



# Indigenous Caucus

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Indigenous Caucus Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022</b> 5:00 – 6:30pm
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Online via Zoom</b>		
<b>Co-Chair:</b>	Carol Ann Budd, Chair		
<b>Support:</b>	M. Henry, Communications & Project Coordinator		
<b>Members Present:</b>	Laurel Claus- Johnson, Janice Hill, Kandice Baptiste, Al Doxtator, Mark Green, Carol Ann Budd, Wendy Phillips, Marjolaine LaPointe, Dave Mowat, Tahmena Bokhari, Stephanie Simpson, Deb St Amant, Aaron St Pierre		
<b>Discussion Item</b>	<b>Person Introducing</b>	<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	C.A. Budd		
<b>1. Greetings/Introductions</b>	C.A. Budd	Brief roundtable of introductions and check in from Caucus members.	
<b>2. Chairs Remarks</b>	C.A. Budd		
<b>3. eCampus meeting Indigenous Healthcare Education &amp; Practice</b>	K. Kolomitro/ W. Phillips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• K. Kolomitro provided a PowerPoint presentation on a new initiative. The overall goal is to close the education gap between the TRC Calls to Action and healthcare education and practice. Detailed each learning module for the project. Commissioning Indigenous artwork to align with each of the 7 modules.</li> <li>• Pilot evaluation happening now</li> <li>• W. Phillips opened meeting for questions</li> <li>• L. Johnson advised that a Kingston Community Health team (OHT, Ontario Health Team) is meeting this week, would be an opportunity for a collab</li> <li>• L. Johnson: Mental Health feedback, wellness</li> </ul>	
<b>4. Land Acknowledgement</b>	J. Jill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huron-Wendat</li> </ul> <p>J. Hill: Brought to our attention by a community member as to why Queen's does not acknowledge the Huron-Wendat in their land acknowledgment. City of Kingston, Royal Military College does, etc. Discussions around inclusion of Huron-Wendat. In</p>	

		<p>process of making connections with Wendake – who should advise. Would have to consider a member to sit on Caucus, and Council, as well as Elders Advisory Circle. Would have to consider flying Huron-Wendat flag outside of Richardson.</p> <p>Comments/concerns?</p> <p>D. Mowat: Concerns on the map accuracy.</p> <p>A. Doxtator: Reminder of traditional teachings to share land, land was given by creator. Right for us to acknowledge them and fly their flag, etc.</p> <p>M. Green: Questions on the process from others who have acknowledged them? What others might we need to include? Overall purpose of Land Acknowledgement – all past inhabitants?</p> <p>J. Hill: Provided clarification.</p> <p>D. Mowat: Regrets to leave early.</p>
<p><b>5. JDUC Naming Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal attached for review</li> </ul>	<p>C.A Budd/ J. Hill</p>	<p>J. Hill: Provided overview of attached proposal.</p> <p>J. Hill: Concerns of representation appropriateness of teachings on risings, use of medicine wheel, stones, etc.</p> <p>K. Baptiste: Agree that west coast art is not appropriate for this, or medicine wheel and 7 Grandfather teachings.</p> <p>M. Green: Agrees on artwork. Not certain about the teachings on the risers, people walking on them might not be the right intention. Could be vertical instead.</p> <p>W. Phillips: Agrees with teachings on risers, to hold values. West Coast art doesn't feel fitting. Friendship belt. Will send email with more detailed thoughts.</p> <p>A. St Pierre: Could add Haudenosaunee aspects.</p> <p>M. LaPointe: Avoid the walking on the teachings, agrees. Curious on the thought behind the West Coast art. Reflecting the natural environment into the architect is important. Absence of Haudenosaunee representation. Sky domes.</p>
<p><b>6. Scarborough Charter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with Indigenous communities</li> </ul>	<p>S. Simpson</p>	<p>S. Simpson: Presented a PowerPoint on Scarborough Charter, on anti-black racism and black inclusion in Canadian higher education: principles, actions, and accountabilities. Issues of systemic racism. National dialogues and action for inclusive higher education. Principal Deane signed charter in November 2021. Charter is in solidarity with Indigenous communities and struggles. Question is: How can we work together? Build community. Act on charter recommendations. Important that this work begin in solidarity.</p> <p>K. Baptiste: Expresses interest in a joint working group for this. Would be happy to help.</p>

		W. Phillips: Would like to see Caucus support this initiative. A. Doxtator: Supports the initiative.
<b>7. Caucus Business</b> • Identity discussion	C.A. Budd/J. Hill	J. Hill: Provided brief update on sessions and discussions already held and those scheduled. Will be a final report with recommendations coming in May 2022.
<b>8. Other Business</b> • Next meeting dates	C.A. Budd	W. Phillips: Library has rare Indigenous books, wondering about a digital library, open to other Indigenous communities. C.A. Budd: Next meeting in person? J. Hill: Between now and May, might have an additional meeting. Spring meeting in a community?
<b>Closing</b>	C.A. Budd	
<b>Next Meeting: TBC</b>		

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Gimaakwe Gchi-gkinoomaagegamig atemagad Naadowe miinwaa Anishinaabe aking.