## IPEC minutes

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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
   - Draft iteration number 2 is currently being reviewed by a legal team
   - Has been piloted six times (Check for confirmation)
   - All of IFAC members have agreed to pilot on themselves
   - Question- what are the modes of affirmation for Globally 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 continue behind-the-scenes work on this policy

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 pagers sent out via email and OWL

8. Traditional closing- Elder Myrna Kicknosway