**Summary of *Indigenizing, Decolonizing and Reconciliation Committee* Activities 2018/ 2019**

1 - After a submission of a possible plan for the inaugural *Indigenizing, Decolonizing and Reconciliation Committee* in November 2018, the committee composed of Brenda Morris, Susan Braedley, Beth Martin, Sarah Todd, Nimo Bokore, Deborah Young, Melissa Redmond, Roy Hanes, decided to advocate for a half time release for one, preferably two co-Chair positions. These discussions resulted in a proposal submission in January 2019 for a half time course release for the committee workplan and organization of work we envisioned happening in 2019/ 2020.

The proposal was completed and submitted to Hugh Sewell, Director of Social Work and Andre Plourde, Dean of the Faculty of Public Affairs January 2019. This proposal and a workplan justifying the time release, for one .5 course release was approved.

2 - Grassy Narrows – a northern community who continue to be affected by mercury poisoning by Dryden paper mills since the 1970s – travelled to Ottawa for a Special Chiefs meeting December 3rd to December 6th, 2018.  The group includes those affected by the mercury poisoning. The Social Work department co-hosted with Indigenous Canadian Studies a lecture with *Judy DeSilva, an international* *renowned United Nation’s Indigenous advocate of environment issues*. Social Work and our committee also collected funds and supplies for Grassy Narrows people.

3 - In winter semester 2019, we had planned five regular meetings. Two meetings were cancelled, due to circumstances beyond our control. Efforts to re-schedule proved unrealistic.

4 - Despite this, our committee manage to develop a proposal to host the re-scheduled 2018 to *2019 Rheal Brant-Hall* lecture. Dr. Sheila Cote-Meeks, Vice-President at Laurentian University, presented excerpts from “*Colonized Classrooms – Racism, Trauma and Resistance in Post-Secondary Education*.”

5 - Another achievement for our committee was planning the *Annual Spring Faculty Retreat 2019* to reflect ideas and philosophies about Indigenizing Carleton University. This included a presentation by Dr. Kahente Horn-Miller about how Carleton University is completing community consultations intended to inform these planning processes. Faculty in attendance completed an anonymous work of art and a letter of commitment. These will add to the minutes of this retreat as well as add to our eventual report.

6 - Activities which continue in 2019 are a potential data base of articles, reports, videos, podcasts, etc. dealing with *Indigenization, Decolonization and Reconciliation* in Canadian universities and social work. In 2019, beginning articles were forwarded to committee members. This will continue with resources materials being hosted for both faculty and administrative staff within the social work department.

7 - A short written update was provided for the Annual Faculty Retreat fall 2019 retreat.

8 - September 2019 meeting planned with update on Social Work 5015 graduate student participation as well as Research Assistant involvement in 2019/ 2020 work plan.

Planned dates for short meetings to December 2019. Plans for a Knowledge keeper to participate in these meetings are being explored. Draft workplan will be completed at end of December 2019.