

Aboriginal Education Council Thursday October 08, 2015 Sutherland Campus; B3330 13h00 – 15h00

Attendees: Chair Liz Stone, Elder Shirley Williams, Rachel Charles, Mark Gray, Adam Hopkins,

Deanna Jacobs, Kristi Kerford, Karrie MacMurray, Nancy Marsden-Fox, Trish

Schneider, Laurel Schollen, Ralph Wolf Thistle, Tony Tilly, Ashkineeg-kwa Whetung

Recorder: Robin Broomfield

Regrets: Jo-Anne Green, Brad Hodgson, Cristine Rego

"as circulated" = as distributed in advance; "as presented" = as provided at the meeting

Agenda Ref.	Key Points / Actions	Action Item Details
1.0	Smudge and prayer offered by Elder Shirley Williams	
2.0	 Call to Order at 13h08 The Chair welcomed our new members to the group: Ralph Wolf Thistle, Fleming Aboriginal student in the Drug & Alcohol Counsellor program Adam Hopkins, First Peoples House of Learning at Trent University Trish Schneider, Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services Cristine Rego, Fleming Aboriginal Faculty Member 	
	Full membership listing can be found on our website: https://department.flemingcollege.ca/aec/membership/ Conflict of Interest Items Declared At the Chair's request, Conflict of Interest items are to be declared once and any new items are to be brought forward at the beginning	
	of the meeting. Adam Hopkins is an employee at Trent; Board member of Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre.	
	Trish Schneider is an employee at Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services and member of the Metis Nation of Ontario.	
	Liz Stone – AEC member on Trent University, Fleming AEC Chair and Executive Director of Niijkiwendidaa Anishinaabekwewag Services Circle.	

3.0	AEC Meeting Agenda – October 08, 2015 It was motioned by Nancy Marsden-Fox and seconded by Ashkineeg-kwa Whetung that the agenda be approved.	Motion Approved
	AEC Meeting Minutes – April 02, 2015 (as circulated) It was motioned by Nancy Marsden-Fox and seconded by Rachel Charles that the minutes be approved.	Motion Approved
	AEC Election Minutes – April 02, 2015 (as circulated) It was motioned by Rachel Charles and seconded by Ashkineeg-kwa Whetung that the agenda be approved.	Motion Approved
4.0	Communication Pathways - AEC / Fleming - Robin / Kristi	
	New AEC Website https://department.flemingcollege.ca/aec The new AEC website was introduced and briefly reviewed with the group.	
	Brief discussion occurred around the information that will be displayed on the new website.	
	AEC Communication Document/Requests – Robin / Kristi (Update Document as circulated) To ensure that all internal staff and AEC members have the opportunity to forward items to the AEC for awareness, a new AEC Communication Request Form is now available on the AEC website. Communication items can either be in the form of an update paragraph that will be included on the new AEC Communication Document and distributed within the AEC meeting package; or as a request to present at an upcoming AEC meeting. To submit an item, go to https://department.flemingcollege.ca/aec/ and select 'Communication Request Form' from the main menu.	
	Positive feedback was received from members regarding the new communication update document and website.	
5.0	Indigenous Education Protocol – Laurel Schollen (document as circulated) The Fleming Board of Governors has approved the signing of the Indigenous Education Protocol (IEP).	
	The IEP document was briefly reviewed with the group and feedback was received. It was recommended that PEFAL and Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report linkages also be identified in the IEP document similar to TIF linkages already noted. Renaming	PEFAL and TRC linkages to be added to this document; title reworked

	the document was also recommended to remove the term 'draft' and 'proposed'.	
	Signing Ceremony – All Discussion occurred around the planning of the signing ceremony. It was determined that the ceremony should be scheduled on the same day as the next AEC meeting in December. Date to be communicated.	Signing ceremony and next AEC meeting to be
	It was suggested that a communication strategy be determined and executed well before the event. The College's Board of Governors, the AEC, the College community and external Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal delegates, agencies and organizations to receive invitations.	booked and scheduled on same day at Sutherland campus
	Karrie MacMurray and Elder Shirley Williams volunteered to assist with the planning of the event. If additional members are interested, please let Robin know.	
6.0	PEFAL Objectives / Guidelines / Overview – Mark Gray MTCU has recently released the draft APSET policy framework for the 2015-2018 term, along with the 2015 APSET Progress Report and prior APSET framework from 2011-2014. All three of these reports to be shared with the AEC.	PEFAL documents to be provided to the group
	Some of the current Aboriginal Student Services programming made possible from this APSET funding were shared with the group. The request for data and student data continue to be a focus for the MTCU.	
	Aboriginal Cultural Safety Training – Mark Gray An overview of College's Aboriginal Cultural Safety Training was shared with the group. In the past, a small group of employees provided this training to College staff and students, however because of the demand for this training, this model is no longer sustainable. Feedback was requested from the group.	Training model will continue to be reviewed
	It was suggested that the College explore other possibilities for providing this training, such as using an external agency/person or online modules. It was also suggested that the College consider deeming this training as mandatory and that annual refresher training be considered.	
7.0	AEC Consultation Positive feedback was received from AEC external members around the new Terms of Reference document and smaller membership size. The smaller group size allows for more in-depth discussion.	C. I
	To ensure sufficient consultation time is available at each AEC meeting, the group agreed that a standing item be added to the AEC meeting agenda: 'Future Discussion Suggestions and Other Business'.	Standing agenda item to be added to future AEC

		business meeting agendas
8.0	Other Business A reminder that at our AEC meeting each December, AEC members are welcome to bring a gift to donate to an Aboriginal child in the community. Donations received will be forwarded to an agency in the local community for distribution. If you have recommendations on an agency for this year's donations, please let Robin know. A student bursary/scholarship concern was brought forward for discussion. The bursary process is being reviewed by the College and a report back on the status of this concern was requested for the next AEC meeting.	Update required for next AEC meeting
	Meeting Adjourned at 15h12	