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# REPORT OF THE INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Submitted for: 2023-11-22

## MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

- Here note meeting attendance and absences
  - **Monday, September 25, 2023**
    - VP University Affairs, Lalia- Present
    - VP External, Liam- Absent  
(wasn't invited until October)
    - Indigenous Affairs Commissioner, Delanie - Present
    - Councilor, Emily Foxman - Absent  
(wasn't invited until October)
    - Member at Large, Rune- Present
    - Member at Large, Josie- Present
    - Member at Large, Jenni- Present
    - Member at Large, Sativa- Present
    - Member at Large, Natasha- Present
    - Member at Large, Raymond- Present
    - Member at Large, Gemma- Present
    - Member at Large, Jessica- Present
    - Member at Large, Sophie- Present
    - Member at Large Kamil- Absent
    - Member at Large Margaret- Absent
    - Member at Large Leah- Absent
    - Member at Large Lily- Present
  - **Monday, October 30, 2023**
    - VP University Affairs, Lalia- Present
    - VP External, Liam- Present
    - Indigenous Affairs Commissioner, Delanie - Present
    - Councilor, Emily Foxman - Absent



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## COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

- September Meeting
  - Approved to continue the Parking Passes for Indigenous Students commuting from Kanien'keha:ka territories.
    - Many students have inquired about this but yet to submit relevant paperwork to receive the subsidized parking pass.
  - Talked about funding a possible critical campus tour and the possibility of hiring a student to do the research needed.
  - Talked about supporting other relative events and supporting the Indigenous Student Alliance.
  -  IAC Agenda - Sept 25, 2023
- October Meeting
  - Approved emergency funding to two indigenous students.
    - One is within the meeting minutes and the other one was approved within an email correspondence with the IAC members.
  - Went over the Indigenous Equity Fund and made some edits.
  -  Notes - IAC Meeting

## PROJECTS AND PROGRESS

- Critical Campus Tour



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- (Status: Canceled)
- Parking Passes to Indigenous students commuting from Kanien'keha:ka territories
  - Last year this was introduced not as an official policy but instead just as a project.
  - The committee wants to make it into a formal policy as it proves to the student body that SSMU recognizes the difficulty which students living in these territories may face in accessing transportation options. Creating an official policy will also provide more stability to the Indigenous student population at McGill.
  - (Status: Policy still on first draft)
- Indigenous Equity Fund
  - This is another project from last year that wasn't fully formed.
  - The committee is working towards finishing this so that the indigenous students can access an equity fund in a timely manner, even if the IAC position is yet to be filled.
  - More about it: "The Indigenous Equity Fund (IEF) intends to provide financial assistance to Indigenous undergraduate individuals, groups, and Indigenous initiatives in the McGill community and to enable these groups and individuals to choose, based on their personal and community needs, where the financial assistance should be allocated. This includes support for Indigenous communities' defense of their land and individuals who wish to travel to join these defenses to provide aid to communities beyond McGill. This funding empowers and meets the supportive and holistic needs of Indigenous students, such as cost of living expenses, health and wellbeing expenses, and Indigenous community building measures for a thriving and dynamic Indigenous student experience"
  - (Status: Updating Funding Request Form still)
- Wellness Kits for Indigenous Students With First Peoples' House
  - With the help of First Peoples' House, the IAC is looking to provide some wellness care throughout the winter months with a gift that students can pick-up.
  - (Status: Planning still in the early stages)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REMINDERS

- Here mention any announcements and reminders
  - If anyone would like to attend these meetings feel free to email Delanie at [IAC@ssmu.ca](mailto:IAC@ssmu.ca)

★ *Note that if there is a confidential session, a separate report with the same template must be submitted.*