



COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

Committee: First Nations and Métis Opportunities Committee

Meeting Date: April 7th, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Chair: Chris Sicotte

In Attendance: Chris Sicotte, Robert Woods, April Roberts, Roger Grona

Staff: Kevin Meldrum, Czarina Catambing

Introductions

Aboriginal Business Match (ABM)

- Industry is almost full
- April sat on both sides, and both were busy
- The previous ABM came up with best practices with community and partners
- Involvement of Chamber is still unsure
- Aboriginal Golf Tournament and reception in the evening (June 1st), Aboriginal Business Match (June 2nd-3rd)
- Last year, three (3) business deals were created between communities and private companies
- There was time constraint
- Lesson learned: Need to know the questions to be asked and the answers to those questions. Forget the introductions.
- Best to contact Monica or April about ABM

Business Mixer Preparations

- To be held in October because it will be the Small Business Month
- Need to talk to Jacqueline and Mathew about arranging event, and a sub-committee
 - Previous sub-committee: Jacqueline, Mathew, Chris, Jennifer, Monica, Rob Johnston
 - Promotion: April, Roger
 - Press release will be needed
 - Venue: possibly Innovation Place or Saskatoon Inn
 - Need to have good parking
- Sponsor is a MUST for this event (around \$500)



- Previous mixer was on Chamber
- Roger will sponsor (\$500) and promote on social media
 - Can also find co-sponsor
- Possible topics:
 - Best business practices (suggested by Ranga)
 - Rob Campbell may speak on this
 - Include on May agenda

Student Engagement

- Purpose: More student involvement in the committee
- Late September and will start with SIIT
- Enrollment is maxed but number of Aboriginal students in colleges declined
- Chris will try to check U of S engagement with Aboriginal students

Additional Business

- Poll: June 9th or 16th meeting
- No meeting on July
- Create a poll for August 11th or 18th
- First formal meeting: September 1st

To do:

1. Czarina will check venue bookings
2. Czarina will arrange appointment of Chris with Kent on week of May 18th (except 21st) and look at schedule of sub-committee
3. Find Dean of business at SIIT
4. Get quick information about SRC position from Ranga (Find Lab Manager at 933 5400)