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**Executive Council Meeting for Mino Bimaadizawin Partnership**

**Friday, October 28, 2020**

**Time: 1- 2.00 PM**

**Executive Council Minutes**

**Attended:** Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba.  
Marleny Bonnycastle – University of Manitoba  
Lancelot Coar– University of Manitoba  
Donna Martin- University of Manitoba  
Shauna Mallory-Hill- University of Manitoba  
Myrle Ballard- University of Manitoba  
Babajide Oni– University of Manitoba  
Rezwanunul Hoque – University of Manitoba  
Uche Nwankwo - University of Manitoba  
Folarin Solademi- University of Manitoba  
Uriel Jelin- University of Manitoba

Topics	Items of Discussion & Notes	Action/Motion	Person/People Responsible
1. Approve minutes from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to accept (no changes) (April 24, 2020, meeting)</li> </ul>	1. Shauna 2. Donna	
2. Approve of the agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved (no change)</li> </ul>	1. Donna 2. Lancelot	
3. Ongoing project updates	<p><u>Indigenous Food systems education:</u> A draft description of the Indigenous food systems program was discussed and provided (see attached). We will be applying for the Indigenous Initiative Fund. There is a micro-credential senate committee where we hope to pass this, with the committee being put in place in February</p>		



2021. A food program course is scheduled to start in May 2021 or summer in Brokenhead FN depending on COVID-19.

Indigenous Philanthropy for Winnipeg Foundation:

- Indigenous Philanthropy is a project with the University of Manitoba, MITAC, Winnipeg Foundation/Endow Manitoba and Mino-Bimaadiziwin Partnership to pilot two or 3 indigenous-led community foundations.
- The university approves ethics for zoom interviews with the community members. The group works closely with two FN communities (Dakota Plains and Brokenhead) in Manitoba to develop a community foundation in their community.

WISE Update:

- After last year's baseline survey, a follow-up survey was done with the same respondents (at-risk FN youths) to see about food and other shifts under COVID-19 and due to training. We are submitting an article in November.
- All recent surveys were done online or over the phone, and some questions on food security, COVID 19 included in the questionnaire. A recent analysis (n= 45 ) shows the households in Garden Hill and Wasagamack 38% of the respondents are moderately food insecure, and 62% are severely food insecure. No household, most of which have extended family and children, reported being food secure.

Webinars:

- A series of webinars is occurring. See newsletter at
- The partnership organized a webinar with Alex Wilson, One House many Nation and Rural Development Institute (RDI), Brandon University, on December 11, 2020, at 1 PM. Register here (<https://bit.ly/31IQtnL> ). (Webinar information has been updated).
- Another webinar on architectural designs proposed for later in January.

Lancelot, Shauna,  
Catrina



4. Design Studio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design studio proposed to start in Fall 2021 in Brokenhead; shifted from Garden Hill and Wasagamack due to pandemic.</li> <li>• A parallel course for the community was not possible in 2020/2021 due to COVID-19: accessibility, time, capacity, opportunity etc.</li> </ul>		Lancelot, Shauna, Shawn
5. Home Builders Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forty-five (45) students graduated from the Forestry and Logging program (2018-2019), and another 37 students are graduating from the Home Construction program (2019-2020). The graduation ceremony was scheduled for August but delayed due to the COVID 19.</li> <li>• Six First Nation train-the-trainers were funded to teach different parts of the program.</li> </ul>		Jay, Rezwanul, Miranda, Ernie
6. Budget updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spending for student’s capacity development is \$1,254,258 (81% of total grant) until October 28, 2020. Among them 92% or \$ 1,154,366 spent on students’ stipend. And \$99,893 spent on Student i) airfare 38%, ii) safety training and equipment’s 22%, iii) workshops registration 8%, iv) miscellaneous conference/travel cost 18%, v) Car rental 3%.</li> </ul>		
7. Adjourn	2:00		

Attachment:

1. Guidelines for Indigenous Initiatives Fund: Call for Proposals-2020 ([https://umanitoba.ca/indigenous/sites/indigenous/files/2020-10/\\_guidelines-for-2020-indigenous-initiatives-fund\\_0.pdf](https://umanitoba.ca/indigenous/sites/indigenous/files/2020-10/_guidelines-for-2020-indigenous-initiatives-fund_0.pdf) )