

Mandate and Composition of the Two Row Council

The 2015-2016 Senate passed a motion Senate endorsing the spirit of the Indigenous Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) Report and establishing its intention to begin the process of enacting and operationalizing the Report's recommendations.

The Two Row Council has a mandate to provide advice and expertise to Senate and Senate Committees regarding enactment and operationalization of the recommendations contained in the IEAC Report. Considerations of the Two Row Council may include, but are not limited to, the development of new academic units or restructuring of existing units; developing or modifying degree programs or certificates, service and support for indigenous students, faculty and staff; timing and sequencing of implementation for specific recommendations; expectations for administrative action; monitoring of the progress and effectiveness of implementation strategies, and education of the Brock community regarding issues related to indigenous education.

Senate will benefit from the counsel and expertise of a diverse and representative membership on the Two Row Council. Council membership should include, at a minimum, representation as follows:

- a) Elder in Residence
- b) indigenous graduate (one) and undergraduate (one) students;
- c) indigenous faculty (three);
- d) indigenous staff (one);
- e) the Tecumseh Centre (Director);
- f) Aboriginal Student Services (one),
- g) a community representative to be identified by the AEC
- h) Associate Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning and Student Success
- i) the Chair or Vice-Chair of Senate;
- j) the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Senate Governance Committee;
- k) Chancellor (ex-officio); and
- l) BUFA Observer (non-voting)

The term of appointments will be for one academic year, concluding at the spring convocation, renewable. Nominations should include a statement, identifying interest in the position and relevant expertise or knowledge. The AEC will recommend to Governance, which will make a recommendation to Senate, on which nominees should be appointed to the committee.

In addition, the Council will be able to consult with additional individuals, committees, and organizations as needed and will have the authority to establish its own subcommittees.

A representative of the Office of Human Rights and Equity Services will serve as a resource to the Council.

The Chair of Senate will chair the first meeting of the Council, which will then elect its Co-Chairs, one representing each of the “two rows”.

The work of the Council should be public and transparent. Consistent with all Senate Committees, Council meetings should be open and its minutes will be posted on the Senate website, with regular and announced meeting dates.

The Council will report regularly to Senate as a whole.

The Secretariat will provide administrative support to the Council.

Senate will review the mandate, composition, and functioning of the Council one year after it begins operation.

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