



The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Committee on the Documentation of Indigeneity at its Thursday, March 16, 2023 meeting:

Agenda Title: **Special Case Consideration**

- Aseniwuche Winewak Nation

CARRIED MOTION: THAT the committee members recommend that a membership confirmation letter containing additional information as required by the University of Alberta be requested from the Executive Director of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. The Committee further agrees that once that is done, then, in this specific case, it would be accepted as sufficient eligible documentation for First Nations Non-Status self-declaration.

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Agenda Title: **Inuit Documentation Update**

CARRIED MOTION: THAT the First Nation, Métis and Inuit eligible identity documentation list be updated to reflect approved Inuit representative organizations.

FINAL ITEM 4



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Action Item**

Agenda Title	Special Case Consideration - Use of confirmation letter for academic awards
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Motion

<p>THAT the committee members recommend that a membership confirmation letter containing additional information as required by the University of Alberta be requested from the Executive Director of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation. The Committee further agrees that once that is done, then, in this specific case, it would be accepted as sufficient eligible documentation for First Nations Non-Status self-declaration.</p>
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Item

Action Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
Proposed by	Office of the Registrar, Indigenous Recruitment
Presenter(s)	Manager, Indigenous Recruitment: Trevor Phillips

Details

Office of Administrative Responsibility	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
The Purpose of the Proposal is	<p>To invite committee members to consider and, if appropriate, approve, as a special case, the use of a membership confirmation letter from the Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association as acceptable documentation of Indigeneity for the purpose of a student’s eligibility for student admissions, awards and scholarships, specifically reserved for Indigenous students and applicants.</p> <p>If committee members approve this special case, that approval would not have the effect of altering the formal list of First Nations, Métis and Inuit eligible documentation nor impact verification procedures moving forward.</p>
Executive Summary <i>(outline the specific item – and remember your audience)</i>	<p>In the 2021-22 admission cycle, an applicant submitted documentation from an ineligible Métis organization for the purpose of receiving an application for admission fee waiver during Free Application Days 2021.</p> <p>The submitted documentation was deemed ineligible by the RO as it was not from an organization listed on the eligible documentation list. Alternative Métis identity documentation was not submitted. The applicant was told they would not receive an application fee waiver without further documentation. The applicant paid the fee, submitted their application and was ultimately admitted to the Alberta School of Business. The applicant was permitted to continue to self-declare as Indigenous.</p> <p>However, the student has since contested the decision by the Registrar’s Office and has been granted a special consideration by the CDI to determine whether the alternative documentation, which she recently submitted, provides sufficient confirmation of Indigeneity which would allow the student to be eligible for Indigenous awards and scholarships.</p>



	<p>Specifically, the applicant submitted an “Individual Membership Confirmation Letter” from the Community Liaison of the Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association. The letter is addressed to the applicant, confirming that a recent application was approved, providing the applicant’s official membership number and advising that a membership card will be issued shortly.</p> <p>The Indigenous Congress of Alberta is a provincial affiliate of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) – one of the federally recognized Indigenous representative organizations – who represents the interests of Métis, status, non-status, and southern Inuit peoples living off-reserve.</p> <p>The applicant is a resident of Alberta and does not have membership with the Métis Nation of Alberta.</p> <p>The Office of the Registrar requests a decision on whether or not the applicant’s documentation should be accepted as eligible documentation of Indigeneity for the purpose of allowing this applicant access to University awards and scholarships which are specifically reserved for Indigenous students and applicants</p>
Supplementary Notes and context	

Engagement and Routing

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation	<p><u><i>Those who are actively participating:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● (Vice-Provost) Indigenous Programming and Research ● Acting Vice-Provost and University Registrar (or designate) (GFC Member) ● Delegate of the Dean, Faculty of Native Studies (or designate) (GFC Member) ● Assistant Dean, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students (or Director of First Peoples’ House) ● Manager, Indigenous Recruitment
	<p><u><i>Those who have been consulted:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● N/A
	<p><u><i>Those who have been informed:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RO – Records, Registration and Fees (October 2021) ● RO – Student Financial Support (September 2022)
Approval Route	CDI November 17, 2022

Strategic Alignment

Alignment with <i>For the Public Good</i>	Please note the Institutional Strategic Plan objective(s)/strategies the proposal supports.	
Alignment with Core Risk Area	Please note below the specific institutional risk(s) this proposal is addressing.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolment Management	<input type="checkbox"/> Relationship with Stakeholders



