

**Record of Discussion and Decisions
Grant Steering Committee and Collaborators
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February 27, 2019 - GSC Meeting Research Proposal Decisions

The GSC gave unanimous consent to funding the projects as per the conditions below:

1. Nisga'a Lisims Government: \$25,000.00 to support community researchers conducting a well being survey.

Conditions: Receipt of a written proposal including budget and activities, demonstrating a 35% matching in kind contribution from NLG.

2. Professor David Wright, University of Calgary and Gwich'in Tribal Council: \$23, 500.00 to support Phase 1 of a Dispute Resolution Mechanisms research project.

Conditions: Receipt of confirmation that GTC will contribute 35% matching in kind contribution.

3. In discussion with Angela Polifroni, Toquaht Nation, undertake discussions to determine the use of up to \$25,000.00 to have a scoping workshop on intergovernmental/financing issues among BC Modern Treaty organizations, or to undertake research on self government financing. ***The PI will undertake initial discussions and then bring in finance and/or intergovernmental co-leads to develop the approach/concept.***

All of the above funds are from the unexpended \$85,000.00 Community Researcher Fund for the 2018-19 fiscal year. ***The PI will send emails for confirm awards and Gen will follow up with awardees to flow funds.***

Status of Theme Activities

Each theme presented a status report.

Finance – has established an advisory committee consisting of Modern Treaty representatives in the national collaborative fiscal process. A literature review has been produced. A database of financing provisions in Modern Treaties and self government agreements is under development and may be useful for tracking change over time. Two RAs have been hired; 1 is Indigenous. A call for research proposals has been drafted. An article is being prepared for the NPA Special Issue. The Finance academic co-lead will co-edit the NPA Special Issue with the PI. Future research may include looking at UNDRIP – affects for finance. What is not working, and what the innovations might be.

Law – this theme has lost its LCAC member co-lead when the GCC withdrew from the coalition. LCAC members have been asked to consider joining the law theme. Representatives of NTI and VGN have expressed interest. ***The PI will issue a formal written invitation via the LCAC communication list through the LCAC Secretariat and will advise the GSC on progress and undertake decision making in consultation with the academic co-lead.***

The Law Theme had a scoping workshop at UVic in September. The report is on the website. A literature review is being finalized for release. The theme is undertaking its first research project on dispute resolution with the GTC. Two students have been hired. An article is being prepared for the NPA Special Issue. There are several types of research that can be undertaken in future.

Wellbeing – A literature review and paper have been issued which has been shared with the LCAC members and will be posted on the website. Two students have been hired. An article is being prepared for the NPA Special Issue. The academic co-lead is participating as an Expert on the Performance Measurement Framework development process being jointly undertaken by LCAC members and the federal Modern Treaty Implementation Office. The theme will be working with the NLG on developing publications issuing from its well being survey. A call for proposals will be issued.

Lands – The lands theme has hired four Indigenous RAs and produced: a literature review; a database of land-based programs and initiatives being undertaken by Indigenous governments in Canada; and a database of land management bodies/regimes under all Modern Treaties. A scoping workshop was held in Yellowknife with Tlicho Government in October, as well as a mobile/land based scoping in Behchoko. The theme is undertaking a place names project with Tlicho Government. It will issue a call for proposals. An article is being prepared for the NPA Special Issue.

Intergovernmental – A literature review has been produced. A database of available reports (about 250) has been completed. Two RAs have been hired. On is undertaking a review of dispute resolution mechanisms across treaties. A survey with intergovernmental practitioners is planned as a basis for a submission to the NPA Special Issue. A joint project on Dispute Resolution is being undertaken with the Law theme. A workshop on intergovernmental relations issues scoping is planned for the Fall as a joint

project with the PI and possibly the Finance theme. A workshop or research is being contemplated with BC First Nations as a possible joint project with the Finance theme. Adam is working on an article describing the fiscal process subject to permission – no content, only process.

