

## The Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR) Committee Annual Report 2018-2019

The ICR Committee was formed in January, 2019. Its membership is as follows:

Michael Dudley

Ryan Eyford

Lorena Fontaine (as Indigenous Academic Lead - non-voting)

Srimathie Indraratne

Jeannie Kerr (Chair)

Mark Meuwese

Julie Pelletier

Colin Russell (as University Registrar and Director of Admissions - non-voting)

As Chair of the ICR Committee, I am pleased to present this annual report to Senate for 2018-2019.

The ICR Committee held its first meeting on January 25, 2019, and has met three times in total. The initial meeting was led by Lorena Fontaine and brought the committee up to date with the processes and responsibilities that were related to the ICR courses that would be the work of the committee, and shared ICR evaluation and analysis that had been undertaken. The initial meeting established a subcommittee to carefully consider the criteria for transfer credit courses being recognized as fulfilling the ICR requirement going forward, and appointed a chair from the voting-members of the ICR Committee as Jeannie Kerr.

The second meeting of the committee invited Tara Williamson to present her analysis and enabled the committee to respond to the report and ask more questions to inform upcoming planning meetings. A student request for ICR recognition of a transfer credit course was approved. A workshop for ICR instructors on pedagogy and classroom dynamics was considered at the meeting and Lorena Fontaine organized the session. This workshop was provided on April 4, 2019 by Tara Williamson and was well attended by ICR instructors and other interested faculty from departments across the university.

The third meeting of the committee reviewed and approved two courses from Criminal Justice for ICR designation as new course proposals, and reviewed and approved an experimental course from Urban and Inner-City Studies, and one from Theatre and Film. The Committee also reviewed and updated the approval process and forms for ICR approvals through this newly formed committee, which are in process for a final approval of the committee. A student request for ICR recognition for a transfer credit was also approved at this meeting.

There has been one request for course review and approval for Indigenous Studies and one student request for review and approval that were agreed to via unanimous email by Committee in between meetings. The subcommittee also met once this year.

In total the ICR Committee has reviewed and approved 4 courses for ICR designation, has approved two student requests for ICR recognition of transfer credit courses, has reviewed institutional analysis, and has provided one workshop for instructors of ICR courses.

A planning meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2019 to review the work of the subcommittee and make longer term plans to ensure ongoing analysis and review of the ICR courses and processes, and supports of instructors.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Committee who have spent considerable time reviewing documents, and sharing ideas for the ongoing success of the ICR courses in accordance with the strategic direction of Indigenization at the university. I would also like to thank Lorena Fontaine, Colin Russell, and Alexis Morham for sharing their expertise and institutional knowledge in support of the committee.

Respectfully submitted by,

  
Jeannie Kerr

On behalf of the members of the ICR Committee