

**LAMBTON COLLEGE COUNCIL ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**  
**MINUTES of 2022-12-08**  
**Flex Meeting (Room C1-211 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  
Jarvis Nahdee, Director of Lifelong Learning, Walpole Island First Nation Education  
Debbie Dolson, Post Secondary Counsellor, Chippewas of the Thames First Nation  
Leela Thomas, Program Manager, Walpole Island Employment & Training  
Shawn Roy, Co-President, Indigenous Student Council  
Melissa Ellis, Co-President, Indigenous Student Council  
Rina Okimawinew, Vice-President, Indigenous Student Council  
Ky Nahmabin, Indigenous Student Success Coordinator, Lambton College  
Andrea Auger, Indigenous Professor, Lambton College  
Holly Altiman, 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  
Jody Noah, Post Secondary Manager, Southern First Nations Secretariat  
Mary Vaughan, Senior VP, Academic & Student Success, Lambton College

Copies to:

Chris Plain, Chief, Aamjiwnaang First Nation  
Daniel Miskokomon, Chief, Walpole Island First Nation  
Kimberly Bressette, Chief, Chippewas of Kettle & Stony Point First Nation  
Todd Cornelius, 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

Phyllis opened the meeting at 10:13 am.

1. Welcome & Minute of Silence

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

2. Land Acknowledgment

Mary Vaughan provided the land acknowledgement.

3. Introductions

Introductions were made.

4. Minutes of August 17, 2022

Action Item – Kurtis will have access to the Mental Health report today and will share with the IEC in January.

Updates – the two Student Navigators have been hired; training is underway for the Student Success teams; the RFQ for the new Residence building will be available shortly.

MOTION: To accept the Minutes of August 17, 2022, as presented.

Moved by: V. Ware

Seconded by: J. Nahdee

CARRIED

#### 5. Business Arising – Observers at IEC Meetings

- It was asked if there were processes in place at other organizations.
- Could be used as a process for succession.
- It was decided to draft protocols for Observers at IEC meetings and include in the Terms of Reference.
- Observers, unlike designates, would not contribute to discussions, decisions or have voting rights.
- Attendance of Observer must be requested in advance of the meeting date.
- Observer must step away from table for in-camera discussions.

ACTION ITEM: Jane to draft wording regarding Observers at the IEC meetings which then can be implemented into the Terms of Reference.

#### 6. Lambton College Updates

- just under 3000 International students enrolled and just under 2000 domestic students enrolled.
- looking at ways to improve domestic student enrollment.
- students appreciate the option of hyflex learning.
- physical space is important with students spending more time on campus.
- Beginning September 2023, BSCN will be acknowledged as a degree program at Lambton.
- Also looking at two other degree programs (Mental Health & Addictions)
- Larger residence is important for domestic enrollment.
- Lots of construction – chemistry labs, capstone lab, biosafety lab, International student area, Indigenous outdoor space
- New Lambton College website – updates to make it easier to navigate and more interactive.
- Recommendation: Look in to building an Indigenous Bursary into Residence applications for Indigenous students

#### 7. Indigenous Outdoor Space

- RFP has gone out; should have a decision by January 2023
- Jane provided a presentation to the Foundations Board with a focus on the consultation process and collaborative efforts. Presentation was well received.

#### 8. Truth & Reconciliation Taskforce

- an Action Plan document was compiled by pulling together the ideas shared in previous meetings of the Taskforce and connecting them directly to the associated Calls to Action
- Taskforce members were asked to review the document and to identify a person responsible for any outstanding action items; also, to identify expected completion dates.
- Currently, there are 25 Calls to Action identified as post-secondary related.

ACTION ITEM: Jane to send Taskforce Meeting Schedule to IEC student representatives.

#### 9. Indigenous Peoples Education Circle (IPEC) Update

- College Ontario Libraries continue to work on the Indigenous portal initiative.
- There was a discussion about addressing Indigenous languages for this initiative.
- An Indigenous working group (Indigenous Thought Leaders Circle) with members from IPEC was formed to help inform quality assurance within the college sector.
- They are revising the Terms of Reference and looking at Indigenous content and wording.
- Talked about how the institutions can capture qualitative data while ensuring that it is not just an opportunity to add Indigenous, but really about meaningful conversation.
- They are interested in gathering stories while being mindful of ownership.
- Stories/experiences of Indigenous students, staff, admin, communities in the system
- A working group is being formed to look at Indigenous student data at OCAS.
- Founding IPEC members are retiring, but discussed a possible advisory capacity.

#### 10. Indigenous Professor Update

- Truth & Reconciliation Taskforce survey update:
- connected with 39 program coordinators representing 86 active programs.
- received responses from 32 coordinators which is an 82% response rate.
- these coordinators spoke about 74 programs so, 86% of programs are represented in the data.
- will be doing follow-up interviews.
- Fall term, had 30 students in courses: Indigenous Connections to the Land, and Indigenous Peoples Evolving Media & Artistic Images
- will be teaching Global Citizenship – First Nations, Metis and Inuit Perspectives in Winter term.
- assisting in the development of the Indigenous course for the new BSCN degree program
- hope to work with an Indigenous nurse from one of the communities to develop this course.
- Professional development for employees through Teaching & Learning Commons – Four Seasons which had 16 complete the session.
- had two Lunch & Engagement Sessions – Interview with Bob Joseph and his book “21 Things You May Not Know About the Indian Act”.
- the other was rescheduled – video called “We are More than Missing and Murdered”.
- for winter 2023, have plans for a Book Club and maybe more Lunch and Engagement Sessions

#### 11. Indigenous Student Council Update

- Three executive members of Indigenous Student Council attended IEC meeting.
- Students presented a PowerPoint on activities this past year.
- Speaking engagements included a Lambton College Town Hall and Christmas Tree Lighting
- President participated in a puck drop at the Sarnia Sting game in Oct.

#### 12. Indigenous Student Centre Update

- “Arrive to Strive” event hosted by Kettle & Stony Point Employment Services and College Hub
- Started free lunch program for students in September.
- Established this year’s Indigenous Student Council
- Held a “Get to Know You” student social on Sept. 22
- Elder visits started - beading with the students (weekly), traditional counselling (Sept & Oct)
- Orange Shirt Day - students sold orange t-shirts to employees with a new design.

- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation -Sunrise Ceremony, student panel, Indigenous businesses and showcasing a film made by Derek Sands with our students.
- Participated in Lambton College's College Information Program (CIP) event.
- Coordinated students for Marketing photoshoot for the new Indigenous Viewbook
- Provided Indspire application assistance.
- During Study Break (Oct. 24-Oct. 28): tutoring drop-ins, Indspire bursary support, Learn to Bead, Course-load Management sessions, viewed two Imaginative films.
- Moon Ceremony in Nov.
- Rock Your Mocs Day (Nov.15): Information table; traditional regalia, beading & scone dogs.
- Participated in the Lambton College Fall Open House
- Ribbon Skirt Making workshop & teachings.
- Ky participated in the APSIP Tour
- Hosted APSIP event on Nov 30 at Lambton with 65 high school students attending.
- Annual Round Dance held on Saturday, Dec. 3
- Will be celebrating 30 years of Indigenous Student Services with event in February or March.

### 13. Other Business

Truth & Reconciliation video by Rob was presented.

ACTION ITEM: Jane to send to members.

Phyllis wished everyone Happy Holidays.

### 14. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 12:50 pm.

Moved by: R. Okimawinew

Seconded by: D. Dolson

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