

Indigenous Education Council Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024 - 10am

St. Clair College Thames Campus – 2nd Floor Boardroom Rm W2003

Attendance:

- Jody Noah, IEC Co-Chair
- Art Barron, IEC Co-Chair
- Tina Jacobs, Indigenous Learning Advisor
- Muriel Sampson, Indigenous Councillor
- Debbie Dolson – IEC Member
- Donna Grayer – IEC Member (Online)
- Laura Spero – IEC Member (Online)
- Darlene Marshall – IEC Member (Online)
- Frank Cooper – IEC Member (Online)
- Mark Benoit - Chair, School of Academic Studies, Chatham-Kent
- Ralph Nicoletti – Senior Vice President, International Relations and Student Services
- John Fairley - Senior Vice President, Communications, Advancement and External Affairs
- Lindita Prendi - Executive Director, Centre for Academic Excellence
- Karamjeet (Karmie) Dhillon - Director, Research and Innovation
- Sonja Popovski – Business Development Manager - Research

Welcome and Introductions – 10:35 a.m.

The Indigenous Education Council (IEC) meeting commenced with a warm welcome and introductions, including a land acknowledgement by Art Barron and a moment of silence honoring Dan Chauvin and Charles Sampson.

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- Motion #1 - Approval of Minutes
- Motioned by Donna Grayer, seconded by Debbie Dolson

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Terms of reference deferred as a subject for retreat topics

Reports

- Indigenous Counsellor Report – accepted
- Indigenous Learning Advisor – accepted

College Updates

- Expanded mental health counseling services announced, including extended hours.
- President's report shared, highlighting various events and partnerships.
- Karmie presented ongoing work on indigenous ways of knowing and understanding, plans for physical space improvements and land-based learning initiatives & upcoming conferences and grant writing for indigenous programs.
- Discussions on promoting St. Clair College to indigenous communities and possible collaborations with the Alumni Association. Darlene mentioned that other colleges provide tuition waivers for First Nation students.
- John Fairley suggested having the Alumni Association present at a future meeting

IEC Retreat Discussion

- Discussion on the IEC Terms of Reference (TOR) defining the purpose and effectiveness of the Indigenous Education Council, focusing on active participation in college policies and financial transparency. **Action items:**
 - Collaborate with Caldwell First Nation to host IEC Retreat
 - Prepare discussion materials and samples for Indigenous Identity.
 - Prepare discussion materials to include annual workplan as a retreat topic

2:06 p.m. Adjournment