

Aboriginal Engagement Committee Meeting

Thursday, 2 April 2015

1:00 p.m. in the Dr. Roger Epp Conference Room, 2-004

PRESENT: Jérôme Melançon (Chair) Allen Berger Glynnis Hood
 Petra Cegiely Alyssa Belanger Katherine Swampy
 Mike Clermont Brittany Johnson Bonita Anderson (guest)
 Mary-Anne Falk (Recorder)

REGRETS: Trina Harrison

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. **Agenda**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

MOTION: BELANGER/JOHNSON

Carried

3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of 26 February 2015 were approved as presented.

MOTION: SWAMPY/CEGIELNY

Carried

4. **Remarks from Committee Members**

5. **Business**

a. **Funding Priorities for Development** – *guest Bonnie Anderson*

Jerome has been working to summarize the ideas formed by this committee into a single document for discussion of priorities for programming. Prioritizing these items and any others that may come up will guide organizing the financial implications.

Advancement staff from North Campus will meet with Bonnie about three areas of focus to discuss corporate opportunities. Bonnie will invite Petra to join her for the meeting, which will likely be held at Augustana on April 24.

The committee discussed the vision for the Wahtohkowin Lodge to provide context for Bonnie's upcoming discussions with Advancement staff.

In preparation for the Advancement meeting, we should bring forward: (1) follow up on where students are working after graduating. *Petra knows where many students are now, and works with Trina and Christopher Thrall for the Alumni profiles.* (2) Record which awards and achievements our students have received; (3) Alumni: where are our students working, who are they tied to? (4) Bring together any materials that already exist.

ACTION: Brittany will pitch to Christopher that she write a story about students and what services would enrich their experience.

ACTION: Bonnie and Petra will work together to prepare for the meeting. Petra will gather information on which departments students are graduating from as well as what they are doing now, and include success stories. Jerome will approach Trina & Christopher for items 3 & 4.

b. **Tipi Proposal**

The Tipi has been purchased, and although the cost was substantially more than the initial estimate, another donor stepped forward to contribute. It is scheduled to arrive in approximately 2 weeks. The Building Committee approved the proposal and work is still being done to confirm the final location.

The Committee reinstated the importance of keeping the gift anonymous.

c. **Smudging Policy**

Approved and accessible on-line. There was one ceremony held in the room so people are aware the room can be used and a communication strategy may be needed for new students in the fall. Alyssa offered to include information in the ASA newsletter over the summer if provided to her.

6. **Next Meeting Date** – TBC, one longer meeting will be needed over the summer

7. **MOTION:** BELANGER/CLERMONT

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

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