

## **LAMBTON COLLEGE COUNCIL ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

**MINUTES of 2022-05-03**

**Flex Meeting (Room E1-209 OR via Microsoft Teams)**

PRESENT in person:

Phyllis George, Chair, Tecumseh Community Development Corporation  
Kurtis Gray, Associate VP, Student Success, Lambton College  
Jane Manning, Manager, Indigenous Education, Lambton College  
Debbie Dolson, Post Secondary Counsellor, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
Jarvis Nahdee, Director of Lifelong Learning, Walpole Island First Nation Education  
Summer Catt, President, Lambton College Indigenous Students' Council  
Jody Noah, Post Secondary Manager, Southern First Nations Secretariat  
Holly Altman, Administrative Assistant, Indigenous Student Centre, Lambton College

PRESENT via Teams:

Bernita Brigham-Jacobs, Vice-Chair, Walpole Island Post Secondary Program  
Vicki Ware, Education Coordinator, Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Andrea Auger, Indigenous Professor, Lambton College

Regrets:

Mary Vaughan, Senior VP, Academic & Student Success, Lambton College  
Mike Jackson, Band Councillor (Portfolio – Education), Aamjiwnaang First Nation

Copies to:

Chris Plain, Chief, Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Charles Sampson, Chief, Walpole Island First Nation  
Jason Henry, Chief, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation  
Adrian Chrisjohn, Chief, Oneida Nation of the Thames  
Denise Stonefish, Chief, Delaware Nation  
Jacqueline French, Chief, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
Roger Thomas, Chief, Munsee-Delaware First Nation  
Mary Duckworth, Chief, Caldwell First Nation  
Rob Kardas, President, Lambton College  
Ava Hill, Chief, Six Nations of the Grand River

Phyllis opened the meeting at 10:49 am.

### 1. Welcome & Minute of Silence

Phyllis welcomed everyone to the meeting. We then observed one minute of silence.

### 2. Land Acknowledgment

Kurtis Gray provided the land acknowledgement.

### 3. Introductions

Introductions were made.

Jarvis Nahdee is our new representative to the Board of Governors. He is the Director of Lifelong Learning at Walpole Island First Nation Education.

Jody Noah is joining us as a temporary representative from the Southern First Nations Secretariat until a new Post-Secondary Counsellor is hired. She is from the Delaware Nation.

Welcome both Jarvis and Jody. Jane had supplied Jarvis with an Information Package.

ACTION ITEM: Jane to provide an Information Package for Jody as well.

4. Minutes of February 1, 2022

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of February 1, 2022, as presented.

Moved by: S. Catt

Seconded by: D. Dolson

CARRIED

5. Lambton College Update

- Winter term just finished up; Spring term begins on Monday, May 9
- Currently have 4900 students tracking for the Fall term.
- Have seen a decrease in applications of the 18-20 years old male students applying to technical programs
- Students are waiting to see if classes will be in person.
- April 9, 10, 11 – hosted Academic Awards, in person; 150-200 people attended daily.
- May 14 – hosting a Doors Open Lambton event showcasing services available, program information booths, community sales and community information booths; will also include an Indigenous Artists showcase.
- Have sent an RFP to consulting companies to work on a new Residence building; either to refurbish the current one or build a new one.
- The west bridge entrance is still under construction and on track to be finished this fall – this will now be a wide-open space with the Campus Shop situated in the area.
- Board of Governors approved the next budget, awaiting news for the Indigenous Outdoor Space allocation.

6. Terms of Reference

Jane provided the Terms of Reference. The Indigenous Student Centre staff, in consultation with our leadership, made a few changes and updates to the current Terms of Reference; looking for input and approval.

DISCUSSION:

- Add ‘Actively participate in the recruitment and selection of Indigenous positions at Lambton College including participation on the hiring committees’
- Add ‘A member of the College Senior Leadership Team’
- Add ‘Representative from Aamjiwnaang Post-Secondary Program’
- Keep ‘member from the London District Chiefs Council (optional)’
- Remove ‘One member from Six Nations (optional) – this is captured in the ‘Other communities as student enrollment reflects’.
- Update terminology, update to gender neutral and identify acronyms
- Add ‘New members will be invited to fill empty seats annually and an onboarding package will be provided.’

MOTION: To approve the revisions to the Terms of Reference with the exclusion of the Board of Governors process until a review of how it was done in the past.

Moved by: J. Noah

Seconded by: S. Catt

CARRIED

7. Indigenous Academic & Student Success Plan

Due to time, and two new members to the IEC, we will table this item.

ACTION ITEM: To provide a copy of the revised plan to all members. Looking for input over the next two weeks and will ask for approval by email.

#### 8. Indigenous Outdoor Space

- a rendering was presented at the last meeting
- updated the two new members
- the IOS Committee is meeting on Thursday
- the proposal went to the Board of Governors and we will be informed of a decision this week.

#### 9. Truth & Reconciliation Taskforce

- Jane is co-Chair; other members include the Indigenous Student Council President and the Chair of the IEC
- Andrea created a chart to input the institutional review information.
- First three meetings, worked on the 94 calls-to-action and the committee determined which ones aligned with post-secondary. 42 calls have been identified. A survey has been created that will go out to faculty with a curriculum focus.
- Through the budget process, a posting for another Indigenous Professor will be considered.
- TRC recommendations will be a living document.

#### 10. IPEC Update

- No updates – will be meeting next week.
- Jane provided Jarvis with the TOR for IPEC and will provide a copy to Jody.

#### 11. Indigenous Professor Update

- Andrea will be teaching 2 courses in the fall, Indigenous Connections to the Land & Indigenous Peoples Media and Art
- Professional Development (PD) for Lambton College employees: The next Four Seasons of Reconciliation session has 27 participants. A total of 90 faculty and staff have taken this course. Land Acknowledgement session; Indigenous Educators Panel which included presenters from Algonquin and Canadore.
- Indigenous Classification Reference Book is a growing collection of Indigenous resources by Indigenous Peoples.
- holding a contest for Indigenous students to create a design that would appear on the spine  
Question: Are there any Indigenous courses designated as a requirement to graduate?

#### 12. Indigenous Student Council Update

- Student Council paid for a bus and tickets for tubing event in St. Mary's.
- Students were allowed to bring a guest; 16 people registered; 14 showed.
- Coordinated engagement activities on the bus ride; handed out prizes and gifts.
- Hosted a Spring Equinox Celebration on March 19 – approximately 300 people attended.
- White Plains donated to our Toonie Table
- Other students and community members volunteered
- Summer announced that she will be stepping down as President of Indigenous Student Council

13. Indigenous Student Centre Update

- Sean Hoogterp has accepted another position.
- The posting for an Indigenous Student Success Coordinator did go out.
- Indigenous Student Council Appreciation Night - dinner and a movie with a guest.
- Lambton College is having an Open Doors Event on May 14
- We were working on an Indigenous Artists Showcase and Sale for some time in June.
- We were approached to work in conjunction with the Open Doors Event.
- Indigenous Student Council will be setting up an awareness table.
- The School of Community Services & Health attended a CiCAN meeting where the PSW at Aamjiwnaang was recognized and awarded a bronze medal.
- Have been involved in planning of EDI, mental health, and residence.

Vicki Ware had to leave the meeting at 12:35 pm.

14. Other Business

For our next meeting, would anyone be interested in hosting it in their First Nations community?

15. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:45 pm.

Moved by: D. Dolson

Seconded by: S. Catt

CARRIED