**Durham College Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting**

**Minutes**

December 13, 2022 Zoom Meeting

1:00p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Present:** Tara Koski Amanda Banning Lucy Romao Vandepol, Jocelyne Pelletier, Christine Murphy. Julie Pigeon, Gary Paulin, Elaine Popp, Catherine Davidson, Debbie Johnston, Leah Power, Kevin Baker, Mandy Nakashima, Brandon Carson, Cecile Wagar, Claire Kearns, Christy McMillan

**Regrets:**  James MacKinnon, Erin Elmhurst, Colleen McCullough, Shirley Williams, Karli Robertson, Cassie-Jean Dillon, Jacob Powless, Mackenzie Bodnar, Michelle Evans

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| 1. | **Opening Remarks and Introductions of Guests*** Amanda welcomed the attendees to the meeting and circle members introduced themselves
 | Amanda Banning |
| 2. | **Review of Previous Minutes from September 19, 2022 & Action Items*** **Amanda will follow up with Roxanne on the Opioid Task Force**
* No additions or edits to previous meeting minutes
* **Tara spoke about the Diversity self-ID report conducted in 2021 regarding the number of Indigenous employees and students and will share documents with the group**
 | Amanda Banning |
| 3.  | **Review of Agenda and Additional Items*** Amanda asked for there were any additions to the agenda
* There were no additions to the agenda
 | Amanda Banning |
| 4. | **Durham College Indigenization Council Update*** Tara reported on the group’s recent meeting that focused on the Indigenous Education Protocol (IEP) and some of the best practices we would like DC to work toward
* The group also looked at some of the outstanding recommendations from the DCIAC
* Several of the IEP exemplars leaned into the academic areas and more than one working group may be established to tackle some of these tasks
* Would like to also layer in the IPEC recommendations for setting a path for moving forward
* Will be coming back to DCIAC to let them know about any new working groups
 | Tara Koski |
| 5. | **Library Updates*** Catherine showed the Circle a picture of a dream catcher recently commissioned for the Whitby library as a visual cultural representation
* Created the Indigenous Studies Guide; customized resources based on the time of year and relevant events
* Committed to expanding the library holdings to reflect Indigenous ways of knowing across the disciplines
* [Maamwi Hub](https://tlp-lpa.ca/az.php); reached out to several colleges to seek input on how to curate and update content in the Maamwi Hub within the learning portal
* Provincial open source resource; hub will be available in early 2023
* [National Indigenous Knowledge ez’ Language Alliance](https://www.nikla-ancla.com/projects) established March 1, 2021 – we have joined as a member
* Catherine also shared library resource updates with the group, including: <https://guides.library.durhamcollege.ca/indigenousstudies>
* They are hoping to receive funding for the hub to be made available in Indigenous languages
 | Catherine Davidson |
| 9. | **FPIC Updates*** Elder Shirley Williams attended and shared her story on September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in the Naanaagide’endamowin Courtyard
* Every Child Matters lawn signs were made for guests to take home from the event
* Tara commented that the event was well attended, adding the DCSA presence and lawn signs were welcomed additions
* Indigenous designed T-shirts for Orange Shirt day were sold out of the bookstore
* Lucy mentioned that the penthouse of one building on each campus was lit up in orange for the evening
* FPIC also unveiled the QR code pathway for pause and reflection in the Courtyard
* Amanda requested that the building be lit up again next year
* Naming stone to welcome visitors to the courtyard has been installed
* Successful FastStart presentation directed specifically toward Indigenous students
* Still seeking a Haudenosaunee and Inuk elder to be part of FPIC
* Preparing a presentation for Indigenous students, focusing on the supports available
* Land Acknowledgement Workshops are now in Durham College’s PD calendar
* Board of Governors also participated in a Land Acknowledgement session
* Soup and Substance events are still ongoing
* Drop-ins – facilitated activities, smudge kits, advertised on DC Calendar events, through mass email and FPIC social media accounts; Drop-ins have been scheduled at Whitby as well
* Bannock and Books held its final session on December 5, Jessie Wente the author of: Unreconciled: Family, Truth and Indigenous Resistance was a guest at FPIC; four new books will be selected for next year
* **Circle to provide any book recommendations to Amanda for next year’s Bannock & Books events**
* Elder Shirley will be making herself available every month and Elder Dorothy will be available every two months
* Family Language program on pause at the moment; looking for a language facilitator; Amanda has been in contact with CAREA team to offer a collaboration for this program to continue
* In terms of recruitment, Amanda has been able to attend many Pow Wows this year; took part in APSIP to help build a network and assist students find what they are looking for; attended Georgina Island Career Fair, etc.
* Jocelyne’s daughter did a jingle dance at the International Office’s Community Cultural Mosaic event held on November 18
* Indigenous vendors were able to come and set up at no charge for the International market in The Pit
* Art event at Robert McClaughlin Gallery, singing, dancing, spoken word, etc. that was part 2 in the series on Anti-Indigenous racism
 | Jocelyne Pelletier and Amanda Banning |
| 10. | **Community Updates*** Metis senator Cecile reported on the collaboration with the first year journalism class; drummers were the entertainers at the end of the evening; Pearl Gabona represented the Metis on the panel; four raisings of the Metis flag; Metis Council has funding to assist families, Christmas family dinner on the December 17, 2022, Metis families register for food pick up; more cultural funding went to families as well; over 140 people in Knights of Columbus Hall; will award some bursaries in the coming week and months
* Claire spoke about the need for more funding for January start students, they are working with Feed the Need this year; any Metis student in need, please refer them to her
* Leah said they have hired new resource teachers, been able to get out to more schools, Drew Haden Taylor talked to students about his career and his identity, growing up in Curve Lake, Beedahbin Peltier spoke about land issues, Carrie Ann Peacock has been doing catering, doing some culinary classes and talk about food sovereignty as well
* Mandy said they had their AGM in October, Mary George and May Watson are returning, most board members are new, starting to figure out where we are going and doing, will have more information by the next meeting including information regarding a grant for youth
* Cross Canada music contest, an Indigenous category has been added, CBC Radio 1 will broadcast again tonight
* Claire also shared information on an [Indigenous Marketplace](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/ottawa/indigenous-marketplace-covid-youth-1.6068049) that encourages youth to trade and barter for items they need as a way to revitalize Indigenous traditions and fill a need in the pandemic.
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| 11. | **Employee Recruitment, Onboarding and Professional Development Presentation*** Christy McMillan shared her presentation with the Circle related to the work completed to date by the Employee Recruitment, Onboarding and Training Indigenization Council working group
 | Christy McMillan |
| 12. | **Closing Remarks*** Amanda thanked everyone for coming
 | Amanda Banning |
| 14. | **Action Items*** **Amanda will follow up with Roxanne on the Opioid Task Force**
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