**Durham College Indigenous Advisory Circle Meeting**

**Minutes**

September 19, 2022 Zoom Meeting

1:00p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Present:** Tara Koski, Amanda Banning, Lucy Romao Vandepol, Jocelyne Pelletier, Christine Murphy, Julie Pigeon, Gary Paulin, Brandon Carson, Kevin Baker, James MacKinnon, Elaine Popp, Cecile Wagar

**Regrets:**  Erin Elmhurst, Roxanne Miller, Melanie Martin, Angela Duckworth, Colleen McCullough, Shirley Williams, Karli Robertson, Cassie-Jean Dillon, Claire Kearns, Jacob Powless, Mackenzie Bodnar, Michelle Evans

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| 1. | **Opening Remarks and Introductions of Guests*** Amanda welcomed the group to the meeting and group members introduced themselves
 | Amanda Banning |
| 2. | **Review of Previous Minutes & Action*** Gary reported that the OPG event was well attended and was a success
* Amanda met with General Education Faculty and was involved in the renaming of a course
 | Amanda Banning |
| 3.  | **Review of Agenda and Additional Items*** Jocelyne reviewed the agenda with the group
 | Jocelyne Pelletier |
| 4. | **Terms of Reference*** Revised Terms of Reference were shared with the group
* Tara noted the two highlighted areas that were adjusted
	+ Reference to ISSF requirement for Indigenous Education Council and Durham College opting to refer to their Council as a Circle
	+ FPICs suggestion to broaden membership list to Seven Williams Treaties signatory First Nations
* Revised Terms of Reference approved by consensus
 | Amanda Banning |
| 5. | **External Co-Chair*** Amanda reviewed the role of the External Co-Chair and asked if anyone would be interested in the external co-chair position
* **Anyone interested in the External Co-Chair role to reach out to Amanda or Jocelyne**
 | Amanda Banning |
| 9. | **2021-22 Durham College Indigenization Report*** Lucy shared her screen so the report was visible to the group
* Tara noted that Amanda had previously presented the document to both College Council and the Board of Governors
* Amanda shared highlights from the report including Indigenous focused initiatives that took place at DC over the summer
* For example:
	+ Indigenous General Elective Education Courses are now mandatory in five different programs
	+ Land Acknowledgement Workshops are now included in professional development opportunities
	+ DC rejoined APSIP as active members; Amanda head of planning the GTA session the week of October 11th; focussing on the entire Durham Region
	+ Land Acknowledgement page has been updated with resources to help folks build an understanding and compliment the workshops
	+ Land Acknowledgement is located at the top of the website
	+ Convocation had Big drum attend the ceremony; will continue moving forward
	+ Hosted an Indigenous student celebration; gifts and refreshments were provided, words given from Chief Kelly LaRocca and Elders
	+ Hosted Indigenous Cultural celebration
 | Amanda Banning |
| 10. | **2021 DCIAC Recommendations Document*** Amanda shared the document with the group and reviewed some of the recent updates
* The Centre for Teaching and Learning will be putting in a budget request for an Indigenous Curriculum specialist
* Chartwells, the onsite food provider at DC had their employees trained in making Indigenous food
* DC has been exploring different kinds of outdoor learning structures in lieu of a Wigwam
* Some of the short-term goals will be moved to the mid-term goals
* Julie pointed out that the responsibility of the hiring of the Indigenous recruiter should not fall on the shoulders of the FPIC; Need to have more Indigenous representation in recruiters in the near future
 | Amanda Banning |
| 11. | **2022-23 Indigenization Council Reporting Schedule*** Jocelyne reviewed the Indigenization Council Reporting Schedule with the group
* Tara said the Indigenization Council will be looking to adjust their membership after review of the Indigenous Peoples Education Circle report, the Indigenous Education Protocol commitments and the DCIAC recommendations
 | Jocelyne Pelletier |
| 12. | **2022-23 FPIC Plans*** Starting in September, FPIC started a social media campaign regarding Orange Shirt Day, orange shirts have been hung around campus, journalism program involved with making pledges, Pamela Post event on October 27th – open to community as well
* Naanagide’endamowin courtyard will receive a huge naming stone; hoping for it to be delivered and installed ahead of September 30; QR code signs will also be installed for ceremony
* Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation flag now permanently flown at DC
* Soup and Substance, Bannock and Books programs to continue this academic year
* Looking to expand the family language program; going to break it up into different timeframes; facilitated in FPIC
* Traditional Medicines in the Modern World series coming to a close
* Hoping to bring in a Haudenosaunee Elder and Inuk Elder into FPIC Elder group
* Prep 1000 first year transitions course has been revised with a medicine wheel teachings focus
* **Tara will ask Human Resources to come back to this group to report on the number of Indigenous hires in the last seven years**
* An effort will be made to bring together the recommendations from the advisory circle with the work of the Indigenization council working groups
* FPIC providing transition programs to get students comfortable with online tools; Jocelyne will host drop-ins in Whitby
* Elder teachings will continue monthly, will be weekly in June
* **Amanda to share all of the upcoming events**
 | Amanda Banning |
| 13. | **Community Updates*** Gary mentioned an upcoming open house event at the Darlington Energy Complex; Elder Dorothy will be attending to do a talk on the sacredness of water
* Cecile commented on the successful Labour Day get together with families, handed out back to school backpacks; installation of orange crosswalk; looking to revisit the event on Thursday Sept 22; going to Rossland and Garden to unveil their crosswalk at Region of Durham event; offering funding for post-secondary education; orange shirt day and Metis Nation of Ontario has sent t-shirts to the 31 councils to be handed out to Metis students; folks to check with Helen if they would like to have one oshawadurhammetiscouncil@gmail.com or (416-453-1052) – to make arrangements to collect t-shirts; drum circle nights at All Saints Anglican church in Whitby, she will be there on Wednesday night this week to give out t-shirts; Metis Nation of Ontario Education branch has been able to start a group for Metis languages, work has been done on revitalizing their vocabulary, created worksheets for practicing, they have joined families from various regions for a three day language camp; Cecile joined the languages committee, Sunday the 25th they will be at Bowmanville United Church providing music and doing three workshops for the service goers, Metis-oriented, keynote speaker is Mitch Case, refer to the Facebook page; finally received 20 smaller drums in order to be able to do more workshops with the drums
* Julie put the special request for education bursary in the chat for the group; **Julie will send the document to Angela to share with the minutes**
* FPIC will be present at Port Perry High in an upcoming meeting
* James said they are off to a good start, added three new resources teachers, doing a lot of training
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| 14. | **Action Items*** **Roxanne to share information on the Opioid Task Force with Amanda**
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