

Indigenous Council Of Queen's University 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Report prepared by the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, April 2023

Indigenous Council Introduction

The Indigenous Council of Queen's University (ICQU) was established in 1992, in conjunction with the Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy introduced by the provincial government. The ICQU provides advice to the university with respect to Indigenous issues and Indigenous student matters. Council is mandated to continuously be involved in all decisions affecting Indigenous programs, services, faculty, and students at Queen's.

Meetings:

February 15, 2022

Attendance: 22 members present for meeting

- Report from Provost Mark Green, on new Indigenous studies courses with Kenjgewin Teg, as well as an update on Indigenous Futures in Engineering (InEng) and StemIn:A programs – more grads, continued growth.
 - Indigenous admissions updates: undergrad applications up 26% for the upcoming year.
- Report from the Division of Student Affairs, A.T Tierney, updates and highlights on recruitment work (by Four Directions Indigenous Student Centre) and retention rates; notes Indigenous students have a strong retention rate.
- Update from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, by Kanonhsyonne Jan Hill, noting that the office will be exploring the relationship between Caucus, Council and Senate, to better fuse communication between the groups. The OII also identifying priorities from the strategic plan – building capacity and hiring new positions. Kanonhsyonne also provided an update on the ongoing Indigeneity dialogues.
- Klodiana Kolomitro provided Council with an update on the Indigenous
 Healthcare Education and Practice initiative. Project goal is to develop a
 digital library/online education to address the TRC Calls to Action regarding
 healthcare education and practice; to close the gap.



May 25, 2022

Attendance: 11 members present, 1 guest

 Updates from Provost Mark Green, highlighting the Moosehide Campaign day event. Mention of the new National Indigenous Senior Leaders Association – representatives from all over Canada.

Update on undergraduate admission. Increase in application rates for self-identified Indigenous applicants, 15% year over year, 7% increase on acceptance.

- Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, by Kanonhsyonne Jan Hill; 25 engagement sessions held for the Indigeneity Dialogues, report to be released end of June 2022. Event updates: Queen's on the Hill: Senior Leadership spent a day on the hill to update them on the work of reconciliation, engage in potential partnerships. Also planning an alumni event to align with NDTR; planned by Queen's alumni purpose is to engage non-Indigenous alumni in the work of reconciliation.
- Community presentation by Dawn Lavell Harvard
- Guest Elizabeth Brule presentation from a project that started at York



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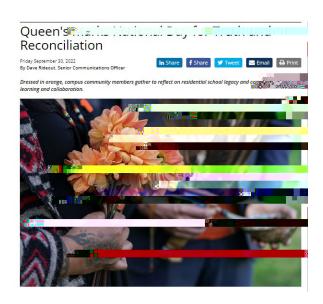
New Indigenous gathering space officially unveiled

Queen's honours National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day

<u>Queen's releases report following dialogues</u> <u>on Indigeneity</u>

Advancing Truth and Reconciliation

Queen's marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



University honours Indigenous women and girls lost to violence

<u>Celebrating the unique Indigenous gathering space at newly opened Albert Street</u>
<u>Residence</u>

Naming the Albert Street Residence

Inspiring the next generation of Indigenous engineers

'Polishing the Chain' ceremony renews bonds between Queen's and Indigenous communities

Efforts to advance equity initiatives at Queen's make positive strides

