

## **Indigenous Advisory Committee Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting – January 9, 2026

**Present:** Eileen Antone, John Lewis, Mia Gray, Kian Drew, Melissa Ireland, Brad Regehr, Rick Monture, Tracy Primeau, Amanda St. Marie, Savannah Sloat, Emma Rain Smith, Jen Smerdon

**Regrets:** Logan MacDonald, Veronica King-Jamieson

### **Opening Remarks and Acknowledgement**

Eileen started the meeting with a traditional land acknowledgment, offering thanks to Mother Earth and various elements of the natural world. Brad, IAC chair, led the meeting, which included introductions from committee members and acknowledge the Territory on which the University is situated.

### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- Brad asked for any conflicts of interest with any other of the agenda items, no conflicts were raised.
- Motion to approve Agenda, moved by Savannah, seconded by Kian.
- Motion to approve Minutes from September 5, 2025, moved by John, seconded by Tracy.

### **Momentum Report**

- Melissa presented the momentum report, which will be annual document, highlighting high-level milestones and achievements aligned with the strategic plan.
- The report is intended for a general audience, donors, and potential employers who would like to know more about Indigenization at UWaterloo.

### **Indigenous Student Services Updates**

- Emma provided an update on the Indigenous Student Services (ISS) initiatives, including the Cedar Squad network and training on petitions and grievances processes.
- New initiatives include an indigenous networking event, cedar craft workshops, and the Indigenous Student Leadership Circle.
- Partnerships continue with Student Success Office, Campus Housing and the Registrar's Office.
- ISS is utilizing food security funding to provide catering for weekly soup lunches.

### **Discussion on Territorial Acknowledgement**

- Discussion on updating the territorial acknowledgment, following a formal request from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.
- Participants discuss the order of mentioning the Six Nations, the Haldimand Tract, and the Between the Lakes Treaty and the inclusion of wampum, Two Row and a Dish with One Spoon.
- The group agreed to form a sub-committee to further discuss and refine the territorial acknowledgment, members volunteered to participate.

### **Roundtable and New Business**

- Committee members shared updates including the upcoming Turtle Island Indigenous Science Conference, Mural Launch at Velocity and Faculty of Arts Indigenous Speaker Series talk by Dr. Kim Tallbear.
- The student representatives proposed offering anonymous office hours for Indigenous students, creating a space for them to voice concerns and share suggestions that can be brought forward at future IAC meetings.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- The meeting concludes with a prayer by Eileen, thanking the creator for the work done and wishing safe travels for everyone.