



## **ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

26 November 2013

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

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jerome Melancon (Chair)	Allen Berger	Ari Evans
	Petra Cegiely	Mike Clermont (4:03 p.m.)	Mary-Anne Falk (Recorder)
<b>REGRETS:</b>	Trina Harrison	Brittany Lehman	Glynnis Hood
	Delwilia Morin		

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m.

2. **Agenda**

3. **Approval of Previous meeting minutes**

The minutes of the 4 November 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

*ACTION: Bring forward at the next meeting for approval.*

4. **Remarks from Committee Members**

Tabled for the next meeting.

5. **Business**

a. **Update on “The Land in which We Stand” event**

Jerome reported that Delwilia has confirmed Elders for the event. Given the current pressures at the end of the semester we are rescheduling to either January 21 or 23. Although Allen won't be available to attend, Jerome is working with the Vice and Associate Deans to ensure there is a strong administrative presence. Petra and Jerome are going to meet with Rick Lightning, Bruce Cutknife, Carl Rabbit and Mary Moonias to represent the four nations in Hobbema.

b. **Space for Aboriginal Students to Gather**

Conference call with planners Lorrina Belland and Kelly Hopkins. Draft planning documents were reviewed and discussed.

Smudging could be in the small prayer room off the Chapel and is an attractive option because it promotes interdenominational use of the space as well as being attached to an outdoor wall. Jerome and Petra expressed the challenges of not having smudging possibilities in the gathering space.

Kelly stressed that since we don't know the budget this is an initial step in the process to begin planning and have details to approach the Provost with for the financial ask.

Phase 2 of the General Space Plan will allow more opportunity to consider phase 3 in this space. Right now the Provost has given us an interim solution.

This space must be meaningful and it is important that people can smudge. Members expressed reluctance on the compromise.

It was asked if we could create a meeting space with appropriate ventilation to accommodate smudging on campus as an interim solution but still envision phase 3 bringing everything together.

It will be helpful to know the level of commitment for funding.

*ACTION: Kelly will put together cost estimates. Mike will gather cost estimates to change the ventilation to accommodate smudging.*

6. **Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, 29 January 2014, 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2-084

7. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.