Meeting Notes

Meeting:	Indigenous Elders Advisory Circle	Date & Time:	Date: May 27 th , 2021 Time: 2:00PM – 3:30PM		
Location:	Zoom				
Chair:	Kanonhsyonne Janice Hill, Associate Vice-Principal (Indigenous Initiatives and Reconciliation)				
Members Attending:	Betty Carr-BraintSandra MooreWendy PhillipsLinda Zaluska		Deb St. AmantJanice HillAl Doxtator		
Minutes:	N. Barnard – Administrative Assistant				

Linda Zaluska			
Minutes:			
Discussion Item		Person	Notes
		Introducing	
Opening and Introductions		J. Hill	Opening prayer – Sandra Moore.
		J. Hill	Elder Honorarium documents: - Add: varies depending on the specifics of the performance. This will address if there is a powwow and asking if Remove per hour, include per event. (Max \$250 per day performer?) There could be 8-10 people around a big drum, we need to be setting a limit. Suggested max \$300 for the entire group? We surveyed institutions across the country (Universities, not colleges), to determine comparable rates and we wanted to be on the higher end of those surveyed rates. Important to consider customary fee, like something they would normally charge will override the suggested amounts fees. We will leave the \$50/performer/event with the understanding that fees may vary dependent on the event, and we may use item #5 at discretion as well. Item #3: Queen's rate for travel can be difficult to abide by. According to Queen's policy, all travel party must be in the same vehicle. However, some Indigenous communities have differing rules based on previous experiences with travel. We should include something to encourage flexibility on rules outside of Queen's, respecting community policies.

4. Oll Strategic Plan - Update on conversations to date	J. Hill	Add: Important to be mindful of policies and procedures of Indigenous communities & organizations that may differ from these rates. ADD: Item #4 – Meaningful gift for QU Indigenous staff members to show appreciation as well. ToR Framework: - Have OII staff compile a draft based on previously shared examples, and skeleton provided in meeting invite to share with the group at the next meeting. T. Brennan shared a strategy framework We are in a juxtaposition with how the rest of the institution does business (consensus model). The focus of the final report is going to be on Indigenous people and Indigenous peoples needs for the next 5 years. Talked about the need for us to have guiding principles for the office. The institution has Indigenization as its fourth foundational pillar, if that is in fact true, we need to adjust the ways we do business to show that this is true. How can YOU further the work of the OII, rather than what can the OII do for you? We also need an adjusted level of support in our office, to maintain and uphold the work being asked of us.
		Used the term "Warrior Allies" for champions from other offices to support our work. Some concern around the use of the word warrior, that's around what it has become not what it has historically meant.
		Our next funding campaign at the University will have Indigenous Initiatives as a high priority moving forward.
		Talked about the importance of ceremony and how things need to be done in a good way.
		Also looked at global Indigeneity, and the need to connect with communities in other places around the world.
		No comments or reflections from the circle at this time.
5. Other Business	J. Hill	SILS scheduled to take place June 14-18, registration is now

- SILS update		open. Over 120 presentations to date. 4 Keynote Speakers, 3
- Funding Proposals: NIBS		International & 1 Canadian. We have received lots of funding
2021 CFP		internally, so we are able to offer the conference free of
- Next meetings		charge. Registration link provided in chat and also available
		on the Office of Indigenous Initiatives website.
		- NIBS has issued a new call for proposals, deadline in
		November. In the OII, training is becoming a larger
		component of what our office offers, could be beneficial to
		keep the proposal similar to years previous. We are looking
		to hire a training facilitator full time; this funding could
		contribute to that roles work.
		Wendy suggested: Funding proposal could be shifted to the
		outdoor space? We had applied to funding back in the fall but
		were unsuccessful. Advancement has approached the Gord
		Downie Foundation, but nothing formal has been submitted to
		date.
		We will send out the NIBS call for proposal & the previous
		submission for your review.
		Summer meetings postponed. We will meet again in
		September.
Closing	J. Hill	Sandra Moore offered closing words.

