### Indigenous Postsecondary Education Council (IPEC)

**Western University**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday September 21 2023**

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Regrets

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Candace BURNETTE-DEBASSIGE  Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education
Bernita BRIGHAM-JACOBS  Bkejwanong Territory, Post-secondary Coordinator
Regna DARNELL  Presidents’ Appointment, Faculty of Social Science
Mindy GILL-JOHNSON  Saugeen First Nation, Education Administrator
Amanda MORIN  Supporting Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (SAGE) Coordinator
Rick MONTOUR  Grand River Post Secondary Education Office
Jenna MORRISON  Caldwell First Nation, Employment/Education/Postsecondary portfolio
Laura SPERO  Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Bette SUMMERS  Director of Education, Oneida of the Thames First Nation
Jenna SOUTHEN  Secondary school lead, Kettle/Stoney Point First Nation
Vallie TRUDEAU  Southern Ontario Aboriginal Health Care (SOAHAC) London
Guy WILLIAMS  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
• 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
• C4CC 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