

Aboriginal Education Council

Thursday February 16, 2017

Sutherland Campus; B3330

13h00 – 15h00

Attendees: Elder Shirley Williams, Chair Liz Stone, Mark Gray, Cristine Rego, Trish Schneider, Tony Tilly, Judith Limkilde, Letticia Amyotte, Adam Hopkins, Kristi Kerford, Joanne Green, Kylie Fox, Karrie MacMurray

Guests: Nick Duley, Madeline Whetung, Sylvia Cashmore, Lou Ann Hanes, Carrie Truman, Trina Qaqqaq

Recorder: Cindy English

Regrets: Nancy Marsden-Fox, Brad Hodgson, Deanna Jacobs

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| **Agenda Ref.** | **Key Points / Actions** | **Action Item Details** |
| 1. | Smudge and prayer provided to the group by Elder Shirley Williams |  |
| 2. | **Call to Order at 1h16**Welcomed guests and round table introductions**Indigenous Governance Explanation** –Chair Liz Stone* purpose is to gather together as equals
* we are here to represent students and the Indigenous Community
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| 3. | **AEC Meeting Agenda – February 16, 2017**Motioned to approve by Trish SchneiderSeconded by Cristine Rego**AEC Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2016**Motioned to approve by Joanne GreenSeconded by Mark Gray | Move Kylie Fox and Joanne Green to regrets on the previous minutes |
| 4.5. | **Update –December Round Table*** Meetings with Educational Managers and Registrar

Meeting date: Wednesday February 22/17**Aboriginal Student Services and Aboriginal Counselling*** Key point of contact currently is Kylie Fox (Sutherland) or Tommy Akulukjuk (Frost) and they can help direct students to appropriate service
* Key goal for Aboriginal Services is to ensure we have access to traditional knowledge, elders etc. We have not received candidates that fit for our recent Traditional Knowledge Advisor posting.
* (Chair Liz Stone) recommended we focus on skills with knowledge of the Indigenous culture, healing skills etc. and not titles (i.e. counsellor or elder)
* (Cristine Rego) recommended hiring a PSW or SW with Indigenous Knowledge and Western Culture.
 | Kristi Kerford will provide an update at next AEC meetingMark Gray, to continue to find the right fit for hire. |
| 6. | **AEC BOG Presentation- Follow Up**Trish Schneider and Kristi Kerford attend the recent BOG meeting. The following was discussed: * Indigenous perspective in the curriculum
* BOG is interested in more interaction with AEC
* Ways to interact:
	+ Open invite to BOG members to AEC meetings and vice versa
	+ Fleming Indigenous related activities to be sent to AEC
	+ Board Secretary (Michelle McFadden) to forward Fleming Indigenous related activities to BOG
* First annual report could be on how to incorporate Indigenous awareness into the curriculum
* Outside of the annual report, AEC can be on the BOG agenda for other items as needed.
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| 7. | **Student Profiles - Letticia Amyotte, Trina Qaqqa**Two students were invited to speak to the AEC about their experiences at Fleming.Strengths identified:* sense of a strong Aboriginal community
* first contacts (Kylie Fox) were positive and backed up by our successful Biishkaa program.

Areas for Improvement:* more supports within the college
* breaking barriers between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Staff/Students - relationships / personal connection are important
* language is a key for student identity
* increased PD for staff and students - new hires need to be made aware and offered cultural competence PD
* have Indigenous students speak at the beginning of each semester in various lectures
* Elder on campus more frequently
* circle support - need to meet with upper level mgmt. to voice concerns and share successes on an equal level
* review college policies

 - AEC was very appreciative of the opportunity to hear these stories. | Kristi Kerford to ensure Human Resources and LDS receive feedback regarding PD.Mark Gray to continue to work on Elder presence on campus Mark Gray to arrange a circle with studentsCollege policy review will begin in March |
| 8. | **Provincial Updates: Mark Gray**Draft TRC College Reporting Framework - Colleges Ontario* framework is based on the medicine wheel
* looking to create a report on what colleges are going to be asked to focus on and charged to work on.
* Elders are present at these meetings.

**Indigenous Education: System Response to Truth and Reconciliation** Event at Humber College - not discussed  | Move to April Meeting |
| 9.  | **Indigenous Outreach, Engagement and Recruitment**Current Research ProjectMadeline Whetung has been brought to the college on a 3 month contract to conduct research on Indigenous student recruitment. Madeline’s focus is on the following items and was seeking feedback from AEC:* What has Fleming been doing well?
* What have other colleges been doing?
* What can we do and what are some of the best practices and strategies?

Feedback* ask the students that applied and were accepted why they didn’t come?
* use voice and in person vs letters brochures
* identify the resources and programs that we have
* - speak with an Indigenous person
* target urban communities not just First Nation communities
* partner with Trent
* videos are being produced but not available yet they include all the colleges in Ontario
* don’t focus on “Aboriginal recruiter” we need to have all our recruiters informed and trained
* use an Aboriginal student to assist the recruiter
 | Further feedback from AEC can be forwarded email to Cindy |
| 10. | **Round Table**-Open House April 1/17 10am -2pm | AEC Table/Members at Open House |
| 11. | **Other Business*** Nominations for Chair will take place at the April AEC Meeting.
 | Cindy to send info out before next meeting in April |
|  | Meeting Adjourned at 15h15 |  |