



IPEC minutes

April 12, 2024

Office of Indigenous Initiatives

General Meeting: 10 am to 2 pm, Hybrid Meeting

Present	Affiliation
Christy BRESSETTE	Associate Vice-Provost/Vice President, Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Candace BRUNETTE-DEBASSIGE	Faculty of Education
Sara Mai CHITTY	Curriculum and Pedagogy Advisor, Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Paula CORNELIUS-HEDGEPEETH	Community Relations & Space Coordinator, Wampum Learning Lodge, Western University
Lorraine DAVIES	Associate Vice-Provost, School of Graduate and Post-Doctoral Studies, Western University
Debbie DOLSON	Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Post-Secondary Education Councilor
Joan FINEGAN	Acting Director, Indigenous Studies, Academic Department
Sean HOOGTERP	Affiliates Indigenous Lead, Affiliated Colleges Brescia, Huron, Kings
Ashley KEYWAYOSH-SAMUELS	Student Opportunity Coordinator, Indigenous Student Centre, Office of Indigenous Initiatives, Western University
Misko KICKNOSWAY	Present, Indigenous Students Association, Western University
Myrna KICKNOSWAY	Visiting Elder – Traditional Opening
Rick MONTOUR	Grand River Pose-Secondary Education Lead, Six Nations of Grand River
Guest: Katrina MOSER	Faculty, Department of Geography, Western University

Jody NOAH	IPEC Co-Chair, Southern First Nation Secretariat
Lisette OCHOA	Brescia University College
Jennifer SLAY	Dean of Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity, and Decolonization, Kings University College
Laura SPERO	Aamjiwnaang First Nation, Post-Secondary Education Councilor
Regrets	Affiliation
Deborah ARMSTRONG	Director, Nokee Kwe Employment Services
Kathleen ANDERSON	Métis Nation of Ontario
Regna DARNELL	President's Appointment, Faculty of Social Science, Western University
Rick FEHR	Professor, Indigenous Studies Department, Western University
Mindy GILL-JOHNSON	Saugeen First Nation, Education Administrator
Melinda MORADIPOUR	Office Administrator, Office of Indigenous Initiatives
Amanda MORIN	Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement Coordinator (SAGE), Indigenous Student Centre, Western University
Jarvis NAHDEE	Bkejwanong First Nation, Post-Secondary Education Councilor
Bette SUMMERS	Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation, Director of Education
Jenna SOUTHEN	Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation, Secondary School Lead
Vallie TRUDEAU	Southwestern Ontario Aboriginal Health Care (SOAHAC), London, Ontario
Guy WILLIAMS	Indigenous First Nations House, Manager, Fanshawe College

1. **Traditional opening - Myrna Kicknosway**
2. **Welcoming Address- IPEC Co-chairs Jody Noah and Christy Bressette**
3. **Special presentation – Sara Mai and Katrina Moser**
 - A co-created course that brought together Indigenous Scientific knowledge as well as everyday knowledge needed to address climate change. Climate change has a large connection to colonization and industrialization.

- Connecting 4 Climate Change Action
https://geoenvironment.uwo.ca/undergraduate/course_information/new_course_connecting_for_climate_change_action.html
 - This class gives hope to a rather bleak situation of climate change, activating our traditional ways of Hope and Joy
 - Next cohort launches in June
- 4. Policy for Affirming Declarations of Indigeneity at Western University- IPEC Co-chairs present**
- Draft iteration number two is currently being reviewed by a legal team
 - Has been piloted six times by the Indigenous Identity Affirmation Council
 - IFAC members have agreed to submit to Identity affirming policy
 - Question- what are the modes of affirmation for global Indigenous individuals?
 - For consideration- genealogy tree, currently expressed as 'four generations out' Is this too much to represent a close tie to community?
 - Motion was made to approve the policy with stipulation that the document continues to be a live document.
 - Policy proceeds to Senate after review by legal
- 5. IPEC workplan discussion- IPEC co-chair Jody Noah**
- A work plan should be better developed to guide the work of the IPEC team. As it stands in previous years, there was a specific focus on departments or units such as Schulich Medicine to best understand needs and assess where decolonial method can be applied.
 - Develop guiding principles or goals each year
- 6. [Terms of Reference review](#) - Paula Cornelius-Hedgepeth**
- Document has not been updated since 2019
 - Subcommittee will be gathered to review and bring back to IPEC for further discussion next meeting
- 7. Departmental updates, Christy Bressette**
- One-page documents were sent out via email and OWL
- 8. Traditional closing- Elder Myrna Kicknosway**