



Indigenous Postsecondary Education Council (IPEC)

Western University

Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 21 2023

Present	Affiliation
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Joan FINEGAN	Department of Indigenous Studies, Acting Director
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Ashley KEYWEYOSH-SAMUELS	Student Opportunities Coordinator, Indigenous Students Centre, Western University
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Indigenous First Nations House Manager, 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

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- 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
- 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