

Partnering for Sustainable Resource Management
TI'azt'en Nation - UNBC CURA
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (Web Summary)

April 25, 2005

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

TI'azt'en Administration Office, Tache, BC

Present: Principal Investigator, Co-Investigator/IP Stream Leader, TI'azt'en Coordinator/IP Stream Leader, UNBC Coordinator II/IP Stream Student, TI'azt'en TEK Stream Leader, UNBC TEK Stream Leader, TI'azt'en Education Stream Leader, UNBC Education Stream Leader, TI'azt'en Member-At-Large x 2

Others: Education Stream RA, UNBC Resource Recreation/Tourism Professor

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM

1) Welcome and Opening Prayer

Welcome to TI'azt'en Nation and Opening Prayer. Introduction and welcome to UNBC guests. Congratulations to TI'azt'en Coordinator whose abstract got accepted for a poster presentation at the 1st Annual Aboriginal Education Research Forum in Winnipeg.

2) Adoption of Agenda - No new additions to the agenda.

3) Correction and adoption of February Meeting Minutes; review and adoption of October, December and February web summaries.

Posting of SC summary meeting minutes to the CURA website is intended for extension and transparency purposes, SC can re-evaluate the necessity in doing this. Corrections to February 11, 2005 meeting minutes were noted and will be incorporated.

4) Brief progress update from each stream (All)

TEK

Place-names Research will be verified by 6 members of the Carrier Linguistic Society (CLS) and general discussion on honoraria for elders involved. Application was submitted to HRDC for a TEK summer RA. A potential MSc student to start in September 2005 has been identified, further funding sources is needed to support the student. Discussion on Herbarium Project and Medicinal Plant Annotated Bibliography onto CURA website, as well as a TEK budget meeting with UNBC Research Analyst. It is important to note external funding raised for SSHRC reporting purposes. UNBC TEK rep will attend a conference in June and will bring the CURA poster. For SC, an overview of local funding agencies and criteria to apply was provided. Place-names research: draft thesis being prepared, CLS verification will be incorporated, formal letter to CLS to start verification ASAP. Discussion on CLS vs CURA rates for honoraria. Not all CURA Streams would require CLS for verification purposes (IP does not have high language/culture).

Education

Stream Leaders will work to finalize UNBC Research Ethics Board (REB) requirements for the Community Focus Groups. Grad student allocation is being used for summer/fall RA to develop research process, with application to HRDC to extend time. Potential

Associate Partner has indicated a very busy schedule, postponing sending invitation letter and considering other candidates. Annotated bibliography produced last summer has been posted on CURA website. Overview of funding for CLS to develop curriculum for high school Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), might be a possible avenue for CURA to test the science/TEK curriculum. CLS reviewed other sources of material to incorporate into curriculum and considering doing another Carrier Language Teacher training program. Will finalize 2004 contract and IRP project may assist in the payment of honoraria for verification of CURA curriculum. Applications submitted to hire three students and one PRA to assist students in digitizing material. Language important to youth, this determined through a two-day visioning workshop. Continue to create curriculum database and organize resources. Need budget meeting to finalize details for 2005. CURA and Chuntoh Education Society have to coordinate efforts so that work is not being duplicated when developing curriculum. Chuntoh also put in an HRDC application for a post secondary student.

Improved Partnership

IP has done the following extension: did a poster session at the NAFA Conference, graduate class seminar and a Geo 603 class presentation at Cinnabar, as well as a poster session at the Western Canadian Association of Geographers Conference. IP Grad student is in early stages of preparing thesis proposal and determining research process for interviewing participants in June. IP also submitted applications to hire IP summer RA's. Work continues on process coding and proposal is being prepared for a 'History of the JPRF' Project. IP Stream Leader on maternity leave until at least January 2006.

Old Business

5) **Internal Action Items** (miscellaneous items # 1, 5, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 20)

Action items completed were summarized.

6) **Expert Resource Pool**

a. **Update on ERP invitations** - In progress

b. **New ERP nominations** - No new nominations

7) **Associate Partner invitations** - See update report for Education Stream

8) **Potential Partnerships**

a. **TI'azt'en Justice MOU** - Draft MOU prepared and being finalized for SC review.

b. **GHNP Letter of Support** - Draft letter of support will be prepared.

c. **CIDA Workshop** - Due to short notice to participate, invitation was declined.

9) **Extension - LINK newsletter article, Cultural Survival Quarterly, World Indigenous Peoples, CURA Poster, CURA press release**

Link newsletter was submitted after edits, article being prepared to submit to Cultural Survival Quarterly with translation into Russian, for submission in 2005. CURA poster requires review and edits from SC members.

10) **TI'azt'en Community Membership Meeting** - Meeting postponed to a later date.

11) **Archivist Job Description**

Job description was finalized and forwarded to TI'azt'en TEK for their review and use.

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12) Contract Agreements with TI'azt'en Nation

TEK contract for 2004 was complete, Education contract needs Schedule A. Contracts for 2005 need to be finalized and must incorporate deliverables, and who will complete tasks. Copy of TEK contract will be forwarded to SC to use as template.

13) CURA budget tracking and UNBC financial statements

Budget monitoring responsibilities need to be re-organized.

New Business

14) Ethics Review Committee

CURA must submit an application to the UNBC Research Ethics Board (REB) if any of the research will include participation of people, whether it's doing interviews or conducting focus group sessions. It is a requirement from SSHRC, and the process normally takes 2-3 weeks to be processed.

15) Ecotourism Leaders

UNBC has identified 2 potential Eco-tourism Stream Leaders and TI'azt'en needs to do the same. TI'azt'en CURA Coordinator has been in discussion with TI'azt'en SC members and a meeting will be scheduled to coordinate efforts. ACED program students are getting the training, may undertake the task of TI'azt'en Eco-tourism Stream Leader.

16) New graduate students

A student from Italy with a Geography and GIS background is coming to work with CURA and willing to fund his own participation. A UNBC RA for this summer may start as a graduate student in the winter semester working on Medicinal Plant research. Eco-tourism Stream may have identified a student to start in September 2005. TEK Masters and PhD student re-organization, could transfer Masters' student to another stream. Undergrad GIS student interested in working with CURA, need to identify project(s).

17) Community Meeting

Community CURA Update will be done in conjunction with Aboriginal Day on June 21st, CURA coordinators will coordinate efforts with community planning committee.

Additional Agenda Items

18) Carrier Linguistic Society (CLS) Verification Subcommittee

General discussion and reiteration that CURA funding be used for TI'azt'en Pro's and RA's only, and that curriculum should have a TI'azt'en perspective with TI'azt'en professionals with a background in Language and Culture be utilized for a TI'azt'en rich perspective. A motion was passed at a previous meeting stating CURA rates as follows: \$60 for 3 hours or less, \$100 for full day. Motion will be re-circulated to SC members.

19) Budget Meeting

May 31, 2005 - 10 AM at UNBC

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

CURA SC working session: 1:30 to 3:00 PM