Cultural Advisory Committee Policy

POLICY: Cultural Advisory Committee			
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Part 1. Policy Background and Purpose.
The White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) is dedicated to its identity as an Anishinaabe institution that is grounded in Anishinaabe culture, values and traditions. Traditionally, guidance on cultural matters were not typically decided upon by any one individual. Most ceremonial gatherings as well as day-to-day activities were fostered by teachings from elders and respected members of the tribe. WETCC feels that it is important to seek guidance from a body of knowledgeable citizens. It is the purpose of the Cultural Advisory Committee Policy to outline the role and purpose of the committee as well as how membership is established.

Part 2. Definitions.
Asemaa – tobacco (could be traditional willow mixed or conventional)

Traditional gifting practice – a small gift is usually presented if a person is seeking knowledge, teachings, or understandings.

Part 3. Responsibility.
It is the responsibility of the Cultural Coordinator to set up meeting times and locations and notify members a week in advance. Meetings will be held quarterly, or on an as needed basis as pertinent questions arise.

Traditional gifting practices will be the responsibility of the Cultural Coordinator.

It is the responsibility of the Council of Trustees to approve membership for the Cultural Advisory Committee.

Part 4. Policy.
Any or all stakeholders, including students have the authority to approach prospective members and ask them to serve on the committee. Knowledgeable Anishinaabe people with experience in culture, customs, ceremony, Ojibwe language etc. and who express interest in helping WETCC in that nature, will be sought to serve on the committee. A list of prospects will be compiled and approved through the Council of Trustees at a regular monthly meeting.

Service on the committee will be considered a community volunteer service and is at the discretion of each respective member to determine his or her tenure, up to a two (2) year commitment with the option to apply for renewal. Members will be reimbursed mileage but will not receive stipends unless called upon beyond regularly scheduled quarterly meetings.

Members will serve as an advisory role to the Cultural Coordinator for guidance on cultural matters and events at WETCC.

Students, faculty and staff as well as the Council of Trustee (COT) are encouraged to attend the meetings or contact members of the Cultural Advisory Committee. The Cultural Coordinator will bring forth cultural questions from the students, faculty and staff if they are unable to attend. The Cultural Coordinator will report back to entities within WETCC on the respective recommendations from the Cultural Advisory Committee.

There shall not be a set number of members on the committee but membership shall not exceed ten (10).