

Aboriginal Education

Report to Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council

30th January 2017

1. Bruce and Don recently travelled to Sandy Lake to promote our programs. There is a great deal of interest in the community in a community-based offering of our HBEd program; we had several potential students register. We are awaiting agreement from the band that they will guarantee a minimum of 20 students in the program, in order that we can run it.
2. We have hired a graduate student to visit high schools in the region, to meet with senior high school students and encourage them to consider the opportunities to be a positive force for change as a teacher, and to consider teaching as a career. This was a very successful initiative last year, and we're glad to be able to repeat it this year. We are currently preparing materials; high school school visits will start in a month or two. We hope to implement a social media campaign to generate interest among young people, and complement these visits.
3. We are working with the Undergraduate Studies in Education office in the Faculty of Education to prepare a submission to the Ontario College of Teachers, for verification that our new two-year programs meet the requirements for accreditation by the College.
4. Bruce is assisting the Ministry of Education planning committee for the Indigenous Language Symposium for Spring 2017, and continues to assist the Ontario College of Teachers for Indigenous inclusion in a variety of their resources.

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Department of Aboriginal Education

14th November 2016

1. We are working closely with Georgian College to offer our NLTC program consecutively to their ANLP (soon to be Anishnaabemowin and Program Development program), starting May 2018. Bruce and Don will be travelling to Orillia to meet with a number of people to work together to develop this pathway.
2. Bruce is assisting the Ministry of Education planning committee for the Indigenous Language Symposium for Spring 2017, and continues to assist the Ontario College of Teachers for Indigenous inclusion in a variety of their resources.
3. Last summer the Ontario College of Teachers approved proposed changes to our NLIP program as meeting the requirements of the new, expanded teacher certification requirements. We will be submitting these calendar changes shortly.
4. Please pass on the word about our excellent programs—both in teacher education, and our Native Language Instructors Program. Encourage people to consider registering for these programs. We would be happy to talk about our programs with anyone who gets in touch.

Donald Kerr
Acting Chair