



Model Arctic Council UAF March 9-14-2016

Goals:

- Expanding knowledge of Arctic issues and international politics
- Preparing students to assume leadership roles in the Arctic
- Enhancing collaboration among UArctic institutions



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Structure

- Full MAC held bi-annually at UArctic member university in country chairing Arctic Council (US – UAF in 2016)
 - Working Group Meetings
 - SAO Meeting
 - Ministerial Meeting
 - Culminating event w/ actual SAO's, others invited
 - MAC presents policy recommendations to actual SAO meeting at UAF
- Organized through UArctic Thematic Network (to be established)
 - Faculty member at one UArctic institution in each member state teaches course.
 - We encourage UArctic-Permanent Participant groups to participate

Preparation

3 credit 8-week course taught at UArctic member institutions

- Project Team, led by Diddy Hitchins, will develop preparatory course for use at each university.
- Project Team will develop (as in Model UN simulations) texts:
 - “Guide for Delegate Preparation to Participate in a Simulation of the Arctic Council”
 - “Guide to Issues Before the Arctic Council” to serve as texts for course
- 8 weeks preparation culminate in simulation
- All student participants must take the class
- Course could be stacked – undergraduate-graduate

Logistics

- Representation

- Member state delegations: 3 students from MAC classes in resp. UArctic member universities will represent own states
- Permanent participant representatives: (to the extent possible) 2 student members of actual Arctic Council Permanent Participant groups will represent respective groups
- Observers: UArctic member institutions outside Arctic may send delegates
 - Ex: University of the Highlands and Islands in Scotland (UArctic member) might send UK Observer delegate
 - UAA might send the Northern Forum Observer

- Funding

- Member universities/states finance travel of own delegates
- MAC host institution provides lodging, food, etc. at MAC