

UWSA Student Indigenous Advisory Circle

May 29, 2023

Held at the UWSA Office & Virtually via Zoom



In attendance:

Rayanne Atatise

Mel Amelia

UWSA Staff:

Secretary - Thomas Hanan, Acting General Manager

1) Board Package

Mel A. and Rayanne A. review the Board Package. Mel A. asked about the Trans student support process, and the statement that was posted. Mel A. asks about the processes for these kinds of presentations, which committee does this go to, and those people should get some training. Deadnaming on campus has put people in their family in danger in the past on campus and agrees with Brie V. efforts, and is glad they are in the role for another year.

Mel A. thinks the new UWSA Board should decide which Calls to Action and Justice they should focus tackling this year. The Advisory Circle could decide which calls they want to focus on this year but it is better if the board decides on what they want. T. Hanan says that he will send out the Calls to Action to the group and bring someone in for the July Board Meeting to discuss.

Cultural Awareness Training for the board.

2) Daycare

Mel A. and Rayanne A. would like to meet with Ioulia to discuss the Daycare Green Space project, and give input and hear from Ioulia about the project. Mel A. asks if the Daycare been affected by the new legislation around Daycare funding, (\$10 a day). T. Hanan is unsure and would have to speak to Ioulia.

Mel A. is asking about Indigenous retention, and having their board look at the financial incentive to having Indigenous employees learn Indigenous language. The federal government has given financial benefits for those speaking. Language equity pay.

June 16 & June 30 – Green Space Engagement Session. T. Hanan will send information along to the Circle.

3) UWSA Health Plan

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First Nation students are automatically removed from the Health Plan when they declare their status. This means that those who still need to health care are removed. There needs to be a box that says “would like to be removed due to other coverage” instead of it being assumed.