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Let Me Suggest

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Let me Suggest...A WoundedAcademicRedWarrior Society

What would happen if Wounded Aboriginal Warriors
formed a Trauma Support Team

We could aid Others by Listening. Validating. Supporting.
Sharing Stories. Advising.

We know Aboriginal faculty in Universities across Canada.
are being Abused. Demeaned.

Denied basic Rights and Freedoms as Academics.
as Human Beings.

Lets form a WoundedAcademicRedWarrior Society

to Mentor us in our communication with Deans

regarding workload assignments or letters of reprimand.

to Walk with us through our Appointments,

Tenure and Promotion processes and committees.

to Support and advise regarding Rights and Freedoms

defined in Collective Agreements

and enforced through Faculty Unions

and Grievance structures.

to help us unpack Collegiality when it becomes a weapon

used to reinforce colonial mentality.

to insist on non-Retaliation clauses to allow us enough Freedom

to bring forward Discrimination issues

rather than be squeezed out of Poisoned Environments.

to strategize nationally

to influence University Vision statements

to incorporate or acknowledge Aboriginal knowledge.

and to increase limited research funding

and broaden Eurocentric definitions of research.

and to provide an adequate resource pool

so that Trauma Teams can attend the scene,

in time to actually be of assistance

in resolving the Struggles,
rather than just attending to the pain
after the dismissing is done.

Wait a minute...

who has time. gets support. attends to the pain
quickly picking up. moving on. once more
a new place. a new time. a new space...
Maybe this place. time. space will be better...