



MEETING MINUTES

George Brown College, Indigenous Initiatives
IEC Meeting

Location: The Chef's House restaurant

Date: December 5th, 2023.

Time: 1:00pm – 3:30pm

Attendees: Frances Sanderson, Carolyn King, Lisa Sault, Teagen Delarone (virtual), David Wolfman, Victoria Francavilla.

Regrets: Savannah Chiblow, Audrey Rochette, Gervan Fearon, Eileen DeCourcy.

Agenda:

- Hiring/Staffing needs
- Indigenous Curriculum
- Self-Identification
- Elder/Traditional Gathering Protocols
- Awards and Bursaries (policy tightening) - *deferred*
- Updating Indigenous Education Strategy (IES)

Notes:

Hiring/Staffing Needs

- Staffing 3 centers; Indigenous curriculum specialist
- Consider funding opportunities and how to support other initiatives and programs

Indigenous Curriculum

- Educational segments for the college "Indigenous 101" mandatory course as general education course; tailored, specific lessons to avoid Pan-Indigenism

Self-Identification

- IPEC meeting self-ID concerns
- Challenges of self-ID; one college policy? Loop in Human Rights and Legal team. Marketing to assist with program execution
- University of Winnipeg/Edmonton self-ID protocol
- MNO to authenticate Metis ancestry
- Indigenous to Turtle Island
- Self-ID vs self declaration with extra criteria
- Some sort of qualifying criteria (maybe a quiz or questionnaire or essay question)

- Clear outline of repercussions of erroneous self-ID
- Set up session with counsellor or Elder for self-ID students
- “test” can be exclusionary
- Recruitment/Liaison officer as part of the ID process

Elder/Traditional Gathering Protocols

- Elder helper to be present at events (1 or 2 at each event)
- Protocol workshops regarding specific events (ex. Online workshop series)
- *Carolyn workshops for Powwow protocol
- Potential for students on IEC?
- Lisa Sault jingle dress dancing
- Meeting every other month; more often if we have sub-committees; off months, catch up
- Monthly gathering for Indigenous Elders, staff and IEC members
- MCDN app/website
- IEC more involvement around events (large days of significance, MMIWG)
- Powwow to be held before end of the term so students can attend while they are finishing their studies – end of May?
- Gift tobacco to Elders

Updating IES

- Update IES to share with the Indigenous Education Council.

Meeting end 3:20pm.