

UHI NWH Learning, Teaching and

Research Committee

Wednesday 07 February 2024, 16:15 - 18:00

MS Teams

Chair – Sarah Fraser

Notes – Flora Miller

Attendees

Board members

Lydia Rohmer, Michael Foxley, Fiona Macleod, Hannah Ritchie-Muir, Diana Macleod, Sarah Fraser, Derek Lewis, Rupert Marshall

1. Quorum, Welcome and Apologies

QUORUM: Learning, Teaching & Research Committee: The Committee comprises 4 'independent' members, 1 executive member (the Principal & CEO), 1 Academic Staff Member and 1 Student Member. Each Member has one vote. The minimum quorum is 3, subject that no less than half of voting members attending must comprise 'independent' members.

STARRED SYSTEM: At item 3 on the agenda, Members will be invited to request starring any unstarred item which the member wishes to be discussed. All unstarred items will be determined without discussion.

2. Declarations of Interest & Connection

Members must declare an interest, either financial or non-financial in any item on the Agenda and should do so at the start of the meeting or as early as possible during the meeting. Members must not remain, nor participate in any way in a part of the meeting in which they have declared an interest. Members must declare a connection which does not amount to an interest in any item on the Agenda where in the interests of transparency they consider that it is appropriate to do so.

No declarations of interest were noted.

3. Starring

None

4. Minutes

The Committee is invited to approve the draft minutes.

4.1. Minutes of Meeting - 6th December 2023

Minutes - Agreed

4.2. Matters Arising & Action Tracker

All previous actions from the committee are completed.

5. Research

5.1. Research and Knowledge Exchange - Update

One Health presentation was presented during the meeting, and members were asked to feed back to Stuart Gibb on any further discussion they would like to have.

Action - One Health to be added to next meeting agenda.

Noted

6. Gaelic Strategy & Language Plan

It was agreed we have lots of potential. People have reached out abroad, by using technologies we have, there was potential to join up communities across the globe.

Could all end dates be consistent for GME course Pg 33 41/42. Advises funding available to develop a new course. Target learning centres where there are known needs.

It was noted by the principal and chair that it was a great Strategy and Plan; congratulations were extended to Angela, Hannah and Joe. There would be significant support from BnG to take the NWH strategy and plan forward, with a very productive recent meeting of the college with Ian MacMillan of BnG. We are also collaborating actively with UHI on a part-time online GME PGDE course development. Finally, we are hugely privileged to receive the Derick S Thomson collection of works at our Stornoway campus library.

UHI North, West and Hebrides and Ceòlas share a commitment to the preservation, curation, development and dissemination of the Uibhist Gàidhlig language, arts and culture, and of the unique attributes of archaeology, landscape and environment of Uibhist.

Together the partners will ensure that Uibhist and particularly Cnoc Soilleir will:

- be recognised as a centre for excellence for education, Gàidhlig language and culture.
- provide high-quality cultural events and activities throughout the year.
- provide excellent training, and employment opportunities.
- be a centre for research in the Uibhist language, culture, traditions, history and landscape which records and preserves its unique culture and supports educational and dissemination programmes for an increasing number of participants both online and in Uibhist.
- ensure that Gàidhlig is strengthened as the language of Uibhist and of Cnoc Soilleir, so that Uibhist thrives as a place where students and visitors learn from and engage with its Gàidhlig-speaking community.
- support a range of community activities and interactions with their language and culture and enable the community to be active participants in recording, research, education and dissemination.
- Recent joint vision that went to Board for consideration, we are the only link to the gaelic community via the college. Gaelic development officers.

Approved to go to board on February 28th

7. Core Funded Fees

Approved to go to the board on Feb 28th - committee endorsed.

8. HISA Report - **Noted**

9. Confidential items (withheld)

10. Date of next meeting - 27th March 2024 - 4.15pm