

ACAT – Indigenous Languages Committee, January 24, 2014

Room 1222, Athabasca University – Edmonton

Present: Eric Dohei, Freda Cardinal, Jocelyn (YTC), Pauline Auger, Priscilla Campeau, Marilyn Shirt, Jim Samide, Iona Neumeier

Teleconference: Angela (Nechi)

Agenda:

1. Welcome/Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Alberta Council on Admissions & Transfer & Innovation and Advanced Education Update – Eric Dohei
4. Institution/Program Updates
5. Other Business
6. Next Meeting Location
7. Adjournment

Minutes:

3. Update from Eric Dohei

- Language Articulations Committees are part of ACAT
- Part of work is to identify the work of that group that works with consortias around the province. Eg. Chinese Language Committee
- common language around language programs
 - annual dialogue – Wayne Jackson (BQFNC) represented Indig. Languages at last meeting
 - question – how can ACAT work with Indigenous Languages group
 - there is an expansion of 2 in the ACAT subcommittees
- AB ED – late Fall – there was a suggestion to have a meeting with Indigenous institutions.
- meeting was held this week at YTC – identified best practices, challenges around instructors/sessionals.
- suggestion that there should be a 1 day training session: am – database of transfer arrangements, pm – identify a mentorship model, both good and bad experiences (there is a good body of experience to access and few peoples with a history of the system), how to support Indigenous institutions.
- Setting up Annual Articulation Chair Meeting
 - Sharing best practices
 - ACAT work updates
 - Committee updates

- Share point site – subpages of work
 - Contact page set up – members/partners can update changes
- Developing articulation pages
 - Minutes
 - Calendars – assisting chairs/vice chairs
 - Committees can manage independently

Council Update

- Recruitment underway
- Chair, ACAT vacant
- Aboriginal rep: Vince Steinhauer has stepped down, Ryan Heavy Head nominated as replacement
- Feb 25 is next meeting, ½ of council needs to be filled
- Working on a mobile app.:
 - Provide a smart phone device where students can search transferability
 - Save/retain searches
 - App underway in February – 4 month timeline

4. Institution Updates

- U of A
 - Freda representing Dorothy
 - Working on revisions to Cree course
- YTC
 - Working on NTST 103 with Eminent Scholar, Jimmy O’Chiese, embeds Ojibway/Cree into the course
 - Open to everyone
 - Developing a FN Education Assistant Program, certificate based, non – university program
 - Expansion of library services
 - Revamp of Management Studies program
- AU
 - No changes to Cree I and II courses
 - Looking at Michif language for online delivery
 - Learning Communities in 4th year
- BQFNC
 - BA Cree, 3 year
 - Masters – Indigenous Languages delivery
 - In talks with Maskwacis and YTC re: standardized language
 - Looking at Indigenous Knowledge – 1 year program with Elders
 - Elders group formalized in BQFNC

- BQ is coordinating and co-hosting the pe-nehiyawek Language Conference for Saddle Lake First Nations on March 19, 20 and 21st
- Nechi
 - Ontario offerings
 - Community Wellness Program offered there
- Pauline Auger, Education
 - Supporting communities eg. Tsuu Tina (K-12) and Dene Language (K-12)
 - Nakoda (k-12) – Morley, Alexis and 1 other

5. Other Business

- question raised of changing chair with vice chair reps, discussed, no changes needed
- should Indigenous Languages have representation at Language Articulation Group, discussed and agreed that there should be representation
- question raised re: action plan for the group, discussed, Marilyn and Priscilla to draft for next meeting

6. Next Meeting Location

- BQFNC to host in the third week of August

Meeting Adjourned