Meeting Goals – To engage network and potential network members (students, staff and faculty) in a robust discussion of the positive engagement of Indigenous communities in local and Arctic research and to participate in network building activities through a story telling workshop conducted by UNE North. The meeting will also feature a presentation by UArctic leadership and considering of NEAN and institutional goals for the UArctic Assembly in Portland, ME, in June 2022.

8:30 - Coffee and Registration

9:00 – Welcome and Introductions (potentially President James Herbert, UNE)

9:15 – 9:45 – UArctic Leadership presentation.

9:45– 10:45: Panel Discussion: Stories of Community Engagement: A hybrid panel (panelists will be in person or on zoom) of five speakers and a moderator.
Moderator: Pips Veazy, University of Maine and ARCUS Board of Directors.

10:45 – Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 – Group discussion: What are the changes we need to see in our institutions and our fields of research to promote equitable and respectful collaboration with Indigenous communities in the Arctic and North Atlantic?

12:00 – 1:15 – Lunch and tours of Innovation Hall, location for UArctic Assembly, June 2022

1:15 – 2:30: Telling Our NEAN Stories – a Workshop with UNE North

Goal: Using storytelling techniques, this session will help participants build connections and trust across disciplines, centers and institutions that will strengthen our network. Using a small group format facilitated by UNE North Affiliate Team members, we will flex our personal storytelling muscles, sharing how we found our passion for our work, moments of successful failure, and aspirations for our impact on our communities and environments. These stories will be captured by small group leaders and developed into a story map that can be linked to
the NEAN Website and serve as a resource for current and future members interested in deepening their partnerships and collaborations.

2:30 – 2:45: Coffee Break

2:45 – 3:45: UAрctic and NEAN – sharing institutional goals for the June 2022 Assembly and setting expectations for participation and support.

4:00: Closing