

College Council Minutes of Meeting

Date:	Tuesday, January 27, 2026		
Time:	9:00 – 11:00 am		
Location:	Zoom		
Chair:	Kellie Thiessen		
Present:	Amber Hemminger Ashley Bowering Ashley Carruthers Ashley Hardy Barbara Tallman Caitlyn Farr Chen Jin Cheryl Cusack Cheryl Pryce Christa DeGagne Christine Neilson Dayna Laviolette Diana McMillan Elsie Duff Elyse Griffith Federico Lopez-Ficher Fleur McEvoy Genevieve Thompson Heidi Elias	Heidi Fan Jamie Penner Jaime Perchaluk Jane Kraut Jennifer Dunsford Kaitlyn Yurick Kim Sefton Kimberly Heppner Kimberley MacKay Linda Townsend Lisa Banman Lisa Timmerman Lori Davis Lori Sookram Mandy Archibald Marie Jivan Miriam Brown Nicole Harder Noel Arring	Paula Black Pawandeep Gill Rhonda Campbell Roberta Woodgate Samantha Holmes Shakerah Jones Hall Shannon Guerreiro Shelley Marchinko Stephanie Betker Stephanie Nunes Sufia Turner Tanya Letkeman Terilyn Hunter Trina Arnold Trinh Nguyen-Lu Vanessa Van Bower Vladan Protudjer Wanda Chernomas
Regrets:	Alia Lagace Barb Goodwin Barbara Rose-Lovett	Em Pijl Ingrid Olson Judith Scanlan	Marck Salamatin Rhonda Dube Sonia Udod
Guests:	Brandy Usick Fanny Levy Jeff Adams	Laurie Schnarr Leah Deane Nicole Riches	
Recorder:	Rebecca Harasym		

1. Welcome and Quorum Established

Kellie Thiessen welcomed attendees and guests.

Quorum (36) was reached.

2. Land Acknowledgement:

Genevieve Thompson

The University of Manitoba acknowledged that its campuses are located on the traditional lands of Indigenous Peoples, recognized treaty relationships and past and present harms, and reaffirmed its commitment to reconciliation and respectful collaboration with Indigenous communities.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by K. Thiessen and seconded by F. McEvoy that:

“The Agenda of the College Council Meeting dated January 27, 2026, be approved.”

CARRIED

4. Approval of the Minutes – December 18, 2025

It was moved by K. Thiessen and seconded by Trina Arnold that:

“The Minutes of the College Council Meeting dated December 18, 2025, be approved.”

CARRIED

5. Guest – L. Schnarr:

A presentation was delivered by Laurie Scharr and team outlining the new Student Affairs Strategic Plan (2025–2030). The plan focuses on reimagining the student experience at UM through five strategic priorities: student engagement and belonging; accessible, student-centered learning; leadership development; extending Student Affairs’ impact; and fostering a culture of excellence. The plan emphasizes a shared, holistic approach to delivering an exceptional student experience and will be advanced through collaboration, strategic communication, integrated planning and assessment, and professional development.

6. Information

Meeting notes were shared from the Executive Council meeting from January 20, 2026.

7. Approvals

7.1. Changes to the Graduate Program supplemental regulations

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Genevieve Thompson presented proposed revisions to the Nursing Graduate Program for Supplemental Regulations. Key changes include the formal addition of Generative AI guidelines, clarifying that AI use is prohibited unless explicitly approved by an advisor/instructor and properly disclosed. Admission requirements were reorganized and clarified, particularly for the MN Nurse Practitioner (NP) stream, including GPA requirements, residency-based admission priorities, documentation expectations, clinical practice hours, and the interview and ranking process using the Multiple Mini-Interview (MMI). Updates also address expectations regarding statements of intent, criminal record review and reporting, advisor assignment for the NP stream, clinical placement responsibilities, academic performance, and professional behaviour standards aligned with other professional programs. The revisions aim to improve clarity, consistency, and alignment with professional and regulatory requirements.

It was moved by G. Thompson and seconded by Kimberley MacKay that:

“The proposed supplemental regulation changes as outlined in the table, be approved.”

CARRIED

7.2. *Proposed Curricular Changes for Midwifery*

7.2.1. BMid Program and Course Proposed Changes Submission

7.2.2. Summary of Course Changes and Program Modifications

7.2.3. Current and Proposed Course Schedule in table format

7.2.4. SCADM proposed admission changes BMid

Fleur McEvoy presented proposed curricular and admission changes to the Bachelor of Midwifery (BMid) program, effective for Spring 2027. The proposal includes a targeted curriculum refresh based on program review, student feedback, and preceptor input, with course restructuring to reduce duplication, improve sequencing, and enhance clinical readiness. Key changes include the introduction of new courses, revisions to clinical and communication content, and the addition of an Indigenous-focused family studies course. Proposed admission changes include the removal of the chemistry prerequisite, the addition of Women's and Gender Studies coursework, and a new requirement demonstrating readiness for full-time academic study. Consultations with relevant faculties and Admissions were completed, and the changes aim to support student success, reduce attrition, and align program preparation with professional and accreditation expectations.

It was moved by F. McEvoy and seconded by Jamie Penner that:

"Motions to approve curricular and admission changes as presented for Fall 2027"

CARRIED

8. **Next Meeting:** February 25, 2026

9. **Adjournment:** 10:25 am