



ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

22 October 2013

3:35 p.m. in conference room 2-084

PRESENT: Jerome Melancon (Chair) Allen Berger Glynnis Hood
Petra Cegiely Mary-Anne Falk (Recorder)

REGRETS: Trina Harrison Mike Clermont Brittany Lehman
Delwilia Morin Ari Evans

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:39 p.m.

2. **Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

MOTION: HOOD/CEGIELNY

Carried

3. **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The minutes of the 24 September 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

MOTION: CEGIELNY/HOOD

Carried

4. **Remarks from Committee Members**

Jerome

- Thank you for taking the time to be here at this busy time of year.

5. **Business**

a. **Funding from Acting Provost**

Allen spoke with Mark Chytracak, and his understanding is that it has been Mark's goal to reserve \$5K of funding from the Provost for indigenous activity related planning.

ACTION: Petra will follow up with Mark for clarification (confirm the allocation and what it covers; is it an on-going commitment or will it be annually re-assessed?).

b. **Up-date on Space for Aboriginal Students to Gather**

ACTION: Allen has a meeting tomorrow to discuss further.

c. **Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement Statement**

Jerome, Petra & Delwilia have met and determined that Delwilia will work directly with the Elders. Fine Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, and the Dean's Office have all made financial contributions. Jerome is going to invite the Science department to contribute as well. Looking at the week after Remembrance Day as a possible date. Location for the event will be the basement of the Forum, although a smudge may start the event outdoors.

ACTION: Jerome will continue to plan details together with Petra and Delwilia.

d. **Library Project Update**

On Oct 3 Petra (via speakerphone) & Nancy Goebel met with representatives from north campus to discuss the possibilities. Nancy will now organize two student focus groups at north campus and one at Augustana to get feedback and work with the ideas. Nancy will then submit a project report and await acceptance. The Library will likely move forward with the project to support students either way.

e. **Visit from the Open Door**

Two reps from the Open Door stopped by to talk with Petra about 50% of the youth who are accessing their services are aboriginal. They did a study this summer and aboriginal supports in the community are lacking. They are seeking partnership to make cultural connections in the community; there could be grants and funding opportunities. There many considerations in where and how to grow with the community. This is a possibility to create linkages if we could

offer some type of a transition year.

ACTION: When she has time, Petra will follow up with Lars (re: grants), Karsten and the Open Door staff to consider possibilities to collaborate in the future.

f. **Organizing Sweats for Students and Staff**

Ideally events on campus should be sponsored by students or student clubs with faculty support.

ACTION: Bring forward at the next meeting.

g. **Other Projects**

Glynnis has started a directed study with student Samantha Mathers where she is working on a Metis knowledge project. This is a multi-agency initiative with the Beaver Hills Initiative and Strathcona County. Her final paper will be presented at the Student Academic Conference and anticipated to be used extensively by the Beaver Hills Initiative.

Jerome continues to work on the territorial acknowledgement statement as a priority for this semester.

ACTION: Bring forward at the next meeting.

6. **Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, 26 November 2013, 3:35 p.m. in Conference Room 2-084

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.