**Durham College Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting**

**Minutes**

December 7, 2023

Zoom Meeting

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

**Present:** Amanda Banning, Kandace Bond-Wileman (guest), Cassie-Jean Dillon, Claire Kearns, Tara Koski, Jennifer Martin, Kayla Murphy, Julie Pigeon, Bonnie St. George (on behalf of Elaine Popp), Angela Werner, Elder Shirley Williams

**Regrets:** Mackenzie Bodnar, Brandon Carson, Angela Duckworth, Michelle Evans, Jeremy Kolodziej, James MacKinnon, Melanie Martin, Mandy Nakashima, Elaine Popp, Karli Robertson, Gary Paulin, Cecile Wagar

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| 1. | **Opening Remarks and Introductions of Guests**   * Group introductions were made * T. Koski provided a Land Acknowledgement | Tara Koski |
| 2. | **Elder Shirley Williams Opening Prayer**   * Elder S. Williams provided an opening prayer | Elder Shirley Williams |
| 3. | **Introduction of new co-Chair**   * T. Koski introduced Dr. K. Murphy to the group as the new Director, Indigenous Initiatives | Tara Koski |
| 4. | **Research Opportunity**   * K. Bond-Wileman gave a presentation regarding her research to the Circle * C.J. Dillon suggested she connect with the Peterborough Friendship Centre for more resources * Group conversation regarding an Indigenous Tribunal that works with the Law Society * Group discussion regarding the importance of looking for more restorative justice practices | Kandace Bond-Wileman |
| 5. | **First Peoples Indigenous Centre Hiring**   * T. Koski informed the Circle members that the two support staff positions will be interviewed in the coming weeks | Tara Koski |
| 6. | **Indigenous Learning Specialist**   * B. St. George noted that the posting for the Indigenous Learning Specialist positions is up on the college website with a deadline of December 11, 2023 * Posting went up and has been distributed to various Indigenous networks * J. Pigeon, G. Paulin, A. Banning and K. Murphy will be asked to be part of the hiring process | Bonnie St. George |
| 7. | **Indigenous Alumni Network (IAN)**   * C.J. Dillon provided updates to the Circle regarding the following:   + Convocation ceremonies – The IAN gifted Smudge kits to graduates, started a mailing list; vision is to have Alumni available to mentor current students   + Fall Feast – Welcomed students and community members to the First Peoples Indigenous Centre   + Barret Centre of Innovation in Sustainable Urban Agriculture is looking at incorporating a Medicine Garden at its new Ajax location; group discussion regarding the need to commission a Knowledge holder or Elder to help guide the process for creating a Medicine Garden   + Indigenous Leadership Award – IAN looking to have a bursary and star blanket presented to the recipient at convocation; **A. Banning to share the start blanket contact with C.J. Dillon** | Cassie-Jean Dillon |
| 9. | **FPIC Updates**   * K. Murphy shared a presentation with the Circle that included highlights and photos from recent events including:   + Bannock and Books   + Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program (APSIP)   + Elder Dr. Shirley Williams Teaching   + National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women | Kayla Murphy |
| 10. | **Elder Shirley provided a closing Prayer** | Elder Shirley |
| 11. | **Action Items**   * **A. Banning to share the start blanket contact with C.J. Dillon** |  |