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Indigenous Affairs Committee Report

Submitted for: 2026/11/13

Members In Attendance & General Info

Non-Voting Members:

- Rune Hartgerink (Chair) - Indigenous Affairs Commissioner
- Meghan Lai - Vice-President University affairs

Voting Members:

- Aurora Rose Desjarlais (Curatorial Intern at McGill's Visual Arts Collective)
- Brielle Tran
- Devon Pennington
- Giselle Alfred (Indigenous Student Alliance Co-Chair)
- Hanna Cass (Legislative Council Representative)
- Jory knox
- Kolby Provost
- Madison Syvret
- Marina Kane

Main Objectives of the Indigenous Affairs Committee are to:

Manage the Indigenous Equity Fund (IEF). The IEF is an equity fund for McGill Indigenous students to receive financial relief. It covers anything from physical needs to the wellbeing needs of our students.

Support Indigenous Initiatives and other student oriented groups/supports on campus.

Engage in development and evaluation of Indigenous related policies through SSMU.

Foster leadership development, civic engagement, and improved representation of Indigenous students and groups engaged in Indigenous representation and reconciliation work.

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Indigenous Affairs Activity:

Spring/Summer 2026:

Indigenous Art Expo and Market

Donation Drive

2. Parking Passes

Approve parking pass reimbursement

Fall 2026:

Monthly IAC Meetings

Agenda Setting

Events planning

IEF request

a. IEF distribution

b. IEF reimbursement (approved $110 reimbursement)

Meeting with Indigenous Services (FPH/OII/IAC/OFNIE)

- Monthly meetings with FPH
- OFNIE student medical/dental fees

a.) Fee waiver for in community Indigenous students taking programming in Community

- **ongoing**; requires consultation with finance, OII, IAC, OFNIE

Indigenous Student Study Session in Collaboration with FPH

Review Indigenous Solidarity Policy

Review other related Policy

Potential Initiatives for Winter 2027:

Policy around protections against Residential School Denialism

a.) addition to Indigenous solidarity Policy (to be passed at LC)

b.) addition to SSMU Positions Book

Denialism around the atrocities and genocide enacted through the Residential Schools system is a growing concern around the country; the TRC may have implications to leverage protective policy.

Indigenous Movie Screening

Indigenous Market/Artist Showcase

- Ballroom event

a.1) half for showcase/talks; half for vendors

- Indigenous Art purchase

a.) purchase art to add to SSMU/McGIll archive

b.) distribute artwork around campus

Create educational material for Orange Shirt Day 2027

a.) Video presentations

b.) Distribute Critical Campus Tour

Indigenous Gala (continue of last Spring 2026 gala)

International/POC student market

Indigenous Undergraduate Graduation Gift Giving Ceremony