

Indigenous Education Council

September 13, 2024 | 10:00 AM – 12 pm
Guild Room – Welcome Centre and Zoom

MINUTES

Attendance: Luane Roberts Danielle Boissoneau, Brandi Bilodeau, Tammy Webster, Nicole Robinson, Roxane Shawana, Nelson Chukwuma, Michelle Rehel, Shawn Brake, Trish Weigel-Green, John Tibbits,

Guests: Heather MacDonald, Jacob Hill, Michelle Chretien, Candice Dube

Minutes: Tracy Riley

Regrets Elder in-Residence Lois Thomas, Christina Restoule

Meeting started at 10:15

1	Welcome Jacob Hill
4	Heather MacDonald – Growing Together Update – Funder Status and Research Update Heather Presented a PowerPoint
6	<p>Expanding our IEC - Danielle</p> <p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danielle to report back on membership. • Outgoing invitations to new members. • Need a new Chair from the college. • Need a community member. <p>Encouraging New Students to CC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on strategies to encourage new students to join. <p>Goals and Skills for IEC Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question posed: What is our goal for the next 3 years on the IEC? • Discussion on the skills needed for future membership. <p>Outreach in High Schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the importance of outreach as people are not aware.

	<p>Collaboration with Other College Councils:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy suggested seeking guidance from other colleges' IECs to help provide direction. Perhaps asking members of other colleges' councils to attend our meetings. • Danielle mentioned that the current iteration of the Terms of Reference and the success strategy will guide us forward. <p>IPEC (Indigenous Peoples Education Council):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roxane mentioned the need to review what happens in the meetings. • Danielle will visit Humber College next week for 2 days to share tools and resources. • Working on best practices and implementation. • Strengths-based approach. <p>Additional Discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions were put forth that we could consider having soup lunches and including faculty. • Discussion about the Northern Youth.
7	<p>Recruitment Committee - Roxane</p> <p>Discussion Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility and Welcoming Environment: Roxane emphasized the need for greater visibility and representation of Indigenous culture on campus to create a welcoming environment. Suggestions included murals, a teaching lodge, and other eye-catching elements. • Indigenous Athletes and Coaches: Highlighted the importance of promoting Indigenous athletes and coaches to attract Indigenous students. Discussed creating dedicated spaces for Indigenous students in recreational facilities. • Outreach and Engagement: Roxane shared her efforts in presenting to schools, including Indigenous-focused ones. The committee discussed the need for Indigenous-focused programs and more local recruitment initiatives. • Community Involvement: Proposed forming a subcommittee for outreach, hosting community events, and involving local Indigenous communities. Suggested workshops, tours, and skills camps with Indigenous athletes. • Faculty Engagement and Policies: Stressed the need for faculty involvement and supportive policies for Indigenous practices like smudging. Discussed the importance of including Indigenous content in strategic plans and quality assurance processes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Members and Initiatives: Nicole and possibly Luane will join the recruitment committee. Recommendations for new initiatives included using the esports arena for recruitment events and forming an Indigenous esports team.
8	<p>Sharing Good News</p> <p>Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directions Music Arts Festival: Scheduled for September 21st at Victoria Park from 2-8 PM. • National Treaty Week: Launching the Indigenous Success Strategy, which includes six pillars and map-making to show how non-Indigenous people can contribute to Indigenous success. <p>Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IEC team requests to review the Success Strategy before its launch to ensure all stakeholders, such as the WRDSB, have input.
9	Any other business- Everyone
10	Closing – Jacob Hill
10	Next meeting – December 13, 2024