

Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer

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Meeting Name			Location			Date	
Indigenous Languages Committee			Gathering Room – Athabasca University, 11th Floor, Peace Hills Trust Tower, 10011 – 109 street, Edmonton			November 17 th 2011	
Chair: Diana Steinhauer, Blue Quills First Nations College				Recorder: Eric Dohei			
Scheduled Time			Actual Time			Meeting Cost	
Start	Stop	Total Hrs.	Start	Stop	Total Hrs.		
1:00	4:00	3 hrs					
Committee Members to Attend						Accepted	Attended
1.	Diana Steinhauer - Blue Quills First Nations College						
2.	Marilyn Shirt - Blue Quills First Nations College						
3.	Lena Lapatak - Blue Quills First Nations College						
4.	Priscilla Campeau – Athabasca University						
5.	Carla Listener – Maskwachees Cultural College						
6.	Josie Auger – Nechi Institute						
7.	Dorothy Jacques – NorQuest College						
8.	Gloria Lizotte – NorQuest College						
9.	Ryan Heavy Head – Red Crow College						
10.	Dorothy Thunder – University of Alberta						
11.	Lynn Ambedian – University of Lethbridge						
12.	Seaneen O'Rourke – Yellowhead Tribal College						
13.	Bill Duperon – Bow Valley College						
14.	Derek Thunder - NAIT						
15.	Darin Flynn - University of Calgary						
16.	TBD – Northern Lakes College						
ACAT Secretariat Staff to Attend						Accepted	Attended
1.	Kevin Shufflebotham – Sr. Manager ACAT Secretariat					✓	
2.	Eric Dohei – Manager ACAT Secretariat					✓	

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AGENDA		Time Allotted
1.	Welcome/Prayer	
2.	Introductions	
3.	Aboriginal Education Articulation Committee (AEAC) Update – Diana Steinhauer	
4.	Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer Update – ACAT Council Member (TBD)	
5.	Institution Updates Terms of Reference/Committee Goals	
6.	Terms of Reference	
7.	Chair/Vice Chair selection	
8.	Next Meeting Location	
9.	Adjournment	

Meeting Notes	
Welcome/Introductions	Priscilla Campeau provided welcome on behalf of Athabasca University.
AEAC Update	<p>Diana Steinhauer provided background on the Aboriginal Education Articulation Committee (AEAC) which held its inaugural meeting September 2010.</p> <p>At the inaugural meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana and Shawna Cunningham (University of Calgary) were acclaimed as Chair & Vice-Chair respectively • Initial Terms of Reference were drafted. • The Indigenous Languages committee (previously Cree Language Committee) was discussed. It was determined the group saw value in the Indigenous Language Committee continuing to meet as a sub-committee of the AEAC. • Transfer Survey conducted following the inaugural meeting (results to be compiled). • Second meeting of the AEAC was held September 2011 at that meeting Ken Ealey (Alberta Education) introduced a newly developed Aboriginal Education teaching resource.
ACAT Update	<p>Kevin Shufflebotham provided an update on ACAT's priorities going into 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Block Transfer & Learning Outcomes work • Enhanced Communication • Continued Articulation Committee expansion • Research
Institution Updates	<p>Athabasca University – Priscilla Campeau :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cree Language courses: currently offered by grouped study only, set for online development in Moodle, Conversational Cree course also being considered. • Developing Michif online.

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- Graduate Courses on Indigenous Knowledge
 - I. offered in Moodle only with e-resources
 - II. developed by Indigenous scholars and taught by Indigenous scholars
 - III. introduces Indigenous Knowledge and Education at a graduate level

Yellowhead Tribal College – Jocelyn Verrault:

- Cree Language Courses being developed
- Indigenous Knowledge and Social Structure Courses based on Native Education taught by an Eminent Scholar.
- YTC has a fulltime Eminent Scholar on staff

University of Calgary - Darin Flynn:

- Language offerings range from Blackfoot to Cree

NorQuest – Dorothy Jacques/Gloria Lizotte:

- Institution reorganization continues – looking at where their aboriginal programs fit
- Upgrading work continues.

NAIT – Derek Thunder:

- NAIT's Service centre for aboriginal students does not have an academic component
- Institution going through a transition and streamlining its programs to better connect with the UofA and Grant MacEwan University.
- 16 week semesters being reduced to 15 weeks to facilitate transfer more easily.
- On-line Aboriginal Awareness Program currently open to staff only.

University of Lethbridge – Lynn Ambedian:

- 3 Blackfoot offerings
- Regularly offer Blackfoot courses not Cree but offerings are dependent on sessional instructors
- Offer a First Nations transition program to prepare students moving onto University which has about 30 participants

University of Alberta – Dorothy Thunder:

- Offer 3 Cree language courses – 152 Introductory, 252 Intermediate and 352 Advanced
- Developing a Cree course in Moodle.

Blue Quills First Nations College – Marilyn Shirt:

- Since 2005 offering a Cree Instruction certificate and introduced a Cree Instruction diploma in 2007
- Developing a 3 year Bachelor of Arts in Cree which is expected to grow into a 5 year joint degree with the final 2 years in a Bachelor of Education program
- The 1st year of the degree is designed to develop and improve fluency to develop the capacity to take part in a conversation.
- Masters in Cree program focuses on increasing fluent Cree speakers understanding of linguistics and practical application of that knowledge.
- As an institution accredited by the National Indigenous Accreditation Board

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	<p>Blue Quills will have their Masters program reviewed by the Elders Quality Council to ensure the program meets the standards within the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Elders Quality Council recently established, in part, to have a body oversee the quality and consistency of indigenous language instruction.
Terms of Reference	ACAT Articulation template was reviewed and revised by members to reflect the objectives and reporting of the group. Revisions to be updated on the template by the Secretariat and shared with the Committee.
Chair & Vice-Chair selection	<p>Chair: Marilyn Shirt (Blue Quills First Nation College) volunteered to take on the role of committee Chair. She was acclaimed by the members as Chair.</p> <p>Vice-Chair: Priscilla Campeau (Athabasca University) volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair and was acclaimed by members.</p>
Next Meeting	Yellowhead Tribal College volunteered to host the next meeting (date TBD)