



IPEC Minutes

June 23, 2023

Office of Indigenous Initiatives

General Meeting: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Hybrid

<b>Present</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Danielle ALCOCK	Community Representative, SOAHAC
Kathleen ANDERSON	Métis Nation of Ontario
Peter ATERMAN	Communications, Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Christy BRESSETTE	Vice-Provost/Assistant, Vice-President, Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Sara Mai CHITTY	Curriculum and Pedagogy Advisor, Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Paula CORNELIUS-HEDGEPEETH	Community Relations and Space Coordinator/IPEC Secretary, Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Regna DARNELL	President's Appointee, Faculty of Social Science, Western University
Debbie DOLSON	Post-Secondary Counsellor, Chippewa of the Thames First Nation
Mindy GILL-JOHNSON	Education Administrator, Saugeen First Nation
Misko KICKNOSWAY	President, Indigenous Student Association, Western University
Ashley KEWAYOSH	Student Success Coordinator, Indigenous Student Centre, Western University
Melinda MORADIPOUR	Office Administrator, Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Amanda MYERS	Director, Indigenous Student Centre, Western University
Jody NOAH	Southern First Nations Secretariat, Community Organization
Sean HOOGTERP	Indigenous Lead, Western University Affiliates: Kings, Brescia, Huron
Rick FEHR	Acting Director, Indigenous Studies Department, Western University

Jennifer SLAY	Director, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization, Kings College
Laura SPERO	Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Post-Secondary Counsellor
Vallie TRUDEAU	Interim Replacement for Danielle Alcock, SOAHAC
Jenna SOUTHEN	Kettle Stoney Point Education
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Deborah ARMSTRONG	Nokee Kwe, Community Representation
Gillian BALFOUR	Vice-Principal and Academic Dean, Kings University College
Holly CLAEYS	Post-Secondary Coordinator, Caldwell First Nation
Lorraine DAVIES	Associate Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Joe HENRY	Dean of Students, Kings University College
Melanie MOLNAR	Affiliate Designate, Brescia University College
Rick MONTURE	Grand River Post-Secondary Education, Six Nations First Nations
Jarvis NAHDEE	Post-Secondary Coordinator, Walpole Island First Nation
Erica NEEGANAGWEDGIN	Director, Indigenous Education, Faculty of Education, Western University
Bette SUMMERS	Education Director, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation
Vicky SWEENEY	Associate Dean, Huron College University
Guy WILLIAMS	Special Advisor, Indigenous Education and Development, Fanshawe College

**1. Traditional Opening**

**2. Welcome**

- Jody Noah, Co-chair
- Christy Bressette, Co-Chair
- Round table introductions, in-person and online

**3. New member welcome- Jennifer Slay**

- Jennifer Slay, Kings College, Director of EDID
- Integration of Indigenous Truth Identity Affirmation Council,

**4. Building Reconciliation Forum Updates**

Christy Bressette – VP/AVP Indigenous Initiatives

- Conference to take place June 26-28<sup>th</sup>
- National level, university/academic conference
- Community visits, engaging lectures and cultural festivities

## **5. Department/Faculty Updates**

### Indigenous Studies

- Rick Fehr - Indigenous Studies WesternU
  - Updates on successful community consultation for the developments to the Indigenous Strategic Plan
- Lewis Williams, Sabbatical, interim head of department will be determined later
- Amanda Myers- Director of Indigenous Students Centre
  - Resigning in the end of July
  - Search for new director will begin shortly

## **6. IPEC Round Table Sharing**

Sharing the work that community is currently working on.

- Jody Noah – Co-Chair and Munsee -Delaware update
  - Ongoing support for students
- Jenna Southen- KSPFN
  - Rejection messaging with acceptances needs to be addressed by the university, re-evaluation in reasoning
  - Historical colonial trauma at play
- Danielle Alcock – SOAHAC – Regional Practice Lead
  - Maternity leave begins shortly
  - Incumbent, Vallie Trudeau

## **7. Next Meeting**

- TBD

## **8. Adjournment/Traditional Closing**

- Myrna Kicknosway conducts a traditional closing.