

UCC Committee Terms of Reference

Committee Name
UCC National Ukrainian Education Council (NUEC)

Structure				
Role	First Name	Last Name	e-mail	Phone
Chair	Oksana	Levytska	olevytska@rogers.com	416-897-6931
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Members	Educators - representatives of UCC provincial branches			

The committee is proposed to be comprised of the following: Chair, Vice Chair(s), Past Chair, committee members – educators from provinces (2 representatives from every province UCC has branches: 1 –Ridna Shkola, 1 – Day/bilingual school); members at large/counseling bodies – representatives of educational committees/councils at national levels, representatives from pre-school programs, representatives from university programs.

Committee Goals	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create public awareness of Ukrainian schools in Canada and promote enrolment in them; - Facilitate communication between Ukrainian language schools in order to enable sharing of resources and information and to continue the work of the networking project undertaken at the initiative of the UCC - Continue enhancing the www.shkola.ca website. - Maintain a database of Ukrainian bilingual, heritage and Saturday schools and teachers in Canada. Collect and analyze statistical and empirical data about schools. - Continue the dialogue with teachers in these Ukrainian schools to encourage exchange of ideas, teaching plans and assignments, curricula, resources, development of new courses and standardized curriculum/programs and innovative materials in teaching. - Initiate discussions/round tables for educators at all levels with the aim of establishing a seamless Ukrainian educational system from kindergarten to university.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support provincial or city educational councils in investigating the possibility of extending bilingual Ukrainian programs in Ontario and other provinces where such programs don't exist. - Encourage and support active participation in commemorating the Ukrainian Genocide - Holodomor on the 4th Friday or Saturday of November in all schools

	- Facilitate provincial and local educational councils in informing and encouraging students of Ukrainian programs to participate in educational and community events as well as in educational competitions/contests
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Deliverables

Specific outputs required/requested from the committee.

- Financing for technical support for updating/developing the www.shkola.ca website.
- Updated website; forum of exchange of information.
- Financial support for conferences, telephone conference calls and other communication needs.
- Financial support of national educational projects, programs and initiatives as well as coordination of specific projects.
- Financial support for developing and implementing new teaching materials.

Scope & Jurisdiction

What are the bounds of responsibility and authority of the Committee? What do they need to address and what is outside their area of concern? What can they decide on and what needs group/board input?

- Broadening the network of Ukrainian heritage schools in Canada
- Facilitate the dissemination of teaching/learning materials to teachers/educators in Ukrainian schools and develop a network for material/resource exchange
- Support local language programs/courses with the focus of engaging school graduates into continuing participation in Ukrainian community activities and enrolling into higher institutions of Ukrainian studies
- Strengthen the teaching of Ukrainian Canadian history and geography to enable Ukrainian Canadian students to have a thorough knowledge of the place and identity of Ukrainians in Canada

Guidance from the Board

Initial direction and suggestions from the board.

Resources & Budget

E.g. equipment, materials, rooms, funds available to the committee.

- Access to the ULEC library materials/online resources for teachers (to be discussed with the ULEC, Univ. of Alberta)
- Support in program/textbook development
- Funds to conduct gathering data/compiling the results of a questionnaire about all Ukrainian education programs across Canada (Preschool, K-12 and university level) [to be presented at the Triennial Congress with the intent of using the data to positively influence Ukrainian education in Canada]
- Start funds and technical support to ensure successful running of National teachers conferences (every two years)

Budgets will be allocated by the Board of Directors as needed at the request of the committee.

Governance

As per attached guidance.

- The committee will report to the UCC Board of Directors via written minutes of each meeting.
- The minutes will include supporting reports, information, discussion, etc.
- Committee minutes will be distributed to board members prior to the board meeting.

Additional Notes

- **How communications outside of meetings will be conducted, e.g. phone or email**

The communication outside meetings will be conducted through email, teleconference or by skype connection if required.

- **Where shared information, such as plans and contact information, will be stored**

The information/records of meetings will be stored electronically.

- **Related policies / by-laws**

- **History of the council**

UCC National Ukrainian Education Council, formerly known as UCC National School Council, was formed in November 2010 at the UCC National Congress in Edmonton. The purpose of UCC National Ukrainian Education Council is to enable sharing of resources and pedagogical practices among Ukrainian teachers and to continue working on the networking projects. The mandate of the NUEC is to facilitate communication between Ukrainian language schools and teachers in Canada. The National Ukrainian Education Council includes Ukrainian educators from various provinces across Canada.

- **Schedule or meetings and/or other important timelines**

Meetings of the committee members will be held every two/three months by teleconference. Communication and time sensitive matters to be discussed will be conducted by emails on a monthly basis or when needed.

- **Information about specific committee projects**

As part of sharing of resources and information and developing networking among the educators, NUEC will continue organizing National Teachers Conferences (every two years). The next Conference is to be held in Winnipeg in 2018.

In order to standardize curriculum/Program of Studies for History of Ukraine for Ukrainian schools (including Euromaidan and most recent events in Ukraine), NUEC will support developing such a program and teaching materials.

Represent the NUEC at the ULEC Advisory Committee and support it by participating in the committee meetings and activity.

Facilitate the co-operation of appropriate Canadian institutions with the World Educational Coordinating Council in building an online network for adult Ukrainian language distance learning.