

Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Indigenous Elders Advisory Circle	Date & Time:	Date: September 17th, 2021 Time: 2:00PM – 3:30PM
Location:	Microsoft Teams		
Chair:	Kanonhsyonne Janice Hill, Associate Vice-Principal (Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation)		
Members Attending:	Betty Carr-Braint Sandra Moore Wendy Phillips		Linda Zaluska Janice Hill
Minutes:	N. Barnard Administrative Assistant		
Discussion Item	Person Introducing	Notes	
Opening and Introductions	J. Hill	Deb opened the meeting in a good way.	
1. Circle Business - Terms of Reference	J. Hill	<p>Document discussed for review. 3-year commitment brought up for discussion. Possibility to either (or both) stagger commitment years, as well the option for renewal. This to be confirmed by the circle at a later date.</p> <p>Meetings moving forward: There are two options for meetings if individuals are interested in meeting on campus, certainly something we can pursue, we would just have to fill out or vaccination declaration.</p> <p>Question re: Oil space on campus: Jam & Nicole will be on campus 3 days a week starting September 20th. Rest of our staff with return after thanksgiving (October 11th).</p> <p>S Moore. Nothing stood out as missing with regards to Terms of Reference for me.</p> <p>the piece on the pandemic as an aside, as this document will be used for years moving forward, we are hoping that this is a unique situation with the pandemic moving forward.</p> <p>In addition, term for renewal up for discussion. Renewal may be offered to Circle members, after 2 consecutive terms members may be asked to pause for a year and then may reapply should they wish to continue to work with the circle. Renewal dates to be staggered to maintain continuity.</p>	

2. Oil Strategic Plan

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Indigenous issues including, but not limited to, the truth about Residential Schools and the importance of the recoveries, the Land Back movement, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and more.

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There will also be a sacred fire on Bendixen field, along with additional offerings at the faculty of education. Lots of events going on that day, please take a look on our website at <https://www.queensu.ca/indigenous/truth-and-reconciliation/national-day-truth-and-reconciliation> for up to date information and resources available.

Creed based accommodation for vaccinations:

concerns around vaccination requirements, students are deferring as well.

W. Phillips: Brought about concerns from urban student population, students who are in a new environment and now have new regulations, which brought about anxiety & stressors that are unfair to these students.

J. Hill: They could receive ceremonial affirmations from their own community. Could I also ask for numbers asking for these requests from QU.

W. Phillips: 3 students, no staff/faculty.

J. Hill: I am currently meeting with SLT (Senior Leadership Team) and 13% of Staff have not completed the vaccine declaration & 4% of students have not completed to date.

Sentiments shared from L. Zaluska & S. Moore surrounding

W. Phillips shared concerns around vaccination policy from community perspective.

Final

Survey has been sent around asking for input, Circle has received survey and input has been received. We are still accepting feedback so if anyone would still like to offer input

		please do so. Events for the day will be shared as soon as available with the Circle.
Closing	J. Hill	W. Phillips closed the meetings off in a good way.

