



Indigenous Caucus

Meeting:	Indigenous Caucus Interim Meeting Minutes	Date & Time:	August 5th, 2022 10:00 – 11:00AM
Location:	Online via Zoom		
Co-Chair:	Carol Ann Budd, Chair		
Support:	N. Barnard, Administrative Assistant		
Members Present:	Laurel Claus- Johnson, Janice Hill, Carol Ann Budd, Wendy Phillips, Marjolaine LaPointe, Dave Mowat, Aaron St Pierre, Mireille Lapointe, Karen Orser, Noah Favel, Deb St. Amant		
Discussion Item	Person Introducing	Notes	
Opening Prayer	C.A. Budd	C.A. Budd opened the meeting in a good way.	
1. Greetings/Introductions	C.A. Budd/All	Brief roundtable of introductions and check in from Caucus members.	
2. Chairs Remarks	C.A. Budd	C. A. Budd offered synopsis of report release and what's to come at the table today.	
3. Comments from AVP	J. Hill	<p>Report and recommendations accepted in principle by QU. Report released based on agreement with FPG and statements made public that QU would release the report upon receipt.</p> <p>Primary recommendation intended to follow up on is to establish the Indigenous Oversight Council. Other Indigenous scholars will be included on the council as well it will be made up of those with which the land the institution sits on.</p> <p>Report ended up focusing on concerns of student's opinion which was not the intended focus of the initial report. Intended to be around hiring practices, those receiving grants, scholarships, funding etc.</p> <p>Individuals implicated either in the beginning or in the report itself will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.</p>	

<p>4. Discussion & response to the FPG Report on Indigeneity</p>	<p>C.A. Budd</p>	<p>C.A. Budd opened the floor for questions/comments.</p> <p>D. St. Amant: Concerned around how hastily the report was released. No footnotes, no facts, very vague concepts overall. Concerned with lack of consultation with Elder’s Advisory Circle.</p> <p>Overarching concern around lack of consultation of report before it was released. Echoed by several members. Confirmed that there was no consultation with any additional groups after receipt by Queen’s SLT (Senior Leadership Team) of report and the subsequent public release of the report.</p> <p>Marjolaine LaPointe: shared words of anger and passion. Initial identity report spoke from a place of anonymity. Upset with the FPG report itself and the release of it is deeply harmful. Reiterated the response shared from Ardoch to the group prior to the meeting. Disappointment, anger, that QU shared a report with glaring factual errors. Not including consultation from EAC (Elder’s Advisory Circle), Caucus prior to release is unacceptable. Unsure of what weight this groups’ action holds as the feedback given to FPG, both written and verbal was not heard. However, call for Caucus to reject the report as written.</p> <p>Mireille LaPointe: Sees the report as aiding and abetting colonialism. Would like to bring to the group’s attention the report and Queen’s subsequent response is being watched around the world, how we move forward will have a resounding impact for generations to come. This report will extinguish the possibility of people remembering who they are, status and non-status are colonial impositions that have no bearing here.</p> <p>D. Mowat: Shared sentiment around the report creating division. Ardoch has a historic relationship with Alderville; there is a deep long-standing connection (attribute to the wild rice). This is a Queen’s problem; we have our problems to deal with. For instance, regulatory gap. We were named in the report; no one came to us and asked if we would mind being named; there was no consultation once again. We were named as a result of treaty – nothing more. Shared example of former student, John Beaver; who had to give up status to attend QU, and was no longer allowed to live in</p>
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		<p>community as a result.</p> <p>K. Orser: New to group. Shared sentiment around divisiveness. Experience as a 60's scoop child, around identity and reclaiming your own; understands the complexity of the topic at hand. Looking forward to how we move forward as a collective.</p> <p>A. St. Pierre: Appreciates those concerns shared today and thanks for everyone's words. This is an issue with complexities beyond what is widely understood, and needs to be treated as such moving forward.</p> <p>C.A. Budd: Respond to university on our collective thoughts here and request consultation on the path forward.</p> <p>Good words shared this morning – how we move forward needs to come from a good place. Sentiment of responsibility and action required shared from the group overall this morning.</p> <p>QU should consult with Elder's Circle & Caucus before taking steps forward. This was the greatest oversight on behalf of QU in the initial process.</p> <p>C.A. Budd/J. Hill to review comments from today and summarize for sharing.</p>
Closing	C.A. Budd	C.A. Budd closed the meeting off in a good way.

Next Meeting: Fall 2022

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