



**DRAFT Minutes for the
University of the Fraser Valley
INDIGENIZATION COMMITTEE OF SENATE**

June 16, 2020

2 pm to 4 pm

via BlueJeans virtual meeting

Attendees: Dianna Kay (Chair), Angie Bailey, Betty Peters, Cory Beshera, Eric Davis, Gilmour Jope, Kat Pennier, Kris Erickson, Lauren Couture, Lorna Andrews; Cheryl Gabriel, Lauren Couture, Lorna Andrews, Louis DeJaeger, Mark Point, Peter Geller, Shaili Kealy, Shirley Hardman, Cheryl Gabriel, Judy Swakum

Regrets: Mary Saudelli, Vandy Britton, Christine Elsey, Sonny McHalsie, Bibiana Norris, Terry Prest, Sophemia Prest

Guest: Wenona Hall

Note taker: Carol Dickson

1. Welcome and Opening

Kat Pennier shared that this will be his last meeting as a member of the Indigenization Committee of Senate. Beginning in Fall 2020 Kat will begin his role as a member of the Peace and Reconciliation Centre's advisory committee.

2. Approval of Agenda - the agenda was approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2020 – the minutes were approved as presented.

- Business arising from previous meeting:
 - a) Trans Mountain Pipeline – Cory Beshera reminded everyone that there are faculty members in the Chemistry and Biology departments who are willing to act as subject matter experts if required/requested.
 - b) UFV Reads – Eric Davis is organizing a UFV Reads event for the Fall semester. The plan is to have a series of events (such as discussion groups or panel presentations) surrounding the book *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo. This is one of the ways that UFV is hoping to bring forward the discussion surrounding racism and seeking ways to address systemic racism.

4. Indigenous Studies Certificate Proposal (Wenona Hall)

Wenona shared the full proposal for the Indigenous Studies Certificate that is currently proceeding through the approval process. This certificate can be completed in two semesters of full-time study. The committee feels it is important that we know and understand the issues affecting Indigenous populations settler positionality.

MOTION: The Indigenization Committee of Senate supports the Indigenous Studies Certificate proposal as presented and recommends sending a letter of support to Senate.

5. Indigenous Initiatives Update

- ICS Work Plan: Youth Gathering - update

While the youth gathering is important to the committee, due to COVID-19 the event will need to be postponed.

- IASC (Indigenous Academic Success Cohort)

The second intake for the IASC program completed in May 2020. Due to COVID-19, three of the six courses were moved to an online format. The Indigenous Student Centre, in conjunction with Indigenous Affairs and Student Services was able to address the emergent learning technology and infrastructure needs of the students due to the mid-semester format change. All of the students enrolled were successful in completing the final three courses.

UFV is hoping to continue this program in a face-to-face format in Fall 2020, and is currently working on how to best meet the needs of the students.

- Update from the Indigenous Student Centre
 - Staff have created a virtual drop in lounge to maintain connections with the students and Elders.
 - Food hampers were sent out to students and Elders as part of a COVID-19 care plan.
- Update from Teaching & Learning
 - Seven modules have been created for faculty and staff professional development.
 - Recently offered an Educators Journey Towards Reconciliation workshop (2-day program)
 - Working with the EDI Task Force developed by the President's office reviewing training/workshops for Racism and Anti-Racism
- Halq'eméylem Language Classes
 - Halq'eméylem language courses previously scheduled for May and June at Seabird Island are being postponed for Fall 2020 due to COVID-19.

6. Indigenization Committee of Senate – Terms of Reference

Tabled to the next meeting

7. Pandemic Notes

- Courses were paused in early March and all classes were moved to an online format.
- Summer courses are all being offered online, with higher enrollment than in the past.
- Decisions regarding the Winter semester will be made by late August/early September.
- The Provincial government is working with post-secondary institutions to determine the guidelines for restarting face-to-face classes.
- Most staff are working remotely, however some essential services are still working on campus.
- UFV is looking at a BYOD (bring your own device) program for the Fall semester, as well trying to find ways to address barriers for students (external funding, loaner computers, etc.).
- Indigenous Student Centre staff and Elders are still available to support students.

8. Upcoming meetings:

- October 6, 2020
- December 8, 2020
- February 23, 2021
- April 13, 2021
- June 15, 2021