

SAHKITCHEWAY ABORIGINAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

MISSION

Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) is committed to addressing Aboriginal education issues at George Brown so that a collaborative effort of college and community may better serve Aboriginal students and that Aboriginal worldview, needs and issues affect the decision-making process of the College, and are reflected throughout curriculum and classroom practices, and services.

MANDATE

1. To identify and articulate priorities for, and to make recommendations on, new programs and services to be developed for Aboriginal students in order to increase their successful recruitment, admission, retention, and graduation;
2. To directly interact with the Board of Governors of George Brown College through the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on all issues affecting the Aboriginal student population (including adult education initiatives) on all its campuses and to participate in the creation of a distinct societal relationship between George Brown College and the Aboriginal Community in the Greater Toronto Area and beyond;
3. To assess the effectiveness and adequacy of the programs and services of George Brown college as they relate to the present and future students of Aboriginal ancestry;
4. On the basis of this assessment, to make recommendations to the Board of Governors through the Academic and Student Affairs Committee on the effectiveness current programs and on measures that may be required to improve any aspect of the programs and services as they relate to the Aboriginal Community and to the general student body.
5. (a) To have the authority to approve, or veto the design, development and implementation of appropriate and relevant post-secondary Aboriginal education and training programs and services for Aboriginal students to be brought to the Academic and Student Affairs committee for approval by the Board of Governors.

(b) To have the authority to monitor short-term contract training for Aboriginal students offered either by Community-based Aboriginal organizations affiliated with the College or the College itself and to approve or veto these programs if they are to be offered on an on-going basis.
6. To review, recommend, seek funding, and research and direct the writing of proposals that address general and specific Aboriginal post-secondary education and training programs and services needs that will ensure continuing Aboriginal student participation and enhance completion rates at George Brown College; within the policies, practices and collective agreements of the College.

7. To decide upon the expenditure of funds allocated for the implementation of Aboriginal programs and services at George Brown College; within the policies, practices and collective agreements of the College.
8. To examine and recommend changes and modifications to program and services, as necessary, to the Board of Governors of George Brown College to employment equity.
9. To encourage and make recommendations on the recruitment, development and retention of Aboriginal faculty members and Aboriginal institutional staff, and to make known the commitment of George Brown College to employment equity.

MEETINGS

The Aboriginal Education Council will convene a minimum of two times annually, as well as ad hoc meetings when required.

MEMBERSHIP

The Aboriginal Education Council of George Brown College will consist of:

Representatives of the seven provincial/territorial organizations – as appointed; if no designate is appointed and the organization wishes, all correspondence and meeting minutes will be forwarded. As well as leaders of Aboriginal initiatives in stakeholder organizations that are accepted by AEC members.

Local Representation will be by appointment of Aboriginal organizations whose boards are controlled by Aboriginal members, that are concerned with post-secondary education issues and services locally; by order of the Board of Governors for a two year (plus two additional years) term. Leaders of Aboriginal initiatives in stakeholder organizations may also be members.

Student Representation is to be determined by the Aboriginal student population at George Brown College, or on an ad hoc basis if the student body is not organized.

College Representation will be as follows:

President, George Brown College (Voting)

Aboriginal Representative, Board of Governors, George Brown College (Voting)

Associate Vice President, Academic, George Brown College (Voting) Coordinator, Aboriginal Initiatives and Counselling, George Brown College (Non-voting)

QUORUM

A quorum will consist on one half of the membership plus one. The Council will, however, attempt to work toward a consensus whenever possible. Please note: Voting College members can never outnumber Aboriginal Community members.

REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

These terms of reference are subject to review from time to time as deemed appropriate by the members of the Aboriginal Education Council.