



2016 Annual Report

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The Aboriginal Council of Queen's University (ACQU) provides advice to the university and is mandated to be involved in all decisions affecting Aboriginal programs and services at Queen's. It normally meets three times per year. The Council's [website](#) includes information about the Council's mandate, [membership](#) and activities, including [meeting summaries](#). There were three meetings of Council in 2016. What follows are highlights from these meetings.

The Council's Aboriginal Caucus, led by Council Co-Chair Marlene Brant Castellano, met prior to the full Council meeting.

At Council, Provost Alan Harrison announced that Queen's had recently received funding for 28 new on-line courses from the province, representing approximately one-third of the total funding allocated to universities. The new Queen's courses include "First Nations Playwrights", that is also being supported by a Principal's Fund, and "Mining and Society", which looks at community relations, including Indigenous groups.

The Provost also informed Council that in response to the release of the final report of

Co-Chair Brant Castellano reported that Queen's and Council's activities are being noted nationally, including her participation at a November 2015 meeting of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons that focused on planning for a Summit on Rethinking Collaboration in Indigenous Health.

Council was then asked to provide input on the task force's consultation questions that pertain to:

- Engaging Indigenous

[Revitalizing campus space with Indigenous language, art](#), Oct. 28, 2016. [View artwork](#)

[Queen's hosts conference focusing on the 18th century and how it relates to modern day](#), Oct. 25, 2016

[Truth-telling and TRC community consultations](#), Sept. 20, 2016

[Five Queen's University professors elected as fellows to the Royal Society of Canada](#), Sept. 7, 2016

[TRC task force releases preliminary report](#), Aug. 26, 2016

[Program brings Indigenous students together](#), Aug. 19, 2016

[Campus life 'allowed me to claim my history'](#), Aug. 18, 2016