

## SLC ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (AEC) MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject</b>	AEC Spring Meeting		<b>Date</b>	May 17,2016
<b>Facilitator</b>	Wanda Williams		<b>Time</b>	11:00 to 1:00
<b>Location</b>	V-Desk Tri-campus		<b>Scribe</b>	M.A. Lyons
<b>Attendees</b>				
Elaine Jeffrey	Metis Nation of Ontario	Norma Sunday	Akwesasne	
Sandy Maracle	Tyendinaga	Shannon LaFrance	Akwesasne (Guest)	
Patti Brinklow	Tyendinaga (Guest)	Laura Maracle	Queen's University	
Wanda Williams	SLC	Nicola Thomas	SLC	
Deb Stava	SLC	Shirley Chaisson	SLC	
Mary Ann Lyons	SLC			
<b>Absentees</b>				
Margaret LaFrance	Akwesasne	Marg Hogan	SLC	
Sheila LaFrance	Akwesasne	Lou Anne Hamilton	SLC	
Thomas Sylvester	SLC (student)	Kim Lockwood	SLC (alumnus)	
<b>Key Points Discussed</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Highlights</b>		
1.	Welcome	Wanda Williams welcomed everyone and introduced Deb Stava, new Dean of the Cornwall campus; Deb will assume responsibility for the SLC Aboriginal portfolio. Other members of the AEC and guests introduced themselves.		
2.	Opening Words	Laura Maracle opened the meeting with the traditional Mohawk words.		
3.	Minutes of Oct. 14/15	Reviewed and approved		
4.	Review of Action Items from Oct. 14, 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cornwall staff visited Akwesasne – Nov. 2015</li> <li>• Questions about tobacco burning on Cornwall campus have thus far yielded no concrete answers; students have requested this ceremony to begin and end the school year.</li> <li>• Terri McDade met with Board of Governors sub-committee two weeks ago to update them about Aboriginal initiatives; she gave each member a copy of our SLC Aboriginal Services Year in Review.</li> <li>• New SLC smudging protocol was shared with AEC members; this protocol has been approved by Dave Wright.</li> <li>• Research on Aboriginal flags being flown on our campuses indicated that colleges in Ontario do not do this because the vast number of communities involved could not all be identified and represented. We do, however, have maps in our Aboriginal Centres which identify these communities; these maps help our students feel welcome and connect them with other students from their home community.</li> <li>• The 2015/16 KPI Aboriginal self-identification question was shared with AEC members.</li> </ul>		
5.	Review agenda for May 17, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicola requested that an update about our fall research project be added to the agenda.</li> </ul>		

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<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Selection of new Co-Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Deb Stava and Laura Maracle were selected and approved.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. Convocation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Aboriginal innovations at last year's ceremonies</li> <li>➤ suggestions for future expansion of the Aboriginal presence at these ceremonies</li> <li>➤ Queen's University's convocation protocol for Aboriginal graduates shared by Laura</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. IPEC</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ annual AEC breakfast meeting in November – valuable for AECs - should be collaboratively organized</li> <li>➤ more opportunities needed for AECs to meet</li> <li>➤ MTCU Student Success Fund for Aboriginal learners – report submissions due May 31</li> <li>➤ absence of significant mention of colleges in the TRC Calls to Action</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. Kickstart to College project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ content is complete and videography is being finalized</li> <li>➤ pilot group needed to work “kinks” out</li> <li>➤ target roll-out date – summer/ fall 2016</li> <li>➤ will have a College facilitator</li> <li>➤ can be done independently but hopefully Aboriginal organizations/high schools will provide overseer and/or onsite work space to ensure maximum success</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>5. New Student Life Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ proposals submitted for Strategic Investment Fund</li> <li>➤ will know by June if successful</li> <li>➤ College must contribute funding.</li> <li>➤ Recent World Café discussion yielded important feedback from many groups including students</li> <li>➤ this feedback to be considered as project moves forward</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>6. Aboriginal-focused research (survey) project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Aboriginal Awareness: How Does the College Measure Up?</i></li> <li>➤ Will assess first year SLC students in health and service provider programs regarding their knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about Aboriginal history and current disparities in living conditions, educational opportunities, and disease burden.</li> <li>➤ partnership with Queen's University</li> <li>➤ some internal SLC funding</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SLC first college to participate in this survey</li> </ul>	
		<p>7. Wanda's Retirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wanda reflected upon progress and accomplishments of AEC over past two years</li> <li>➤ AEC members expressed good wishes.</li> </ul>	
7.	Closing	Laura delivered traditional closing words.	
8.	Next Meeting	To be determined early in fall semester	
<b>Action Plan</b>			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner(s)	Target Date
1.	<b>Tobacco burning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ work with Facilities Management to move forward with this</li> <li>➤ create written protocol</li> </ul>	Marg, Shirley, Norma	Sept. 2016
2.	<b>New AEC members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ SSF and student from Brockville</li> <li>➤ new elder</li> <li>➤ Lynda Leween (Kagita Mikam)</li> <li>➤ Suzanne Brant (FNTI)</li> </ul>	Mary Ann Mary Ann Mary Ann/Sandy Deb	Sept. 2016
3.	<b>Convocation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Inquire about possibility of Aboriginal Services working more closely with Convocation organizers to expand upon Aboriginal elements: drummer at all Cornwall convocations and gifting of pre-determined Aboriginal students tri-campus</li> <li>➤ Examine Queen's policy re: gifting and Aboriginal protocol for convocations</li> </ul>	Wanda/Deb           Laura (to send documents)	First AEC meeting of fall semester           First AEC meeting of fall semester
4.	<b>Kickstart to College</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Demo of module for AEC by course facilitator</li> </ul>	Mary Ann to arrange with David Weese	First AEC meeting of fall semester