

**Policy Title:** Board Relationship with Governing Councils  
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### Policy Statement

Yukon University is committed to the inclusion of community members and stakeholders in decisions relating to programming and research services.

### Approval Statement

With the consent of the Board of Governors and approval of the Chair of the Board of Governors, this policy is hereby deemed in effect the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2022.



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David Morrison  
Chair, Board of Governors

January 21, 2022

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Date

**Purpose**

Yukon University Board of Governors will work to continually seek guidance from relevant stakeholders including business/industry, First Nations, and community members in order to inform the decision-making and planning process.

Where the University has established an entity that requires its own advisory body, there shall be a reporting system in place to ensure decisions made at the advisory level are communicated to the University Board of Governors.

Advisory bodies, sometimes known as governing or advisory councils, have been established by the Board for the following entities:

- Yukon School of Visual Arts (SOVA)
- Northern Institute of Social Justice (NISJ)
- Cold Climate Innovation (CCI)
- Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining (CNIM)
- Yukon University Research Centre (YRC)

This policy will govern the creation, responsibilities and reporting relationship of any advisory councils created in the future.

**Governing Council role**

Governing or advisory councils are responsible for:

- Ensuring their terms of reference, outlining membership, meeting procedures, the election of a chair and other matters, are approved by University's Board of Governors
- Providing oversight to expenditures and program decisions and making recommendations to the Board as required by the University policy on approval authorities
- Ensuring the Yukon University brand is clearly connected to any print or media information

- Ensuring there is a minimum of one University member who comes from University management.

**Communication**

All communication between the Board and governing councils will take place through the Office of the President.

The Board will be provided with an annual report summarizing the activities of the governing or advisory council meetings and a summary of motions and decisions made by the governing councils.

**Scope and limitations of the president**

Not applicable

**Information and monitoring requirements**

The Board will be provided, on an annual basis, with a summary report of activities and motions and decisions taken for each governing or advisory council.

**Definitions:**

Advisory council and governing council shall be used interchangeably