

**RECORD OF DECISIONS FOR THE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2009 OF THE
COUNCIL ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION**

1. Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Meeting

Motion (Halamandaris/Wedlake) that the minutes of the November 13, 2008 Council meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2. System Restructuring Project

University College of the North

- **Restructuring the UCN Library System**

Motion (Brown/Ward): that the Council approve the request from University College of the North (UCN) for \$60,000 in one-time funding from the 2008/09 System Restructuring Envelope to develop a UCN/Public library at Norway House, as a pilot project, to increase access to the library services in support of the courses offered by UCN, as well as literacy, children's programming and community library development. Council requires UCN to return with a post-pilot evaluation report. In addition, it is recommended that Council require UCN to find any "annual" financial requirements beyond the initial COPSE support from within.

CARRIED

3. Program Proposals

Brandon University

- **RPN Program Expansion Initiative**

Motion (Ward/Hendler): that the Council approve in principle the request of Brandon University (BU) for \$338,840 in continuing funding over four years, in support of a 12 seat expansion to the BScPN program. It is further recommended that Council approve this request subject to Treasury Board approval of the \$227,500 in continuing funding requested by COPSE as part of its 2009/10 estimates, and with the further condition that TB approve an additional \$111,340 for this expansion under the COPSE 2010/11 estimates request to Government.

CARRIED

Red River College

- **Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Nurses (Pilot)**

Motion (Halamandaris/Meridji): that the Council

1. Approve the request of Red River College to establish Levels 2 and 3 of a Bridging Program for International Educated Nurses (IENs), as a 20-seat pilot project, beginning in January 2009;
2. Approve in-principle the request from Red River College for \$128.2 in one-time funding in 2009/10 to cover costs to implement this program for the period April to June 2009, to be confirmed once the 2009/10 provincial budget has been approved and announced; and
3. Require Red River College to conduct a full post-pilot evaluation and to submit a program proposal for Council's consideration prior to implementing a permanent Bridging Program for Internationally Educated Nurses.

CARRIED

- **Business Administration Diploma, Financial Services Major (no funds required)**

Motion (Halamandaris/Wedlake): that the Council approve Red River College's request to offer a Financial Services Major as a new stream within the Business Administration Diploma program, beginning in September 2009.

CARRIED

- **Water Quality & Water Management Technician Study**

Motion (Wedlake/Phillips): that the Council approve the request of Red River College for \$25,000 in one-time funding from the College Expansion Initiative in 2008/09, in support of consultants' fees necessary to conduct a study of the current state of Water Quality & Water Management Technician training and professional requirements for Manitoba.

CARRIED

4. COPSE Policies Relating to Exercising its Delegated Authority under *The Degree Granting Act*

Motion (Halamandaris/Hendler): that the Council approve the policy as presented.

CARRIED

**“Original signed by
Kim Browning”**

Kim Browning
Recorder

**“Original signed by
James Allum”**

James Allum
Chair