

Aboriginal Education Council

Thursday April 12, 2018

Frost Campus: 252

13h00 – 15h00

Attendees: Brad Hodgson, Karrie MacMurray, Kristi Kerford, Mark Gray, Nancy Marsden-Fox, Tom Weegar, Tommy Akulukjuk, Tony Tilly, Trish Schneider, Winona Ominika

Guests: Madeline Williams, Amanda Drake, Amanda Moore, Kylie Fox

Recorder: Cindy English

Regrets: Deanna Jacobs, Mary-Anne Hoggarth, Shirley Williams, Cristine Rego, Jo-Anne Green

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| **Agenda Ref.** | **Key Points / Actions** | **Action Item Details** |
| **1.0** | Acknowledging the Territory | Chair Trish Schneider |
| **2.0** | Prayer, Smudge | Tommy Akulukjuk |
| **3.0** | **Call to Order at 1 h 13**   * welcomed guests and round table introductions   **Chairs Remarks**:   * TOR updated to reflect new student membership wording * Board of Governors Presentation will be moved to the Fall, Kristi Kerford and Tom Weegar will provide the BOG with a College update in the Spring. * Fleming would to learn current trends and initiatives from our Indigenous Organizations & First Nations Communities, both to inform our work and so we can support your work. This will be a standing round table item starting in the Fall.   **Conflict of Interest Items** – nothing identified |  |
| **4.0** | **AEC Meeting Agenda – April 12, 2018**  It was motioned to approve by ­­­­­­­­­­Brad Hodgson and seconded by Mark Gray. |  |
| **4.1** | **AEC Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2017**  **Correction to be made- Item #7 should be 13% of Student Population not 3%.**  It was motioned to approve by Brad Hodgson and seconded by Mark Gray. | Correction has been made on the December meeting minutes and reposted on the website. |
| **5.0** | **Membership Updates**  Discussion- possibly look at getting someone from Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre, Niijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle, Trent and the two school boards.  Winona Ominika confirmed her student position for Frost. | Cindy English to send an invitation to Letticia Amyotte for the Alumni position.  Chair Trish Schneider to follow up with prospective members over the Spring/Summer. |
| **6.0** | **Visiting Elders and Helpers- Discussion**   * Are we open to having them join us at the AEC table?   Consensus that Elders should be welcome at the AEC table | Approved by Chair Trish Schneider |
| **7.0** | **Use of the term Aboriginal –Recommendation/Discussion**   * **AEC vs. IEC** * **Aboriginal Student Services - \_\_\_\_\_ Student Services**   The term “Indigenous” is more widely used now  Fleming currently uses the term Indigenous for academic courses and Aboriginal for services.  Discussion:  Is the word “Indigenous” too broad?  Will it change the scope of work Aboriginal Services does?  Decision: Move forward with changing the language to Indigenous. This allows College to make use of Spring/Summer to implement changes. Ensure the AEC TOR is clear in the mandate and that the name change does not impact our scope of work. | College to implement name change and to ensure AEC Terms of Reference is clear on our scope of work. Bring TOR to AEC in the Fall. |
| **8.0** | **Curve Lake First Nation Acknowledgement**  Kristi Kerford presented a sample Acknowledgement from Curve Lake for discussion.  Suggestions:   * Ensure that all First Nations are consulted * Look at Trent’s Acknowledgement document | Kristi Kerford will follow up to ensure that the appropriate people have been involved in reviewing the document.  Cindy English to send the document to Nancy Marsden-Fox to forward for review.  Karrie MacMurray will arrange to have the Chief get in touch with Kristi Kerford. |
| **9.0** | **UNESCO Research**  A global research project that will aim to improve the lives of Indigenous youth by enhancing their quality of education. This is a 3-year research project the will be published in 2020.  Trent and Fleming are partnering up to participate in the project and will submit a joint report. It will look at things like:   * Best practices * Retention data * Indigenous supports   Kylie Fox is the Fleming lead.  More detailed info can be found here: <https://department.flemingcollege.ca/aec/2015-2016-meeting-dates/archives/april-2018-meeting-package/> | Kylie Fox to provide updates to AEC as needed. |
| **10.0** | **Indigenous Peoples Education Circle (IPEC) - Activity**  Mark Gray provided an overview of the work that the provincial group (IPEC) has been involved in. Mark facilitated an activity with8 questions from a recent IPEC meeting and asked AEC members provide answers. This information will help us determine our work at the college moving forward. | Mark Gray to provide a summary of the feedback received. |
| **11.0** | **Frost Student Association Overview**  Guests: Madeline Williams, President, Amanda Drake, Vice-President, Amanda Moore incoming President   * provided an overview of who FSA are and the types of services/supports they offer for all students * would like AEC members to attend a future Board of Directors Meeting * an open invitation was offered to FSA to attend AEC |  |
| **12.0** | **Year End Wrap up**   * Review of Priorities * Reviewed and provided updates on priorities from September AEC meeting. * Next Steps- IEP * Completion of Year 3 will be this summer * Plan to bring an overview to AEC in Fall * In process of developing our next multi-year plan and will share with AEC in Fall |  |
| **13.0** | **Round Table**  Winona Ominika asked FSA a question about the potential of having another position on FSA specifically for an Indigenous student.  Tom Weegar provided us with a more detail on his background, specifically relating to his Indigenous experiences.  Kristi Kerford will be attending a meeting at Trent in April that will include K-12, post-secondary and hospitals on how we are aware of and supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Report as community organizations and institutions.  Thank you and recognition of Tony Tilly’s time with AEC (14 years)**.** | For further discussion with FSA.  Kristi Kerford will follow up by email with a summary of the meeting. |
| **14.0** | **Other Business**  Election for Chair and Vice-Chair:  Two nominations were put forward, Trish Schneider for Chair and Jo-Anne Green for Vice-Chair. Agreement in the room was that both nominees would continue in their roles for next year. Quorum was not in the room but it was agreed that it could be followed up by email with the absent members to vote. | Follow up has occurred and everyone was in agreement.  2018-2019  Chair – Trish Schneider  Vice-Chair- Jo-Anne Green |
|  | **Meeting Adjourned at 3:01 pm** |  |