

RAVEN Meeting Minutes

Dec. 17, 2019

Present: Susan O'Donnell, Sophie Lavoie, Matt Rogers, Casey Burkholder, Tracy Glynn

Apologies: Rick Wightman, David Hofmann, Daniel Tubb, Sabine LeBel, Rodrigo Gutierrez-Hermelo, Rachel Bensler

1. Susan did the territorial acknowledgement. Watched a video with Indigenous youth on the climate crisis and feels that we should support their calls for action.
2. Matt's update: Heard back from the UNB ORS about the NBIF grant to make his documentary yesterday. ORS originally was worried about the lasting impact of the documentary. Matt has revised the application with that feedback. There was not much feedback from the ORS this time and will resubmit the application. Susan wrote a letter of support for the application.

Susan: Everyone, if you need a letter of support from RAVEN for an application for funding, please let Susan know.

Casey's update: Alicia and Casey are researching and writing an article about the Hayes Farm cellfilms. Looking for someone from the Hayes Farm to write with the article with them.

3. Tracy's update: Working with Susan on the paper on the media and RAVEN from the OURMedia Conference. Hoping to reconnect with Deborah Carr on the photovoice project. Working on getting Catalina Caro from Colombia to present in Belledune about just energy transitions for workers and communities. Catalina works with communities affected by the coal that is burned in Belledune.
4. Sophie's update: NB Media Co-op has been meeting regularly. Susan has been doing lots of work on archiving and on the new website. Looking for six more Letters From the Future.
5. Susan's updates: Working with Amy Floyd, a permaculture expert, and Jessica Wall, a graduate student who has worked in food banks, who is interested in food security. Both are hired to work part-time on a food security project. A meeting will be held in early January at the Greener Village. Jessica is interested in cellfilming and hopes to involve Casey in the project.

Tyler Foley left JEDI. Susan met last week with the new contact for RAVEN at JEDI. We discussed the possibility of developing a project with Projet Aulnes

based in Pointe Verte. Projet Aulnes is working on a community engagement project with videos around the Baie des Chaleurs. Working with JEDI to involve the Eel River Bar First Nation. The project would happen sometime in the spring. JEDI is supporting a staff person in Eel River Bar First Nation who wants to improve their video skills so there is a nice training opportunity there.

Rodrigo is working on a video that was shot in the UNB studio after the Poetry for the Climate Crisis event with El Jones.

Rachel is working on the fossil fuel divestment campaign. She wrote an article for the NB Media Co-op on the need for UNB to show leadership on this file. She is working with students on other campuses and will write another article on what she finds. Also working with UNB on the fossil fuel divestment document. Trying to do this in conjunction with St. Thomas University. Hannah Moore, a 4th year student, has been running the divestment campaign at STU.

RAVEN brought Janice Harvey in as a co-investigator starting in January and she will hire Hannah to do work on this campaign.

David Hofmann, an expert in social network analysis, is teaching a course on social network analysis in January. Susan and Lauren Korn will be auditing it. Lauren will be hired to analyze the reach of the NB Media Co-op stories. Hoping to hire some undergraduates from David's course for work on this project in the summer.

Susan has been asked to a talk at STU with FERN – a faculty group that works on environmental issues. Tracy is part of the group and Janice has been coordinating the group. Tracy also met with Michael Dawson, VP Research at STU, about people/places that the Royal Society College members could visit as part of their Listening Tour in Fredericton in May.

Susan is working with Tracy on the paper that was presented at the OURMedia Brussels Conference. Susan will return to working with Amy Savile on their paper. The first paper with Mary Aspinall as the lead author should be published in December. Casey is also working on a paper.

Casey: One of the goals of the project is to write with community participants but what happens if we can't get any community participants to co-write a paper? Maybe RAVEN could be a co-author? Matt: Could authorship be open in other formats? Don't want to coerce people into co-writing. Susan: Some people are interested while others are not interested in having an academic publication on their CV. Maybe there are others at the Hayes Farm who would be interested in co-writing. Casey: Will write some more and see if they can get someone at Hayes Farm interested. Sophie: Need some guidelines for community writers so

they know want to expect. Tracy: Hannah Moore who participated in the cellphilmaking workshop at the Hayes Farm may be interested in co-writing and maybe she could be hired to work on it? She's a communications/environment & society student and may be interested in putting this on her CV. Susan says that's possible. Casey: A good idea to compensate community partners who are writing with us. Regarding childcare, Casey investigated the possibilities. UNB confirmed we can hire a student do childcare for our workshops/events as long as they have had a criminal record check.

6. Winter meeting dates: Susan will work on finding a good day of the week for our winter meetings.
7. Adjourned.