

# SLC ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL (AEC) MEETING MINUTES

<b>Subject</b>	<b>AEC Fall Meeting</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>November 29, 2016</b>
<b>Facilitator</b>	Deb Stava		<b>Time</b>	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Location</b>	VDesk Tri-Campus		<b>Scribe</b>	Amanda Lacosse
<b>Attendees</b>				
Shirley Chaisson	SLC	Sheila Lafrance	Akwesasne	
Pauline Giles	SLC Student	Kim Lockwood	SLC Alumnus	
Marg Hogan	SLC	Laura Maracle	Queen's University	
Gracie Joseph	SLC Student	Deb Stava	SLC	
Amanda Lacosse	SLC	Nicola Thomas	SLC	
Margaret Lafrance	Akwesasne			
<b>Absentees</b>				
Lou Ann Hamilton	SLC	Sandy Maracle	Tyendinaga	
Elaine Jeffrey	Metis Nation of Ontario	Norma Sunday	Akwesasne	
Mary Ann Lyons	SLC			
<b>Key Points Discussed</b>				
<b>No.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Highlights</b>		
1.	Welcome	Deb Stava welcomed everyone and provided an overview of the AEC and its mandate. Members introduced themselves.		
2.	Opening Words	Laura Maracle opened the meeting with traditional Mohawk words.		
3.	Review and Approval of May 17, 2016 Minutes	Reviewed and approved		
4.	Review of Action Items from May 17, 2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tobacco Burning</li> <li>2. New AEC Members Deb Stava will invite Suzanne Brant from FNTI to sit at the Spring meeting. Mary Ann will reach out to Lynda Leween. Maggie Lance from Brockville was invited to attend the meeting. Two students were hired for the Eagle Learning Café but the group is unsure if they were invited to attend the meeting.</li> <li>3. Convocation Laura Maracle will send to Amanda for circulation the documents outlining Queens' policy.</li> <li>4. Kickstart to College <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A marketing video was created and played for the group.</li> <li>➤ Deb Stava provided a brief overview on the program for the group.</li> <li>➤ Moving forward, we will need to identify the gaps that are preventing students from being successful.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		



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5.	Review Agenda	The agenda was approved.
6.	New Business	<p>1. Updates from Aboriginal Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In August, Brockville Campus' Eagle Learning Café opened.</li> <li>➤ All campuses have been offering craft sessions though concerns were noted regarding attendance at the Cornwall sessions. It was suggested the craft sessions not be limited to a specific timeframe in the day to allow for more participation.</li> <li>➤ The deadline for applications for Indigenous Student Bursaries has passed. Decisions will be made by a selection committee and the 15 bursaries will be awarded in January. There were 55 applications for the 15 bursaries.</li> <li>➤ The Eagle Learning Centre in Cornwall has a field placement student from the SSW program working with Shirley for the fall semester. There will be a potluck in December. Shirley is offering various activities to engage students but is having difficulty getting participation. Workload issues were cited as the main hindrance.</li> </ul> <p>2. TIF Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ TIF funding was used to fund Kickstart to College.</li> </ul> <p>3. September Enrolment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The enrolment numbers have been fairly consistent with some programs oversubscribed.</li> <li>➤ The biggest boost has been in International students.</li> <li>➤ It was suggested there were 320 Aboriginal students tri-campus in 2015-2016 but it is believed that number is low as it relies on self-identification. It was noted students who did not self-identify on their application, can self-identify after the fact.</li> </ul> <p>4. IPEC Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Deb Stava will circulate the minutes from the October 19-20 IPEC meetings once she receives them.</li> <li>➤ 24 colleges will sign an agreement with CICAN supporting a commitment to Indigenous education at College. SLC is one of five institutions that have not yet signed. At the time, the College was not in a position to support</li> </ul>



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		<p>everything included in the agreement but moving forward, the position could be revisited</p> <p>5. <a href="#">Annual Confirmation of Membership</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Wanda Williams has retired and will be replaced by Rick Anderson. Marg Hogan will continue to participate. Pauline Giles is replacing Thomas Sylvester. Kim Lockwood will remain on the committee as an Alumni representative. Graycee Joseph will represent Kingston students. Shirley Chaisson will confirm a Brockville student representative.</li> </ul> <p>6. <a href="#">Aboriginal Awareness Project</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Graycee Joseph has been working on an Aboriginal Awareness project. Participation has been very good. She would like to present the results at the next AEC meeting.</li> </ul>
7.	<a href="#">Truth &amp; Reconciliation</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In March, there will be representation from the Presidential and VP level at conversations regarding the Truth &amp; Reconciliation document as there is a strategy being developed to move it forward.</li> <li>➤ If there is an opportunity for the AEC to be part of the conversation, the group will be contacted.</li> </ul>
8.	<a href="#">Next Meeting</a>	<a href="#">To be determined and circulated at a later date.</a>
9.	<a href="#">Adjournment</a>	<a href="#">Laura delivered traditional closing words.</a>

Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1.	<a href="#">Invite and add additional members</a>	<a href="#">Committee</a>	<a href="#">Spring 2017</a>
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