**Durham College Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting**

**Minutes**

June 9, 2022 Zoom Meeting

10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Present:** Tara Koski, Amanda Banning, Krista Licsi, Jocelyne Pelletier, Christine Murphy, Bonnie St. George, Julie Pigeon, Roxanne Miller, Gary Paulin,

**Regrets:**  Erin Elmhurst, Angela Duckworth, Brandon Carson, Kevin Baker, Colleen McCullough, Shirley Williams, James MacKinnon

Elaine Popp, Melanie Martin, Karli Robertson, Cassie-Jean Dillon, Cecile Wagar, Claire Kearns, Mackenzie Bodnar, Michelle Evans

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| 1. | **Opening Remarks and Introductions of Guests**   * Amanda welcomed the group to the meeting | Amanda Banning |
| 2. | **Review of Agenda & Additional Items**   * Angela reviewed the agenda and no additional items were added | Angela Werner |
| 3. | **Review of Minutes**   * Angela reviewed the action items from the minutes * There were no outstanding action items | Angela Werner |
| 7. | **FPIC Updates**   * Amanda spoke about the submission of the ISSF report and that FPIC was able to meet goals and achieve the commitments for the department; Hoping to receive additional ISSF funding in the future * ISSF funding covered the costs associated with FPIC employees, the Indigenous Voices series, and the programming that takes place in the centre * Indigenous Histories and Reconciliation modules have been posted publicly * Book Club is going well; sharing circle is coming up on Monday June 27, at 6:00 p.m. * Convocation ceremonies are set to take place next week * Indigenous student celebration will take place Friday June 10; President Don Lovisa will be sharing words, and cultural event will showcase food, dancing, drumming and jiggers will be available * Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation (MSIFN) flag will be flying permanently on campus as of June 1 * Chief Kelly LaRocca will be attending the celebration and will commemorate the flag raising on June 10 * Joseph Pitawanakwat from Creators Garden will host his final session of Traditional Medicines in the Modern World at Heber Downs Conservation Area on September 20 at 1 p.m. * Amanda shared that she participated in a Language Nest session at the ONECA conference * Elders will all be involved in both the Indigenous graduate celebration and the convocation ceremonies as members of the platform party * A Big Drum performance by John Snake will take place outside of the Tribute Communities Centre on June 13 with an honour song and on June 17 with a travel song * White roses were distributed on campus in honour of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) * Land Acknowledgement workshops have been well received in-person; started off with three sessions and moving forward with three more sessions * Amanda was able to give updates to the Board of Governors who were interested in participating in future workshops * Working on plans for the outdoor classroom in the Naanaagide’endamowin Courtyard * Updated QR codes and signage will in place by September 30 * Krista shared that FPIC has drafted a communication to go out to varsity athletes to involve them in the modules so they can further their understanding and allyship efforts * Two work study students will be helping out this summer in FPIC * Looking at putting together a strategic plan for the coming year * [Beyond the Orange Shirt Story](https://medicinewheel.education/products/beyond-the-orange-shirt-story) will be the next book in the book club with conversations to take place in September | Amanda Banning |
| 8. | **Community Updates**   * Roxanne provided updates on the following: Big Drum Social by Carea Community Health Centre (CCHC) coming up on June 21 at Esplanade Park in Pickering Pickering; CCHC Family night is taking place every Wednesday at 5 p.m; Drum Making Workshop taking place on June 16, more to come in the fall; Smoke Signals group is taking place on Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.; Moon Ceremonies will take place on June 13 and July 12; Book Club also ongoing; Bawaajigewin will be meeting on June 20; Durham Region Opioid Task Force continues to meet and DC may want to be more involved, concerns raised regarding western models of dealing with addiction and homelessness * Amanda mentioned the DC Moon Ceremony will take place on June 15 * **Roxanne to share information on the Opioid Task Force with Amanda** * Julie put an Outreach Application in the chat (see document below); up to $1500 for DC students, applications are due at the end of the month; available to those experiencing funding issues; money goes toward tuition * Jocelyne said she attended the Water Ceremony events at MSIFN, including the water drum, songs and dances; celebration of having clean drinking water and the new treatment plant * Gary said the Reconciliation Action Plan at OPG is going very well, lots of communication with the leadership teams, really doing their best to hit goals for Indigenous procurement, hiring, etc.; working with unions to make changes within their collective agreements; celebration National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 23, online content, Big Drum and dancers, sessions from 11-1pm open to all at the Deck at Darlington; **Gary will send more information out on the event**; 3rd anniversary of the Indigenous Circle, program is going well, some difficulty finding Indigenous talent, working on Aboriginal Employment and Training, looking forward to coming to Career Fair; Gary looking at an “ION 2.0” similar to Queens Indigenous Engineering program * Roxanne reported that the Trent-Durham Indigenous Committee highlighted that the Kineisiology department has added an Indigenous Health and Sport course to their roster; the teepee has been relocated in the medicine garden area; and they are reviewing the possibility of an Indigenous Social Work department * June 22, 2022- Pathways to Post-Secondary Information Session   + The Indigenous Student Success Network (ISSN), a collaborative collective between First Peoples House of Learning at Trent University, Indigenous Education and Cultural Services at Ontario Tech University, and First Peoples Indigenous Centre at Durham College   + We hosted an in-person Information Session on Pathways to Post-Secondary for Indigenous Students and Learners to provide a space to connect, learn and prosper.   + Guests included: Métis Nation of Ontario   Technical Youth Career Outreach Project (TYCOP) with Ontario First Nations Technical Services Corporation (OFNTSC)  The Regional Municipality of Durham  Indigenous Professional Association of Canada (IPAC)   * + Learn about:     - Programs and services offered by Ontario Tech, Trent University, and Durham College     - Early Childhood Program and Career Paths     - STEAM youth mentorship (TYCOP)     - Summer programming     - Youth programs     - Access to education for mature students * Durham College Indigenous Voices will try to get together in October – explore events to speak to Indigenous excellence in collaboration with libraries, etc.; **Amanda will send information on the events to Gary** | All |
| 9. | **Gen Ed Faculty**   * Amanda asked if we are comfortable with inviting the General ED faculty to be a member of the DCIAC and sitting on the working group * Julie said this may not be the place for the Gen Ed professors * Better to look at hiring an Indigenous Curriculum consultant * Bonnie said that the advisory circle is not the place for the consultation * A future conversation will take place offline |  |
| 10. | **Closing Remarks**   * Amanda thanked the group for attending * Looking at having the schedule for the DCIAC posted early * Roxanne mentioned she would like the group to focus on the document that was produced after the brainstorming session as next steps | Amanda Banning |
| 11. | **Action Items**   * **Roxanne to share information on the Opioid Task Force with Amanda** * **Angela will have minutes and the agenda in the meeting request and sent separately** * **Gary to share event information with the group** * **Amanda to share event information with Gary** * **Angela will book a meeting for the 3rd week of September** |  |