

RAVEN team meeting minutes

April 16, 2019

Present: Amy Savile, Matt Rogers, Shanthi Bell, Sophie Lavoie, Susan O'Donnell, Tracy Glynn, Rick Wightman, Kim Reeder, Rowan Miller, Tyler Foley

Regrets not able to be recorded due to replies to zoom meeting invitation do not indicate accept or not.

Agenda:

1. Susan did the territorial acknowledgement.

If going to Congress, check out open Reconciliation events on the Congress website. There is a session on territorial acknowledgements and how to make it more meaningful. Susan is planning to go.

2. Meeting agenda approved with the following

Amy would like to be sure to talk about the March for Tomorrow's Jobs Rally in Saint John.

Sophie suggested talking about the land-based courses in July.

3. Land-based courses in July

Sophie: Based at UNB. RAVEN should consider attending. Send students and think of other ways that RAVEN could be linked to the project.

Susan: \$800 fee. Is anyone going?

Matt: Not going but his students are going. 4 credit course.

Kim: \$800 fee is additional fee to tuition fee.

Susan: cost is an obstacle. Will talk to Kim about whether she wants to consider going. Susan and others with RAVEN were present for the pilot workshop.

Matt: Writing an email to Evie, one of the organizers, to find out more, about the fee, etc.

4. RAVEN Earth Week events

Book launches with Bruce Campbell co-hosted with NB Media Co-op.

Susan heard from Bruce Campbell and he's doing better and plans to be present. First event is April 23 in Edmundston, public discussion and book launch, 4pm. Bruce will be introduced by RAVEN's partner, head of emergency measures. Susan then went over the other events -

April 24, online, music video contest winners, noon

April 24, Fredericton, book launch, play reading by Len Falkenstein, public discussion, Fredericton Public Library, 7pm

April 25, Fredericton, RAVEN research panel, 1pm

April 25, online, presentation and public discussion, 5pm

April 26, Saint John, book launch and public discussion, 3pm

April 27, Saint John, March for Tomorrow's Jobs, 1pm. Amy will be participating in her PSAC capacity but can also participate in her RAVEN capacity. Susan: A coalition is organizing the march - the NB Federation of Labour, Conservation Council of New Brunswick, PSAC, etc. The speakers list is being finalized now. Susan will see if Amy could be added.

**other events?

5. RAVEN and Belledune

*meeting April 5 with Productions Aulnes in Pointe-Verte (near Belledune)

NBEN is organizing a tour of Belledune. Belledune is one of the sites of concern for contaminants and health impacts. Work has been done in the past in Belledune by ECHO. There is a virtual meeting on April 24 at 3pm, including people from U de M, NBEN and Pointe-Verte. Will discuss the research done so far. Tracy and Daniel are thinking of a project there. Matt is considering doing a segment of his video project there. Susan and Tyler are considering ways to engage the Pabineau First Nation. The port of Belledune put out a media release on its engagement with First Nations. Tyler: More First Nation involvement/partnerships in other developments such as Mactaquac Dam. There are important considerations on future of the port. There are co-op and community development initiatives there.

6. Graduate student training

Susan: RAVEN is funded by SSHRC and SSHRC hopes that graduate students to be trained. It's important that students get published for their academic careers. Video publications are also another way for students to help in their careers.

Matt: Chris has requested other kinds of support/training such as grant-writing, research methodology.

Susan: When talking about outputs and deliverables, we can measure grant proposals. That's a valuable skill for students. Make sure that we capture all of the skills that graduate students have acquired with us. Undergrads have also had different kinds of experience that they can put on their CVs too.

7. RAVEN work: recent and underway now

*Shanthy videos with rural champions

Shanthy: Published a video with David Perley and working on another one with him and a video with the woodlot owners.

*Shanthy, Susan: cellphone music video contest

Shanthy: Will announce winners on Facebook either tonight or tomorrow. Will showcase them on the website and at the Earth Week events. Will ask them to show their videos at the events if they want. Considering doing another content next year.

