



Executive Council Learning Partnership for Mino Bimaadizawin

April 24, 2020, from 1 PM to 3 PM.

Executive Council Minutes

Attended: Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba.

Marleny Bonnycastle – University of Manitoba

Donna Martin- University of Manitoba

Babajide Oni– University of Manitoba

Justin Loma– University of Manitoba

Miranda McPherson– Garden Hill First Nation

Bryce Wood– Garden Hill First Nation

Rezwanunul Hoque – University of Manitoba

Jay Cowan– ATI

Darryl Wastesicoot- DKW

Folarin Solademi- University of Manitoba.

Topics	Items of Discussion & Notes	Motion/Action
1. Approve minutes from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to accept (no changes) (March 09,2020, meeting) 	<p>Motion</p> <p>1. Justin</p> <p>2. Marleny</p> <p>Vote: Unanimous.</p>
2. COVID-19 Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone shared how they are coping during this pandemic. 	
3. Curriculum committee update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darryl is taking the housing inspector online course. A lot of communities in Manitoba do not have a housing inspector. If DKW or ATI could provide a course like this, there will be a lot of interested people. • Darryl has access to questions, worksheets and tests from an on-line source that he is modifying for students. • Justin has some useful resources from the wood workshop. • There is a platform developed by University of Montreal or University of Concordia that tracks curriculum use and free for First Nations. • Jide is developing Health and Safety manual and based on that he is developing some curriculum • A one-pager- 'Practical Curriculum for Safety Only' which is a useful resource in developing the manual. 	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-assessment of the students to determine knowledge, pass that pre-assessment questions through PVI, and then Safety and Health manuals. • Shirley will share to info with Jay. However, University will lead this process.
4. Home designs update	<p><u>Justin's Design:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin explained his housing design. The model has a long overhanging roof and is above ground to reduce moisture/wetness impacting house. • Few design issues- a) wood stove is in the center rather than in corner- based on suggestions, 2) Sectional elevation expanded, 3) Double Rafters to support large overhanging roof (see the full design in the attachment). • Recommendation: more open space in the living area and kitchen having no walls in between. <p><u>Catrina's Design:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley showed Catrina's design (Page 50-64), which is based on nature's principle and utility of local woods. • Use of small 2-3 windows rather than one big one considering that if breakage occurs it is easier to replace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justin to discuss with Darryl for further modification and then print on a big poster. • Justin will write a short write up on design to send to the community as well as partners for recommendations.
5. Fall design studio Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Group has been meeting and discussing the challenges and opportunities of the new reality of this pandemic. • Will be postponed for one year most probably as we are not able to work with the communities directly. 	
6. Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few virtual Conferences are coming up 1) ANSER (June 3-5, 2020), ESAC (did not find the conference date). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for people to present virtually. Keshab is presenting and Shirley.
7. Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure everyone is on list • Ask Justin to write about log design for next issue. Anyone else? • Photos offered by Bryce. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review if Miranda was on the list.



8. Student updates	<p><u>MB Builders Students:</u></p> <p>The University of Manitoba training allowance for Garden Hill and Wasagamack First Nation Homebuilders has only applied to the classroom or study component of the program to follow the University of Manitoba safety and risk protocols prior to COVID-19. When COVID-19 lockdown ending, the training allowance is strictly available for Homebuilder students working towards challenging their level 1 apprenticeship, through independent study and remote learning from their home.</p> <p>The Mino Bimaadiziwin Partnership has always been very clear that are training allowance is only applied to deskwork and that under COVID-19 it is limited to home study with remote learning aspects through Facebook, Zoom, telephone and other means. This is required to ensure safe work procedures and social distancing. Other student work related to their Employment Training position or ATI student activities is not associated with the University of Manitoba training allowance and must be entirely separate.</p> <p><u>University of Manitoba's Mino B Students:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the spirit of reconciliation, inclusivity, diversity, and equity, we value all team members, students, and research partners of all races. The Mino B research follows the integrity, and research ethics principles as outlined in Chapter 9 of TCPS 2 (2018). Our team is committed to establish an ethical space for dialogue on common interests and points of difference between researchers and Indigenous communities engaged in research. As such, our team members and students will be forthright about our identities and standpoints to build trust and respectful relations. 	<p>Motion 1. Donna 2. Darryl VOTE: Unanimous. Carried.</p> <p>Motion 1. Donna 2. Darryl VOTE: Unanimous. Carried.</p>
9. SSHRC Midterm report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shirley will finalize a draft of the SSHRC midterm report before May 10th. The report is due on May 30, 2020. Everyone will receive a draft copy for their review before sending it to SSHRC to input or comment on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jay will review it and provide remarks before sending it to everyone. <p>Motion 1. Jay 2. Marleny Vote: Unanimous. Carried.</p>
10. Adjourn	12:00	

Important Links:

1. Test and Worksheet Website: <https://www.help-teaching.com/registration/login.htm>
2. Circle of courage information - First Nation framework for at-risk youth <https://everystudentcanthrive.weebly.com/circle-of-courage.html>
3. Association for Nonprofit and Social Economy Research (ANSER) Conference- <https://www.anser-ares.ca/home/>
4. Environmental Studies Association of Canada (ESAC)- <https://esac.ca>

Attachments:

1. Justin's Design http://ecohealthcircle.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Garden-Hill-First-Nation-Wood-Cabin_Justin.pdf
2. Catrina's Design http://ecohealthcircle.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/C.SALLESE_MID_Design.pdf