Principal Investigator – the project is hosted by the Tlicho Government; the PI works with lands co-lead John B Zoe who is an advisor to TG as her day to day TG contact for the project. The PI and Dr. Zoe have met with SSHRC President Ted Hewitt twice to talk about this project and inform SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR thinking on the tri-council Indigenous Research Strategy. The PI participated as an Adjudicator in the SSHRC Reconciliation Grant call. The PI hired a TG based administrator, providing day to day direction. When that person left, the position was put under review and Jessica Simpson (Tlicho) was hired on a part time basis until the position is reclassified and/or put out to competition. A website has been developed, social media presence established, and briefing materials developed for general use. The PI participates regularly in LCAC leaders update calls held monthly. The grant, through the PI, co-sponsored a Workshop on Canada's 10 Principles, which involved lawyers and Indigenous lawyers/academics; it also co-sponsored with the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation, an NWT Negotiators Workshop, attended by NWT negotiators negotiating self government agreements as part of or pursuant to Modern Treaties, and included attendance of Tlicho Government and Deline Got'ine Government, and representatives of the Yukon College Indigenous Government Program, and 3 of their students (2 Indigenous NWT, 1 Indigenous Yukon student). The PI will be co-editing the NPA Special Issue. ***The PI will develop publication concepts for circulation and discussion at a later date, in collaboration with interested co-leads.***

Meeting with LCAC Representatives

The GSC presented updates to the LCAC representatives. The following were raised by LCAC representatives:

Bruce Uviliq – NTI is interested in research on dispute resolution. He is interested in being law theme co-lead.

Kris Statnyk – interested in law theme co-lead. The Vuntut Gwitchin are interested in well being indicators. Interested in research on lands

Lisa Badenhorst (Kluane) is interested in the work of the grant and possibly having students. Interested in the possibility of a workshop in the Yukon. Adrienne Hill (Nacho Nyak Dun) was interested in know more about how to get involved. Will be sending an article for the NPA Special issue.

Angela Polifroni (Toquaht First Nation) would like to have a workshop in BC with BC modern treaty holders.

Bertha Rabesca Zoe (Tlicho) suggested looking at implementation plans and whether and how they are useful or not.

Collaborators Research

Indigenous Governance Program at Yukon University (Rhiannon Klein) is new and will be graduating its first BA students next year. They are interested in research and working with the grant.

Heather Castleden (Queens) and Vanessa Sloan Morgan have been working with the Huuy-ahat First Nation in BC on implementation and have two publications. They have SSHRC funds to support their work. Publication opportunities.

Gabrielle Slowey (York) is undertaking a UFA knowledge transmission workshop with treaty implementers and youth in the Yukon in the Fall. Will be publishing based on that.

NPA Special Issue

The GSC and collaborators discussed possible contents of the Special Issue. All proposed contributions had merit and will be accepted with some conditions on specific proposals. All themes are contributing. **The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2019** with a publication date set for the summer. The issue cost if \$25,000.00 of which the grant contributed \$20,000.00 and the Gordon Foundation will contribute \$5,000.00.

Publications and Presentations

The GSC had a lengthy discussion about publications. The NPA Special Issue submissions are due April 15 and it will be published in the Summer 2019.

All products produced by themes should be posted on the website if they are based on publicly available information. These should be provided to Jessica for posting. They will also be circulated directly/via a website link to LCAC members when they become available.

Presentation and publication opportunities include: session on Treaty Federalism at IPCC in Montreal in June (Intergovernmental); the LCAC conference in 2019; Hotii ts'eeda Eletseede; Think Indigenous conference in Edmonton; Annual assemblies (NWT); National Indigenous Guardians gathering; IPAC annual conference; CAPP; AFOA; Yellowhead Institute may be able to commission pieces – grant would provide funds.

Jessica will draft an email with relevant links to website-posted products for the LCAC list.

GSC members were asked to consider and confirm their ability to produce chapters for an edited volume in the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

The GSC discussed committing to more than one volume. This will likely be dependent on research being produced and will be better projected toward the end of the 2019-20 fiscal year.

The GSC discussed approaches to including practitioners experiences: as standalone for example in a book, or side by side with contributions from academics in a way that these contributions speak to and with each other.

The GSC discussed the need to target LCAC as an audience for results, organizations such as IPAC and AFOA which would reach policy makers, and through academic journals. There is recognition that our task is ensure we present results to LCAC members and communities, while also establishing a presence in the academic literature that will influence and shape the thinking of future generations of academics. ***Members were encouraged to think about submitting panels and presentations in various fora.***

Calls for Research Proposals

These will be developed by co-leads and should be reviewed by PI and Administrator prior to being issued publicly. These should track closely to evaluation criteria on the proposal submission forms on the website. Themes may solicit research proposals instead of public calls; solicited proposals must withstand scrutiny on the basis of the criteria in the proposal form. Proposals recommended for funding must be reviewed and approved by the GSC.

Indigenous Student and Community Member Hiring

The GSC reaffirmed its commitment to hiring Indigenous RAs and community members. The PI committed to following up with LCAC to alert their member students to opportunities with the grant. This will include a notice they can forward to their Post Secondary Education Funding and Scholarship programs that can be circulated to students and posted in offices.