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	<input type="checkbox"/> Faculty and Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> IT Services, Software and Hardware <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Change <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Reputation <input type="checkbox"/> Research Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Student Success
Legislative Compliance and jurisdiction	<p>PSLA: Section 26(1)(m) and (n) confer authority on the GFC to, “make rules and regulations respecting academic awards” and “determine standards and policies respecting the admission of persons to the university as students”, respectively. Section 26(3) of the PSLA permits the GFC to “delegate any of its powers, duties and functions under [the PSLA]”.</p> <p>The GFC has delegated to the CDI the authority to determine standards and approve policy and calendar language respecting the documentation of Indigeneity required to determine eligibility for admissions, awards and financial support that are specifically reserved for Indigenous students and applicants. CDI Terms of Reference</p>	

Attachments

1. Attachment 1, Indigenous Congress of Alberta Association (ICAA): <https://www.indigenouscongress.com/>
2. Attachment 2, Congress of Aboriginal People (CAP): <https://abo-peoples.org/>

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**ASENIWUCHE
WINEWAK NATION**

March 3, 2023

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you today to confirm that [redacted] is a member of the Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN). AWN is a non-status indigenous group of people who live in and around the Grande Cache area.

The Aseniwuche people originate from the Jasper area which they were evicted from in the early 1900s. The AWN people have not signed a treaty which is why we are a non-status First Nations. If you would like to know more about AWN and its history, you can view our website aseniwuche.com or our documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3WxlqIIRQU>.

If you need any other information, please free to contact me at courteney@aseniwuche.com or by phone at 780-827-1556.

Sincerely,

Courteney Wanyandie Smith,

Executive Director.





**Committee on Documentation of Indigeneity
Action Item**

Agenda Title	Inuit Documentation Update
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Motion

THAT the First Nation, Métis and Inuit eligible identity documentation list be updated to reflect approved Inuit representative organizations.

Item

Action Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation
Proposed by	Office of the Registrar, Indigenous Enrolment Management
Presenter(s)	Assistant Registrar, Indigenous Enrolment Management: Trevor Phillips

Details

Office of Administrative Responsibility	Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
The Purpose of the Proposal is	To update the approved Inuit representative organizations in the official institutional list of First Nation, Métis and Inuit organizations who grant eligible Indigenous documentation. The update is to clarify which Inuit representative organizations can provide eligible documentation.
Executive Summary <i>(outline the specific item – and remember your audience)</i>	<p>Confirmation of Inuit identity is handled largely by one representative organization: Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI). Although there are communal and collective Inuit identity practices, Inuit enrollment is managed through NTI and its regional Inuit associations within the four Inuit land claim regions. Furthermore, confirmation of Inuit identity is navigated most easily for Inuit living outside the claim region in the Canadian South through NTI.</p> <p>Currently, the official documentation list uses outdated language and unclear instructions for acceptable Inuit identity documentation. The Office of the Registrar proposes that we update the current eligible representative organization for Inuit identity to definitively state which Inuit organization is acceptable.</p> <p><u>Current list w/ Proposed Changes in RED:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a certified copy* of a Nunavut Trust Certificate card ● a certified copy* of an enrolment card issued by Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. ● documentation that an ancestor’s name has been entered as beneficiaries of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement or other claim regions such as Nunatsiavut, Nunavik, and Inuvialuit; ● written confirmation of Indigenous identity from Indigenous Services and Northern Affairs Canada or Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated,



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written confirmation of Inuit enrolment from Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. <p>Consultation on these amendments was undertaken with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and from current and past members of CDI, Jenna Broomfield and Norma Dunning. Feedback from officials at NTI was also requested but none was provided before the proposal submission deadline. It may be valuable for CDI to also consider amendments that were discussed but ultimately left out of the update. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding “and its regional associations” after NTI for written confirmation - Inuit Roll Number - Any other proof accepted by Inuit communities <p>Regional associations have written enrollment confirmation letters on behalf of Inuit applicants before, but it was decided all Inuit enrolled members would communicate with NTI directly.</p> <p>Inuit Roll Number is something other institutions with high Inuit student populations have included on their formal lists, but was not recognized by consulting CDI members.</p> <p>Any other proof accepted by Inuit communities was considered in keeping with Inuit communal identity practices but abandoned due to practical documentation concerns of those identity practices.</p>
Supplementary Notes and context	

Engagement and Routing

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation	<p><u><i>Those who are actively participating:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDI ex-officio members
	<p><u><i>Those who have been consulted:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitikmeot Inuit Association (December 2022) • Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (March 2023)
	<p><u><i>Those who have been informed:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing (December 2022)
Approval Route	<p>CDI March 16, 2023</p>

Strategic Alignment

Alignment with Core Risk Area	Please note below the specific institutional risk(s) this proposal is addressing.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolment Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relationship with Stakeholders



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Legislative Compliance and jurisdiction	PSLA 26(1)(n) PSLA 26(1)(m)	

Attachments: None

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