



GFC Standing Committee Report

Committee: Iniskim Education Committee (IEC)

For the Period of July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Members: Kathleen Massey (co-chair), Mark Slomp (co-chair), Mike Mahon (Delegate Leroy Little Bear), Lindi Shade, Charlene Bruised Head-Mountain Horse, Francis First Charger (Elder), Amanda Scout (Indigenous community representative), Travis Plaited Hair (Indigenous community representative), Mike Bruised Head, Maya Many Grey Horses (Toni Pashe April 1, 2020-April 30-2021), Yvonne Tiger, Andrea Amelinckx, Emma Scott (Mary Green Shields June 1, 2020-June 30, 2021), Monique Giroux, Helen Kelley, Michelle Helstein (Jackie Rice January 2020-June 30, 2020)

Resource Persons (non-voting):

Jodie Gallais, Mike Whipple, Roy Weasel Fat (President, Red Crow College), Crystal Volk

Meeting Overview: The IEC met four times this year, on the following dates: October 8, 2019, December 10, 2019, January 30, 2020 and May 28, 2020.

The IEC focused on the following priorities in 2019-2020:

- Creating an Indigenous Strategic Plan for the University.
- Supporting the creation of the University's first Traditional Territory Land Acknowledgement approved June 2019.
- Recommending updates to terminology in the IEC Power & Duties, the Indigenous Education Policy and the Protocol Handbook.
- Supporting needs analysis on the temporary location of Ikaisskini.
- Completion of the Asset Mapping report
- Research – IEC invited the following guests to discuss research projects:
 - Josie Mills, Christine Clark, Danielle Heavy Head and Andrea Fox presented on the Blackfoot Digital Library on January 30, 2020
 - Dr. Roy Golsteyn presented on Medicinal Value of Plants on May 28, 2020.

Progress related to priorities (and other highlights):

- An Indigenous strategic plan retreat, facilitated by Don McIntyre, was held on July 23-25, 2019. An additional day for finalizing objectives and goals was held in August 2019. The retreat included representation from across campus as well as community members and Elders. The strategic plan was circulated for feedback numerous times (next it will be reviewed to ensure alignment with the progress that has occurred with the MasterCard Foundation partnership).
- Lindi Shade, Director of Ikaisskini began her tenure on February 24, 2020.
- M. Bruised Head was appointed to a two-year term as University's representative on the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory Committee. Perry Stein, Indigenous Relations Advisor, City of Lethbridge attended IEC to discuss the Reconciliation Lethbridge Advisory

Committee. The committee will act as an advisory committee to City Council on issues relating to reconciliation. The Committee will champion the reconciliation implementation plan, promote mutual understanding and support of urban Indigenous populations and the municipality's relationship with the Blackfoot Confederacy.

- IEC members participated in consultation sessions regarding the City of Lethbridge's plans to create an Indigenous Cultural Centre. Lethbridge City Council approved funding for a feasibility study to explore an Indigenous Cultural Centre in line with Council's strategic goals to advance reconciliation and to celebrate cultural diversity in our community.
- New community member, Shawn Singer, was appointed for a two-year term effective July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022. S. Singer is the Program Manager at the Friendship Centre and has been engaged in community work for 4-5 years. S. Singer is currently working to complete his Masters. He is from the Blood Tribe and is very involved in the community.
- A finalized revision/update of the Blackfoot and Other Indigenous Peoples Protocol Handbook was completed in consultation with IEC members (including Elder Francis First Charger). It received final approval and has now been posted online.
- A final report on the Indigenous Asset Mapping project was completed. Many IEC members, as well as other campus community stakeholders, were consulted during the course of this project. For a copy of this document, contact Lindi Shade (lindi.shade@uleth.ca).
- On behalf of Mike Mahon, IEC Co-Chair, K. Massey, attended the 5th Annual Building Reconciliation Forum at Algoma University in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario (October 8-10, 2019).
- Two new elders joined Francis First Charger in 2019 as University Elders: Shirley Crow Shoe and Cathy Hunt.
- The reporting for likaiskini staff was moved from Student Affairs to the President's Office during the summer of 2020 as a result of a strategic decision to better align Indigenous initiatives and programs on campus (especially in light of the MasterCard Foundation partnership). As an additional result of this shift, Heather Mirau will Co-Chair the IEC with Kathleen Massey in the coming academic year, as delegated by the Vice President (Academic) and Provost.

Submitted to General Faculties Council with respect,

Kathleen Massey
Associate Vice President (Students)
Co-Chair of the Iniskim Education Committee (IEC)

and,

Dr. Mark Slomp
Executive Director, Student Services
Co-Chair of the Iniskim Education Committee (IEC)