Matt: Was their representation from across the province?

Shanthy: Had some representation from different areas.

Susan: The winners are based in Moncton/Sackville, Hartland, north of Hartland, Fredericton

Shanthy: different music styles, spoken word,

*Amy, Tracy, Susan: research on alternative media – completing paper and presentation

Amy: Analyzing Charles Theriault's video blog, still have to do NB Media Co-op analysis, etc. Getting ready for Congress.

*Chris/Matt: video work

Matt: Sabine does work on planned obsolescence, Alex with the Praxis Festival. They both agreed to be part of it. Sabine will go to the festival and interview people. Alex is interested to be part of the leapfrogging. Chris is working on some tasks before he is done at the end of the month. Working on the development fund grant from the province. He's also researching film funding applications. Chris is drafting a letter of support from RAVEN for an application. Matt is meeting with Sasha DeWolfe at the Dept of Education regarding a course at Mt. A on indigenous sustainability education. Tyler: Aware of indigenous specific courses. JEDI meets with them about

4 times a year, with Craig Williamson at the Dept. Mike Hennesy at JEDI is working on Jordan's Principle, etc.

*Tracy, Matt, Sabine, Daniel: digital storytelling workshop March 30 in Knowlesville

Matt: Interesting experience. We had a more informal conversation. Talked about the methods and ideas. Had a negative experience with CBC but were taken by the participatory approach and having some control and agency over the narrative. Matt has continued the conversation with Alex. Not so much interested in media training but directly involved in the narrative components of their story.

Praxis Festival is happening in early June. Susan is considering going up the week before. Tracy sent information about their potluck on April 27.

*Susan, Kim: survey with CSRNO update – completing paper and presentation

Kim: Impressed by the indigenous curriculum presented at the languages conference at UNB.

Kim: Completed a survey for leaders in the CSRNO communities – mostly elected leaders of municipalities, LSDs, government departments and some NGOs, etc. Regarding leadership on climate adaptation. We will close the survey at the end of April then will begin analysis of results. Every community of the 22 communities are all represented/answered the survey.

* RAVEN Research panel on April 25

Amy, Kim, Rowan, Shanthi may want to put together slides. Mary's paper is done. Everyone has 10 minutes to present and 20 minutes of feedback. Good opportunity for feedback.

*Rowan: position paper and presentation

Rowan: Draft paper. Will get feedback on the work in progress at the RAVEN research panel.

*CIRA application – waiting for response.

8. Summer term students

*RAVEN digital media summer institute (May 6 - August 30) Susan, Daniel + 3 students (Kim, Lauren, Abram)

Idea for a pilot this summer. Hired 3 students, Kim, Lauren (Creative Writing student) and Abram (NB Media Co-op). Will be talking to Tracy, Sophie and others with the NB Media Co-op about how it will involve the Co-op. Some training for

production. Still need to have a more detail discussion about it with Daniel. Starting in May. Sophie: the NB Media Co-op could try to get a paid undergrad student through UNB Arts 4000, a new program. Need to consider having a supervisor. Tabatha and Sasha are running that program.

The RAVEN summer institute training is the first week of the month. Matt is teaching participatory video - May 6-10. One week intensive course on hands on video training, critical media literacy. Students may consider auditing it to get experience. Matt will send the course syllabus to Susan. The readings may be useful to pass along.

*Broadband project Rick + 1 student (Brian)

Brian is hired for 2 hours/week. Brian is an expert in broadband in rural areas. Rick and Brian are working on it.

*Video production Matt + 1 student (Lisa)

Working on the Knowlesville trip, planning and production. Matt is not sure if he will have external funding so having Lisa on the project is critical.

Susan: hoping to go to Belledune in mid June and could involve Pabineau First Nation and Lisa.

9. Upcoming conferences

Mary presenting at the Qualitatives Conference in Fredericton in May.

Tracy, Amy, Susan and Mary will be at Congress.

10. Next meeting date: Wednesday, May 29, 1pm