



IPEC Minutes

September 21, 2023

Office of Indigenous Initiatives

General Meeting: 9:00 am to 12:00 PM, in the Wampum Learning Lodge

Present	Affiliation
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
Debbie DOLSON	Post-Secondary Counsellor, Chippewa of the Thames First Nation
Rick FEHR	Acting Director, Indigenous Studies Department, Western University
Joan FINEGAN	Acting Director
Sean HOOGTERP	Indigenous Lead, Western University Affiliates: Kings, Brescia, Huron
Misko KICKNOSWAY	President, Indigenous Student Association, Western University
Ashley KEWAYOSH-SAMUELS	Student Success Coordinator, Indigenous Student Centre, Western University
Melinda MORADIPOUR	Office Administrator, Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Jody NOAH	Southern First Nations Secretariat, Community Organization
Lissette OCHOA	Associate Registrar, Student Success Registrar's Office, Brescia College
Laura RAMIREZ	Project Associate, Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Jennifer SLAY	Director, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Decolonization, Kings College

Joseph WABEGEJIB	Executive Director, Atlohsa Family Healing Services
Regrets	Affiliation
Deborah ARMSTRONG	Nokee Kwe, Community Representation
Candance BRUNETTE-DEBASSIGE	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education
Bernita BRIGHAM-JACOBS	Bkejwanong Territory, Post-Secondary Coordinator
Regna DARNELL	President's Appointee, Faculty of Social Science, Western University
Lorraine DAVIES	Associate Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
Mindy GILL-JOHNSON	Education Administrator, Saugeen First Nation
Amanda Morin	SAGE Coordinator, Western University
Melanie MOLNAR	Affiliate Designate, Brescia University College
Rick MONTURE	Grand River Post-Secondary Education, Six Nations First Nations
Jenna MORRISON	Caldwell First Nation, Employment/Education/Post-Secondary Portfolio
Laura SPERO	Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Bette SUMMERS	Education Director, Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation
Jenna SOUTHEN	Secondary School Lead, Kettle Stoney Point First Nation
Vallie TRUDEAU	SOAHAC, London
Guy WILLIAMS	Special Advisor, Indigenous Education and Development, Fanshawe College

1. Traditional Opening

- Myrna Kicknosway

2. Welcome messages from Co-Chairs

- Christy Bressette
- Jody Noah

3. Terms of Reference

- Last update in 2019
- Membership updates and changes of roles
- Committee responsibilities need to be reviewed

- Deans' membership, suggestion of rotating through faculties or departments
- Co-chair role: as per Terms of Reference, new community representative, Jody Noah has served for six terms.
- IPEC membership review due to shifting departmental roles.
- Student experience has incoming role of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization as a potential IPEC seat.
- IPEC focus on department or faculty for each meeting. Schulich medicine and dentistry went extremely well resulting in community engagement and participation.
- Suggestion of subcommittee, working groups or Ad Hoc community groups to take on additional work.
- Infinite Reach Program, Metis student representative, IPEC membership seat.
- Western University senate (Super-U, Super-G committees) would benefit from an IPEC strategic plan.
- Capacity of Indigenous scholars and staff is an issue.

4. Affiliate colleges updates

- Kings University College, Fullbright Chair: appointment of non-Indigenous scholar, Christina Stanciu
- Chair appointed in Truth and Reconciliation
- Missed opportunity for community consultation
- IPEC and Indigenous Community not approached to consult on this role.
- Appointee had many letters of support from Indigenous community members
- Recommunicate proper protocol with affiliates to better build relationship
- Unclear role of affiliates under Western University policy

5. Indigenous Studies Departmental updates

- Passing of Kanatawakohn (David Maracle) was a large blow to teaching in the department, he has left a large hole to be filled
- New faculty, Rene Bedard, Vanessa Ambtman-Smith, and Jackson TwoBears
- New role: Indigenous online curriculum developer, Dakota Ireland
- The Indigenous Studies strategic plan will be paused as the Interim director is non-Indigenous and feels that continuing developments would be inappropriate
- Search for Director continues, three very strong candidates

6. Office of Indigenous Initiatives updates

- Dakota Ireland will also be developing Anti-Indigenous Racism module with EDI department
- Connecting 4 Climate Change (C4CC) is now public with 1,100 people enrolled
- Won 2 teaching excellence awards
- Next launch: February cohort
- CC4CC is a new possibility in course/curriculum development to integrate Indigenous ways of Knowing into STEM research
- Learning bundles: October info session coming up

i. Re: learning bundles, policy needs to be changed to allow sessional and part time professors due compensation to avoid for example the need to use up a vacation day to attend a learning session

- Alumni chapter meeting went well in June, slowly growing
- Elder in residence, hopefully in place for November
- 1 year anniversary, Kevin Deer, to speak on the importance of Wampum belts and Treaties
- White corn project, 3 satellite gardens, lot exposed problems of cross contamination with other species corn, research to be used for next phase moving into community
- White Corn Project harvest is October 28th at 1391 Sandford St London
- Draft policy for affirming Indigenous Identity is in the works, to help guide the selection of the new Indigenous Studies director

7. Next meeting

- TBA

8. Traditional Closing

- Myrna Kicknosway