00 PM ATLANTIC