



Meeting Notes

MEETING OF THE ABORIGINAL COUNCIL OF QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY (ACQU)

Monday, April 30, 2012 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Kingston Hall, Red Room

Opening Prayer- Elder Marlene Brant

Dana: recognition could be the same as what was done for her (Janice will follow up)

Kate: there are some community-based ATEP students, who will be convocating in the fall. Kate will forward Jan their student numbers so they can be identified.

Report from the Co-Chairs n/a

Business Arising from the Minutes

1. Approval of Ministry of Training Colleges & Universities (MTCU) Report

Mimi: no separate SAGE line?

Jan: It is part of 4 Directions, but it will be separated out.

Kate: thanks to all who worked on report and synthesized her submission.

Motion to approve in principle subject to final numbers checked.

Moved by Alan, seconded by Judith.

2. Election of Community Co -Chair

Caroline summarized the responsibilities, which will include:

- x Chairing some of the Council which

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them at the expense of other things.

-There was discussion about policy objective #9 (faculty recruitment) ²
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institutional employment equity responsibilities) and if the wording of the

- x Update on aboriginal convocation provided earlier
- x Work with marketing and communications to raise profile² for example, news story on the Visiting Elders
- x Updating website² to include links to all things aboriginal at Queen - V
- x 2 work study students from the past year are now volunteering and at least one summer student will be hired to help plan a fall event.
- x Changes to the powwow² weather-dependent and the last few years have been very cold and nasty. Considering a showcase of aboriginal culture, dance, music instead of a powwow. Goal is education. We want to encourage non-aboriginal people to attend.
- x Aboriginal Experience program for high-school students: 'L V F R Y H U \ R X U S D W K W R W K H I X W X U H D W 4 May 16-18. Working with Arts and Science, Engineering and Nursing. Travel subsidies available. Spread the word!
- x Cultural programming continues: weekly drumming session, art installation at Fireside Lounge in ARC.
- x Jan is participating at COU Reference Table in May and will report at next meeting.

ii. ATEP

- x Preparing for community groups to come to campus for 2 weeks in August sessions (60 people) starting Aug 13.
 - o Possible trip to the Friendship Centre
 - o Tour of Tyandinaga art activities
- x Looking for more connections

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- x Accepting intake for Summer 2013-no deadline-open until spaces are filled. Starts with 2 on-campus courses to build F R P P X Q L W \ 7 K H Q L word learning spread the word!
- x Campus and community-based graduations are planned

iii. Engineering

- x Duncan attended 2 conferences² International Polar Year in Montreal and a Sudbury conference of Ontario Native Educators.
- x Hired a summer student

- x Participating in Discovery Days ²taking high school students for a morning
- x Incoming student orientation
- x Partnering with ScienceQuest(summer kids camps) in their visits to reserves

iv. Policy Studies ²n/a

II New Business - none

III Other Business

Mimi is leaving to go to Emily Carr University of Art and Design in BC (tenure track position) so stepping down from SAGE and Council. Hopefully Paul will step in.

The Provost received a proposal recently for an Indigenous Studies program. Will refer it to third working group to determine launch plans. Could be implemented by 2013.

The ministry has recently issued an RFP for Masters in Aboriginal Public Administration program. We already have a flourishing program in SPS. We plan on submitting a proposal for that program.

Doug:

- x Friendship Centre ²Powwow on June 15 behind legion on Montreal St.
- x New program for aboriginal community members 12 -24 years old.
- x Alternative secondary school program for aboriginal students ²relevant bridging program

Marlene to Kate: When considering programming for community -based programming for ATEP, you could consider exposing them to Council

Caroline: Travel expense forms for this meeting and last meeting should go to Jan

Kate: Ministry funding is coming within the next few weeks. There may be guidelines that Council has to approve. We have slight reallocations but nothing major and it sounds like status quo but we are waiting for something in writing.

Jan: The funding will likely be a 1 -year extension of the current envelope.

Caroline: We will send it around by email when we get any guidelines.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Location : October