

**University of Windsor  
Senate**

5.7.2: **Report from the Senior Advisor to the President on Indigenous Relations and Outreach**  
(June 2022 to March 2023)

Item for: **Information**

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- A) Indigenous Relations Coordinator hired July, 2022: Elayne Isaacs
- B) Research Assistants hired during Summer 2022 Term
  - i) Consultations with Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Strategic Planning – Stephanie Pangowish assisted with consultations over the summer and David Pitawanakwat was hired part-time to assist with consultations. He’s graduated from Windsor Law and is now articling with LAW.
  - ii) Indigenous Kinship and Relations – report by Naomi Williams – still to review and follow up
  - iii) Indigenization of University of Windsor – report by Elysha Bear-Morin was due November 30, 2022 – still waiting
- C) Communications – Update Indigenous webpages – still needs work
  - i) Media Print publicized on June 21 (Indigenous Peoples’ Day) – see link:
    - a. <https://www.innovatingcanada.ca/diversity/empowering-indigenous/university-of-windsor-welcoming-and-supportive-of-indigenous-student-needs/>
  - ii) Hiring of an Indigenous Media Coordinator – to assist with media interviews – how to highlight work of Senior Advisor and work being done on campus – ongoing work with PAC
- D) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Student Alumni PowWow St. Clair College and University of Windsor was held June 3 & 4, 2022 and was a success. See following media links:
  - i) <https://www.uwindsor.ca/aboriginal-education-centre/362/alumni-pow-wow>
  - ii) <https://windsorite.ca/2022/06/photos-first-annual-alumni-student-pow-wow/>
  - iii) <https://www.stclaircollege.ca/news/2022/pow-wow-celebrates-indigenous-students-alumni>
- E) June 21<sup>st</sup>, Indigenous Peoples Day Planning
- F) Orange Shirt Day – September 30, 2022 Planning
 

Hoping that next year, we could have a meeting free day so that all staff can participate in events.
- G) House on Sunset – Indigenous Education Council (formerly Aboriginal Education Council) approved
  - i) IEC Subcommittee on Indigenous Space on Campus – Drafting RFP for Architects (preferably an Indigenous Architect)

- H) Convocation for June & October – ongoing indigenization - smudging to clear building and with graduates; Elder’s Opening, Drumming & Singers, Dancers leading student procession; Indigenous faculty and graduates have worn their traditional regalia. Much positive feedback received from Indigenous community.
- I) Knowledge Holders’ Council – Letter to local communities requesting representatives. Initial meeting with known Elders in community to receive teachings about the Terms of Reference for the Knowledge Holders’ Council
- J) Council of Ontario Universities (COU) Reference Group on Aboriginal Education – Kat Pasquach is current representative
- K) National Indigenous University Senior Leaders Association – ongoing meetings that address the governance of the association and membership. Many issues being addressed; most pressing are the issues of Indigenous identity and fraudsters/pretendians. Next gathering is this month:
- L) Ongoing Strategic Planning Steering Committee & Consultations with Indigenous Peoples and Communities
  - i) Knowledge Keepers/ Elders Gathering in September, 2022 and February, 2023; next gathering to be held May, 2023
  - ii) New Hire for Consultation Planner – Amberly John
  - iii) New Student Hires – Luke VanDusen 2L student;
  - iv) Indigenous Faculty and Staff Retreat November 19, 2022
- M) Lancer Men's Hockey Team - Indigenous Community Initiative
  - i) August Event in BC – see following media links
    - a. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/windsor/university-windsor-mens-hockey-kamloops-1.6569675>
    - b. <https://www.merrittherald.com/nicola-valley-welcomes-the-uwindsor-lancers/>
    - c. <https://windsor.ctvnews.ca/university-of-windsor-lancers-take-meaningful-trip-to-b-c-1.6049232>
  - ii) WIFF – Indian Horse with Elder/Actress Edna Manitowabee
    - a. see following media links:
      1. <https://www.uwindsor.ca/dailynews/2022-10-25/film-faculty-students-and-grads-feature-festival-screens>
      2. <https://twitter.com/WindsorFilmFest/status/1587631285459091460>
      3. <https://www.uwindsor.ca/aboriginal-education-centre/372/indian-horse-windsor-international-film-festival>
- N) Internal Outreach
  - i) Monthly Meetings with all VPs
  - ii) Member of Indigenous Education Council
  - iii) Meetings with VP Research and Innovation
    - a. Research Supports & Indigenous Research & Scholarship Forum – Chris Houser
    - b. Research Data Management – Heather Pratt and Selinda Bergen
  - iv) Meetings with Indigenous Faculty and Staff – Staff Retreat
  - v) Meetings with Indigenous Scholars Working Group
  - vi) Continuing Education – Indigenous Programming
  - vii) HK Lacrosse Workshop
  - viii) ILOI Community Consultations
  - ix) Knowledge Keepers/Elder’s Advisory Meetings
  - x) Indigenizing Curriculum
  - xi) Indigenous Legal Orders Institute and Indigenous Program in Law
  - xii) Talent Incubator – The CUBE – upcoming meeting and Sharing Circle

- O) External Outreach Work:
  - i) Windsor Sisters in Spirit Committee Debriefing and Presentation
  - ii) Presentations:
    - a. Western Law School, Distinguished Speaker Series and the Law and Feminism Research Group, October 18, 2022
    - b. Wilfred Laurier University, Brantford Campus – Make People History, November 16, 2022
    - c. Forensic Services Toronto Cindy Gladue Panel Presentation
    - d. UWindsor School of Social Work – Indigenous Art Unveiling
    - e. Indigenous Bar Association, Montreal, October 13-16, 2022
    - f. University of Southern California Conference, LA October 21-25
    - g. NCTR Remembering the Children Gathering Session, October, 2022
    - h. Ending Violence Association of BC, Keynote Presentation (online), Nov 23/22
    - i. National Gathering on Unmarked Burials: Addressing Trauma in the Search and Recovery of Missing Children – Nov 28 – Dec 1
    - j. Decolonizing International Human Rights Law, Institutions and Discourse, panel presentation – December 9
- P) Supervisor of LLM Student Stephanie Pangowish – Successful Defence on Nov 23/22
- Q) External Examiner for PhD Student Danielle Starblanket at the University of Saskatchewan. Successful Defence on November 25/22
- R) SSHRC Connection Grant (deadline of Grant is March 31, 2023 and has been extended since 2020 – impacts of Covid) planning and presentations with Mohawk Community of Akwesasne re follow up of Phd study and book publication
- S) Teaching ILO Fall 2022 Term – grades submitted
- T) Peer Review Journal of Critical Race, Decolonization and Indigeneity Team