

Aboriginal Education Council

Thursday September 22, 2016

Sutherland Campus; B3330

13h00 – 15h00

Attendees: Chair Liz Stone, Tony Tilly, Kylie Fox, Mark Gray, Cristine Rego, Trish Schneider, Judith Limkilde, Rachel Charles, Deanna Jacobs, Karrie MacMurray, Kristi Kerford

Guests: Amanda Whetung, Tommy Akulukjuk

Recorder: Cindy English

Regrets: Adam Hopkins, Brad Hodgson, Clayton Coppaway, Letticia Amyotte, Nancy Marsdale-Fox, Shirley Williams, Brad Hodgson

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| **Agenda Ref.** | **Key Points / Actions** | **Action Item Details** |
| **1.0** | Smudge and prayer provided to the group-Kylie Fox/Liz Stone |  |
| **2.0** | **Call to Order at 1h13**- welcomed guests and round table introductions**Opening Remarks**:- Tony Tilly* Indigenous Education Protocol- Quick update
* Welcome to the Territory being used at appropriate College meetings

**Conflict of Interest Items** * Nothing to report
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| **3.0** | **AEC Meeting Agenda – September 22, 2016** It was motioned to approve by Trisha Schneider and seconded by Rachel Charles. |  |
| **3.1** | **AEC Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2016**It was motioned to approve by Deanna Jacobs and seconded by Trisha Schneider. |  |
| **4.0** | **Terms of Reference -Quick Review****Appointment and Re-Appointment of members:**Aboriginal Student Services staff to appoint student representatives and get AEC feedback by email as needed.Tony mentioned they always want to have some more names in mind, recommending active soliciting. He feels that the council is strengthened by the nature of the people who come. Métis Rep will be designated by Peterborough and District Wapiti Métis CouncilMember’s at large vacancies and potential members will be discussed and decided upon at the AEC table.The Alumni seat vacancies will be discussed and decided upon at the AEC table and the Alumni Affairs can be a resource as needed. | Post the document Appointment and Re-appointment of members on the AEC website- Cindy |
| **5.0**  | **Round Table- Priorities for the year****Mark*** We require student input on how we are doing on our 7 principles in the protocol

**Amanda*** Communication needs to be improved on what is going on and what has been done
* Felt students needing an accommodation don’t feel like it’s a private submission of the application

**Rachel*** Agrees a need for more information and improved communication methods (need different ways of approaching this)

**Trish*** Community events adding more student involvement with the council for events

**Deanna*** Students with disabilities are not accessing services early enough. Not sure if this information/process is clear to students?

**Kylie*** Process in which students with disabilities have to be identified. Students think it is transferred from high school but it isn’t, they need to come and make an appt.
* Communication issues, how to change the approach?

**Liz*** feels programs need to be pumped up and utilized i.e. Biishka

**Karrie*** acknowledges growth
* can feel the authenticity
* scholarships and bursaries, opportunity for Fleming to put on workshops for students on what is available and how to apply for them
* communication process in the office of the registrar, sponsorship letters need to be so detailed so that there is no wiggle room, students have been able to switch programs without knowledge to the sponsor, they need to ensure the students are sticking to the education plan and that sponsors are notified of change
* communication with more than student services and academics

**Tommy*** Fleming could reach out to corporations/companies (mining blasting ) to promote Fleming Indigenous students for recruitment

**Kylie*** AEC to ask the college for a corporate recruitment strategy
* Need a more formalized relationship with the Registrar’s office, attend meetings, get updates etc.? Involved in our council or link in at some point

**Tony*** Continued education, improving knowledge of faculty and staff, continue to draw on members of the council to partner on education
* Evaluations- participating in evaluation on the Annual Plan IEP

**Kristi*** Further investigation into our internal processes to identify and improve weaknesses based on today’s feedback
* Membership- ensuring we are always encouraging new membership
* Leadership role coming to the end of term, need to keep this at top of mind

**Judith*** developing a list of people to speak from a more concerted point of view we would need AEC advice in specific areas of professionals who could come in to speak to students for various programs

Liz agrees to offer advice and offer the AEC’s knowledge in the discussed items. | Liz/Judith/Kristi- to review and bring key items forward |
| **6.0** | **Mohawk Report- A Review of Aboriginal Councils in Ontario-**Mark Gray* Mark indicated that this is a bit of a checklist for us
* Talked about the Higher Education Summit, (all AEC chairs come together) and the benefits, also how it has grown from a breakfast meeting to a day and a half meeting
* Liz feels we are in a good place
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| **7.0** | **Community Engagement Updates-**Kylie Fox* Solidarity Day June 21, partnered with the Friendship Centre, vendors, set up tables, academic advising, games etc.
* Niijkiwendidaa Medicine Wheel, Millennium Park, new sign with history
* Youth mural that will come here on display
* Biishka
* Welcome days
* Explained why September event was cancelled
* Neechee Community , wants feedback on the calendar
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| **8.0** | **Student Services Updates-** Mark Gray* welcomed Tommy
* hiring a traditional knowledge advisor, new position supporting student success, and referring students to appropriate services
* Miranda Moores new staff, First Generation student support position
* Wig -Wom Project looking to purchase for Frost Campus
* Student Orientation-Welcome to the Territory was successful and a drum song before O Canada for the first time
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| **9.0** | **Academic Updates-** Judith Limkilde* Talked about the first graduates from the Indigenous Perspectives Designation (38 students)
* 150 students took the programs regardless of not being able to get the designation, non-indigenous students out of interest

IPD now been added to the curriculum in the following programs:* Social service
* Mental health and addiction
* Eco system management

Other programs have made the GNED 49 (Intro to Indigenous Studies)course mandatoryWill continue to incorporate this course into many other programs---------------* Staff and some faculty have gone through indigenous knowledge training, next year bulk of faculty will have this training
* Need a speakers community contact list
* Reviewing the process for recognition for speakers and elders
* Need marketing involvement for all of the things we do, not just the designation program
* Continue to encourage involvement for non-indigenous student also
* We will need more people(indigenous faculty) who can teach these programs GNED49(Intro to Indigenous Studies) and GNED128 (Indigenous Knowledge)
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| **10.0** | **Biishkaa Update-** Dana Wesley* Showed a Prezi summarizing their mentor programs, events and activities
* visits combined with Trent’s mentors
* explained future events
* very successful lots of great feedback
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| **11.0** | **BOG/AEC Relationship-**Tony Tilly* explained the role of BOG members (various backgrounds)
* at the annual retreat BOG will set objectives surrounding community relations
* will ask AEC to come to BOG for a presentation and discussion (around January)
* may also have an education session before the BOG meeting
 | Kristi/Cindy- to coordinate BOG visit and seek AEC volunteers  |
| **12.0** | **Any Other Business*** Liz mentioned how successful Biishka was on a personal level
* Possibly having Biishkaa program specifically for Frost campus, to get some of the students involved as when they come to Fleming they have a particular hard time with the Cultural/Southern differences.

Public Meetings* Can meetings be public?

Yes, AVP Office to receive requests to attend as they are made and inform AEC. Guests will sit at the side table.Future Events-Community Fleming day October 2/16 at the Petroglyph’s Mark noted: -Lakehead created a Reconciliation Chair |  |
|  | **Meeting Adjourned at 15h19.** |  |