**Durham College Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting**

**Minutes**

March 29, 2022 Zoom Meeting

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

**Present:** Tara Koski, Roxanne Miller, Amanda Banning, Krista Licsi, Cecile Wagar, Claire Kearns, Jocelyne Pelletier, Christine Murphy, Karli Robertson, Cassie-Jean Dillon, Michelle Evans, James MacKinnon, Bonnie St. George, Amanda Maknyik, Claudia Hawkins

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

Gary Paulin, Elaine Popp, Mackenzie Bodnar, Melanie Martin

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| 1. | **Opening Remarks and Introductions of Guests**   * Krista and Amanda welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced new members | Krista Licsi |
| 2. | **Review of Agenda & Additional Items**   * Angela reviewed the agenda and no additional items were added to the agenda | Angela Werner |
| 3. | **Review of Minutes**   * Angela reviewed the action items from the minutes * There were no outstanding action items | Angela Werner |
| 4. | **Indigenization Council Updates**   * **Claudia Hawkins – Communications Working Group**   Revised land acknowledgement has been finalized, started to populate the website with the new version; Reviewed the brief statement and updated it to reflect where we are today by expanding on the statement; Now posted as a button at the top of the website that takes folks to the extended land acknowledgement statement where there is a link to the First Peoples Indigenous Centre; Shorter land acknowledgement appears at the bottom of the page and follows the searcher wherever they go on the website; Also helped to develop a new tab on the FPIC page where folks may gather information on the importance of a land acknowledgement and a guide for creating their own; Additional resources have also been made available at the bottom of the page with a link to the Indigenous Training Modules; Next steps will be to communicate these updates to the College community; Will also be hosting some workshops for campus community members for developing land acknowledgements; **Krista will send out land acknowledgements to this group for their reference**   * **Amanda Maknyik – Curriculum Development Working Group**   Been fairly busy over the last year or so, three GNED courses being offered in pilot program as a requirement, 300 students enrolled in at least one of these courses, additional interest from other schools, see: <https://durhamcollege.ca/ctl/blog/general-education-initiative-with-ralph-hoffman-and-kevin-dougherty/>; Indigenous Histories and Reconciliation course is completed and available on the E-campus website, any institution will be able to pick it up, built around the seven grandfather teachings, once it released by E-campus they will let us know and we can determine how we will make it available; Widget for land acknowledgement will be made available as a faculty resource in DC Connect in September; DC partnered with ON Tech U in an Indigenous Community of Practice that provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to come together to ask questions, share concerns, have recommendations to integrate Indigenous ways of knowing and doing into curriculum; Indigenous scholars panel planned for last Wednesday in October, also planning on bringing in folks from the community of practice to speak at this sharing circle | Claudia Hawkins/ Amanda Maknyik |
| 5. | **External Co-Chair Position**   * Amanda asked the group if there was any interest in an external co-chair from this group; there were no volunteers * Michelle Evans said she understood the intent of having an external co-chair but did not feel it would be an issue to move forward with two internal co-chairs for this particular group * Amanda asked the group if they would be comfortable having Jocelyne step into the co-chair position * There was consensus among the group * Tara recommended that the Terms of Reference be updated to include a statement for this situation where an external co-chair has not been named, an internal co-chair will step in until such time as an external co-chair can be named * **Angela will send out the revised DCIAC Terms of Reference to the group** | Amanda Banning |
| 6. | **Terms of Reference Approval (including meeting length addition)**   * The group agreed that two hours is enough time for the Circle to meet given the increase to the frequency of meetings * Roxanne asked if the Terms of Reference could be fluid and reviewed every year * The group was in agreement with regard to a one year review for the Terms of Reference | Amanda Banning |
| 7. | **FPIC Updates**   * Continuing to help grow the Family Language Program, just celebrated National Indigenous Languages Day * Developed PD sessions for Durham College community members; one held day prior for Administrative Forum * Upcoming Trades Day at Whitby Campus, March 31st * Working with Recruitment team to ensure Indigenous people know they have a space here * Students will be coming for tours in April with more planned for September * Currently working on a student newsletter, will be shared with community * Jocelyne launched the Bannock and Books Learning Circle in collaboration with Ontario Tech U featuring “Highway of Tears” and facilitated by Suzanne Smoke on March 21st; informative and well received * Next Bannock and Books event is scheduled for June 27th featuring Bob Joseph’s book “21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act” followed by “Beyond the Orange Shirt” prior to September 30th activities * FPIC facilitated a Land Acknowledgement Workshop at the ISL summit in March, well received * Three future Land Acknowledgement sessions will be made available to campus community * Indigenous end of the year celebration planned for graduating students on June 10th, Elders have been invited along with Chief Kelly LaRocca * Posters and red dresses will be on display for MMIW events; Roxanne asked the group to consider using MMIP as Carea has moved to this acronym; this suggestion will be taking into consideration * Jocelyne also meeting with FastStart to organize an event in September for Indigenous entrepreneurs | Amanda Banning |
| 8. | **Community Updates**   * Roxanne said she now sits as a voting member of Bawaajigewin; they are still looking for a Treasurer; asked for representation from Durham College; **Roxanne to ensure next meeting invite for this Circle is forwarded to Amanda from Angela Duckworth** * Cassie-Jean Dillon let the group know that Trent hosted a full moon ceremony last Wednesday * Roxanne raised a concern about the splintering of efforts among various municipal Circles and urged the group to consider the importance of a Regional Circle to ensure all groups are working together and not in silos * Roxanne indicated she did not feel the Regional Indigenous group should fall under a more general Equity, Diversity and Inclusion initiative * **Amanda will connect with Roxanne and Jocelyne about these groups offline** * Last meeting was the end of January for Cecile, very successful Family day event, jubilee pavilion in Oshawa, jigger welcoming everyone, Kerry Ann Peacock provided the meal, metis boulettes (meatball in a soup), Claire Kearns was present telling stories and Metis drum circle took place at the event all possible through culture funding from the Metis Nation of Ontario; remaining funding to go toward more speakers later on this year and gatherings in the community garden on the land of Lakeridge Hospital Foundation, folks are welcome to come and volunteer and share in the weekly harvest; more work being done with Covid 19 with same funds and folks came out to volunteer, many more citizens came out and voted at the recent elections, 3 acclaimed councillors and Chair; Cecile’s fifth term as the Senator * June 21st drum circle in Pickering | All |
| 10. | **Closing Remarks**   * Amanda thanked the group for attending | Amanda Banning |
| 11. | **Action Items**   * **Krista will send out land acknowledgements to this group for their reference** * **Roxanne to ensure meeting invite is forwarded to Amanda from Angela Duckworth** * **Angela to ensure she adds Angela Duckworth to the meeting request for next time** * **Amanda will connect with Roxanne and Jocelyne about these groups offline** * **Angela to book next meeting in June** |  |