

Indigenous Council of Queen's University

Annual Report 2020



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
INDIGENOUS

COUNCIL
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OFFICE OF
INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

The Indigenous Council of Queen's University (ICQU) was established in 1992, in conjunction with the Aboriginal Education and Training Strategy introduced by the provincial government. The ICQU provides advice to the university with respect to Indigenous issues and Indigenous student matters. Council is mandated to continuously be involved in all decisions affecting Indigenous programs, services, faculty and students at Queen's.

In 2020, despite changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indigenous Council were able to continue all meetings—meeting once in Winter and once in Spring.

ICQU IN NUMBERS:



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10 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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6 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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10 QUEEN'S COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

2020 COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Final approval of the Indigenous Studies program
- Additional sub-committees and working groups developed to assist in furthering initiatives
- Development of an Indigenous Walking Tour of Kingston

February 2020

February 11, 2020 - There were 18 members in attendance, with 4 guests.

- **Carol Ann Budd:** Permanent Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe flags will be flown outside of Richardson Hall.
- **Laurel Claus-Johnson:** Suggestions for scholarships involving indigenous community members in the Kingston area.
- **Provost Tom Harris:** a final update on his time as Provost. Extended his gratitude to all Indigenous staff, faculty, students, alumni at Queen's.

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- **Kanonhsyonne (Jan Hill):** Planning underway for the annual Language Symposium: registration, website details, etc.
- A possible controversial issue regarding an event coming up. Concern because this is a perpetuation of violence towards Indigenous peoples. Students are concerned this lecture is happening. It is anticipated that the audience isn't going to be large, the venue holds approx. 50 people; proposal to do something to get in front of the lecture.
- **Provost Harris:** apologized for his oversight on approving this event. Moving forward funding will not sit with one person but with the department's Speaker Series. The discussion continued regarding safety for students throughout the University. Provost Harris noted that he will speak with the Principal on students concerns for feeling unsafe.
- **Misko McGregor:** Reports of culturally insensitive attire at student parties/gatherings. Again, the emphasis for student safety and Indigenous student support. Supported that the population of Indigenous students be listened to and their concerns be met by the university.
- **Provost Harris:** notes that if the original lecture moves forward, it may reflect poorly on all the work Queen's has put forward this far. Conversation regarding this topic continued.
- **Jan Hill** extended her thanks to **Provost Harris** for all that he has done in time as Interim Provost.

The meeting moved to Educational Awards agenda item. Discussion of award for teaching Indigenous ways of knowing.

May 2020

May 26, 2020 - ***This was the first ICQU meeting to be held over Zoom, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.***

- **Carol Ann Budd:** gave opening words and began introductions. Spoke of the Elder Meet & Greet, praising the participation rates.
- Updates of the Liberty Lecture was provided, as it was cancelled due to COVID-19. A Scholarship update was then given to provide information regarding additional scholarships and proposals.
- **Kanonhsyonne (Jan Hill):** provided an update for the ISSF report for 2019-20.
- Development of an Indigenous Walking Tour of Kingston updates, with hopes for an app to be produced along with the tour. A trial run will be completed during orientation week.
- **Carol Ann:** gave a reminder for Community Co-Chair nominations.
- Update on the work of the Ancestors at the Agnes.
- An update from ATEP, explaining student disadvantages and delays due to COVID-19. **Liv Rondeau** has become the new program coordinator.

Gazette stories and media releases on Indigenous topics

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queen-s-indigenous-health-researcher-named-indspire-award-winner>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/news-release-policy-paper-calls-culture-inclusion-and-acceptance-hockey>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queen-s-hosts-inuit-artist-residency>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/office-indigenous-initiatives-hosts-virtual-meet-and-greet-elders>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/elders-host-virtual-knowledge-sharing-sessions>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/indigenous-education-added-principals-teaching-and-learning-awards>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queens-elders-host-national-indigenous-peoples-day-discussion>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queen-s-celebrates-indigenous-graduates>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queens-launches-indigenous-initiatives-website>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/recommended-reads-indigenous-initiatives-staff>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/smith-business-launches-equity-diversity-inclusion-and-indigeneity-task-force>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/indigenous-and-afro-brazilian-lands-under-greater-threat-brazil-during-covid-19>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/news-release-queen-s-school-medicine-increasing-efforts-recruit-black-and-indigenous-students>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/supporting-indigenous-and-lgbtq2s-communities>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/news-release-queens-faculty-law-consulting-community-about-name-sir-john-macdonald-hall>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/media/news-release-queen-s-university-remove-sir-john-macdonald-name-law-school-building>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queens-honours-truth-and-reconciliation-orange-shirt-day>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/queens-marks-treaties-recognition-week>

<https://www.queensu.ca/gazette/stories/committing-greater-equity-diversity-inclusion-and-indigeneity>

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Ne Queen's University e'tho no'we nikanónhsote tsi no'we ne Haudenosaunee tánon
Anishinaabek tehatihsnónhsahere ne óhontsa.
Gimaakwe Gchi-gkinoomaagegamig atemagad Naadowe miinwaa Anishinaabe aking.*