

Indigenous Resource Council MINUTES
October 25th, 2022
9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Members	Tammy Webster	Christina Restoule	Sana Banu	John Tibbits	
	Brandi Bilodeau	Shawn Brake	Trish Weigel-Green		
_	Luane Roberts (Chair), Jennifer Parkinson, Roxane Shawana, Nicole Robinson, Tauni Tanooki, Lois MacDonald, Shawna Powell-Guerard				
Guests	Tim Fricker, Patty McColl				
Secretary	Lindsay Golds				

ITEM#	AGENDA	ACTION
	Welcome (Trish)	
1.	 Trish welcomed the committee and chaired the meeting in 	
	Luane's absence. Moved on to update on campus spaces as the	
	first item.	
2.	Any additional items (Trish)	
	None brought forward	
	College Information Sharing	
	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation (C. Restoule, L. Golds) Christina shared:	
	Events are open to everyone We had the account the advantage of the transport of the decrease of	
	 We hold the event the day before so that our staff students etc can honor that day within their own communities 	
	 From Indigenous Services perspective the effort that College put 	
	forth into this event was very refreshing.	
	 They are impactful events – it sends a positive message about 	
	our commitment when it is a College wide event organized by	
	multiple areas of the College	
	Lindsay shared:	
	 We had a great turnout; faculty engaged their students in the 	
3.	sacred fire	
	We will engage a faculty representative on the committee next	
	year , .	
	Employee Recruitment Update and Request for Participation (T. Weigel	
	Green, S. Brake)	
	• 2 FT Indigenous Faculty	
	 Zandra was hired in May 	
	Katharine was hired in August	
	• 2 more postings, challenging for several reasons. Looking into	
	nontraditional ways for recruitment. We need the right fit.	
	Looking for a Winter and Spring start.	
	We have been using BIPOC recruiters for Manager Indigenous	
	Services as well as Shawns positions, looking for someone by the	
	end of the year for Indigenous Services.	



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	 We have re-written and re-pay banded the coordinator positions We are looking for participation of our community partners to assist with recruitment Christina emphasized that recruiting the right Indigenous people is so important to the work, and that having the assistance of the recruitment agency can be valuable for all Indigenous positions Campus Spaces (T. Weigel Green) Dedicated spaces at Doon and Waterloo campus staffed by Indigenous Services Coordinators Access to Indigenous Garden at Doon Campus Outdoor space in development at Guelph and Waterloo 	
	30-40 Indigenous Students at the College in Trades	
	IRC Items for Advisement	
	Indigenous Plan (T. Weigel Green)	
	 Trish went over the timeline for the Indigenous Plan 	
	IRC will be one of our main groups that we will be going to for	
	advisement	
	Christina suggested that we go through the BIPOC recruiting	
	company to consult on the hires – to manage vetting issues – for	
	the consultant as well	
	Council Terms of Reference (T. Weigel Green)	
	DRAFT shared for feedback prior to next meeting	
	Trish will send out the draft to the council for comments	
	Counsellor Role (T. Fricker, P. McColl)	Tammy and Patty to have a follow up conversation about the resources that do exist and
	Patty discussed what the role of the counsellor should be	
4.	Psychotherapy or a mental health navigator	
"	There is a challenge of finding the right person	what this position might look
	We are restricted by the faculty bargaining unit, meaning	like.
	education component cannot change	
	If we go towards a support staff position, we can be more flexible	
	with education – and look for someone that could be more of a	
	navigator, more traditional knowledge holders?	
	President Tibbits suggested that we explore an admin position instead that sould add as a broken for those recovering.	
	instead that could add as a broker for these resources.	
	Suggest that we do something out of the box to make this work Tampy suggested; we are everytended in KW in terms of	
	 Tammy suggested; we are overextended in KW in terms of resources, Tammy offered to discuss this position with Patty 	
	about who the right person is.	
	 Christina discussed that there is a gap in resources internally and 	
	externally with the resources that exist, does see the need to	
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	 have a FT role for the students. This would make a tremendous impact. We will regroup with this feedback and bring some others in to come up with a solution 	
5.	Upcoming Meetings Request for input on meeting frequency (T. Weigel Green) • Doodle poll for our next meeting, perhaps in person meeting	Lindsay will send out a Doodle Poll requesting availability for meeting
6.	 Adjournment (T. Weigel Green) Trish adjourned the meeting at 9:52 We will send this agenda/meeting ahead of time for time to review and put thoughts together 	We will send out agenda ahead of time for time to review and allow more time to put thoughts together