## Meeting Notes

**Meeting:** Elder Advisory Circle  
**Date & Time:** February 8th, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00pm – 2:30pm

**Location:** Microsoft Teams  
**Chair:** Kanonhsyonne Janice Hill, Associate Vice-Principal (Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation)

### Members Attending:
- Linda Zaluska  
- Sandra Moore  
- Betty Carr-Brant  
- Wendy Phillips  
- Sharon Clarke  
- Al Doxtator  
- Deb St. Amant  
- Chief Dave Mowat  
- Janice Hill  
- Haley Cochrane

**Minutes:** S. Clarke

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| 1. Opening and Introductions | J. Hill | Opening prayer – L. Zaluska  
Jan – roundtable introductions. |
| 2. Overview of the OII | J. Hill |  
• After the release of the TRC Calls to Action, Queen's looked at the Calls related to post-secondary institutions.  
• A Queen’s TRC Task Force met and produced a report with 25 recommendations.  
• This Extending the Rafters Report is available on the OII Website  
• One recommendation was to set up OII – then a year later, Jan was appointed as AVP.  
• For last few years anything involving indigenous issues comes to our office. This circle was established to assist OII and to provide us advice, etc. |
| 3. Overview of the Circle | J. Hill |  
• What do we want to accomplish while we (members of the Elders Advisory Circle) are here –  
• About the TRC – where do we fit in? What is our responsibility? Some feel like tokens.  
• There are a lot of different Elders Councils – This will be very important work – it is very convenient  
• It is very important work, and perhaps we can meet more often. A suggestion was once per month  
• In committing to meeting once per month, we can either find an existing Terms of Reference for an Elders Council or Draft one and send it out -  
• It is not our intention to rubber stamp issues  
• What do other faculties/Univ groups who want to |
**4. Review of Proposals**

- Indigenous Research Centre
- No. 9 Gardens
- NIBS

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Research Centre Proposal is a good opportunity to make change –
- Queen’s has been addressing issues of racism. For example: Statement on Racism (EDII) we are having discussions.

Next proposal on #9 Gardens –
- Would like to establish an Indigenous garden there.
- The #9 Centre is also an outdoor teaching place.
- Can research No.9 Gardens for more info.
- What is potential to linking #9 Gardens to other FNs who are interested in protecting medicine?

**NIBs Proposal (National Indian Brotherhood)**
- Proposal has 3 components: Support for Faculty learning, An Indigenous E-portal, and supporting Indigenous ways of knowing and being into curriculum

**5. Other Business**

- Terminology: Indigenous vs Aboriginal

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Indigenous vs Aboriginal
- Asking your opinion on the usage for the Aboriginal Council name.
- We are Indigenous to this land. Agree in support of utilizing the word ‘Indigenous.’

**6. Closing**

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Offered closing words.