



**AGENDA for the
University of the Fraser Valley
INDIGENIZATION COMMITTEE OF SENATE**

February 26, 2019

5 pm to 8 pm

Aboriginal Gathering Place - Chilliwack Education Park Campus

1. Welcome and Opening
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2018
4. Membership Update
5. UFV Visioning Exercise
 - o “What hope or dream do you have for Indigenous learners and the University of the Fraser Valley?”
6. Update: Together We Can: Indigenous Education Summit in S’olh Temexw
7. Indigenization Initiatives Update
8. Upcoming meetings:
 - April 16, 2019
 - June 18, 2019

Information Items

- Indigenization Committee of Senate Vision and Mission Statement (*Attachment #1*)
- Indigenization Committee of Senate Terms of Reference (*Attachment #2*)



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

December 4, 2018

5 pm to 8 pm

Aboriginal Gathering Place - Chilliwack Education Park Campus

1. Welcome and Opening

a) Introduction of the guests for the evening: Robert Gladstone, Deborah Alexander and Eric Davis.

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

3. Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2018 – the minutes were approved as presented.

4. Membership Update

Deb Alexander has been working hard to increase the number of community members who are interested in participating in the committee. The committee asked Deb to confirm interest with the members as suggested and if they agree, that their names be forwarded to Senate for approval as new committee members.

On a motion duly made and seconded, that the following individuals be asked to submit applications to join the committee and that the submitted applications be recommended to Senate for approval:

- Robert Gladstone
- Sonny McHalsie
- Angie Bailey
- Kris Erickson
- Louis de Jager
- Bibiana Norris
- Sopheria Prest (Elder)

(L. Coture/M. Chutskoff) **Motion Carried.**

5. Orientation to ICS – a short session will be set up to share information with the new committee members

6. Lálém ye mestíyexw: Re-envisioning a Structure for Indigenization

E. Davis discussed the need to create a critical mass of Indigenous faculty and staff at UFV and the planning document that has been created: Lálém ye mestíuexw. This planning document includes the addition of positions to support this plan as well as the creation of the position of Si:yam, or 'respected teacher. There was some discussion over the role of a Si:yam, and how it was the responsibility of the grannies to choose who was going to be that person, and to train them from a young age. It was suggested that the role of Sesiwsteleq "respected teacher" might be more appropriate.

This document will be distributed to the internal UFV community for input and feedback. Committee members are invited to send feedback to Peter and Shirley.

7. Together We Can: Indigenous Education Summit in S'olh Temexw
 - Date – May 8, 2019
 - Planning committee members: Mark Point, Shirley Hardman, Deborah Alexander, Courtney Russell, Mary Saudelli, Terry Prest and a delegate from Skwah First Nation.
8. Indigenization Update
 - A gingerbread house contest submission won first prize in a recent competition at the Vancouver Hyatt Regency hotel. The designers, included Joel Feenstra and Sian Hurley, faculty members from the Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies, and local artist CarrieLynn Victor. The masterpiece was an artistic interpretation of a traditional Coast Salish dwelling, similar to abodes that were built for thousands of years along the banks of the Fraser River and its tributaries. See the video here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=9X7TFYo1ahQ
 - Linguist Strang Burton will speak on revitalizing Halq'emeylem at UFV at 5:00 pm on January 24, 2019. All committee members are encourage d to attend.
9. Upcoming meetings:
 - February 12, 2019
 - April 16, 2019
 - June 18, 2019

University of the Fraser Valley Indigenization Committee of Senate

Vision & Mission

Vision Statement

In the spirit of reconciliation, the University of the Fraser Valley and the Indigenous peoples in S'ólh Temexw ye Stó:lō will establish an authentic, collaborative and respectful relationship to deliver the expressed educational needs of Indigenous peoples.

Mission Statement

The University of the Fraser Valley and the Indigenous peoples of S'ólh Temexw ye Stó:lō will collaborate to transform the university to:

- Deliver programs and services consistent with the expressed wishes of the Indigenous peoples;
- Recruit and support Indigenous and Indigenized faculty, staff and administrators; and
- Measure and make adjustments to these efforts through continuous dialogue with Indigenous peoples in S'ólh Temexw ye Stó:lō.

ICS Vision & Mission - Approved by the committee - April 7, 2017

Indigenization Committee of Senate

Terms of Reference and Membership Composition

1. Advise Senate on measures to ensure alignment of academic, budgetary, and other priorities of Senate with UFV's Indigenization plans and initiatives.
2. Following meaningful dialogue with Stó:lō and other Aboriginal peoples and organizations, provide advice to Senate regarding the educational needs of Aboriginal learners and the interests, priorities, and goals of Aboriginal communities.
3. Advise on Aboriginal programs and research at the University of the Fraser Valley, as referred by Senate.
4. Recognizing the work of Indigenization throughout the University, facilitate and coordinate this work as it relates to academic matters at UFV.
5. Support Senate and UFV in embracing Indigenous ways of knowing, learning, and being; support the tenets of Indigenizing the Academy in order to work towards making UFV responsive and responsible to Indigenous peoples' goals of self-determination and well-being.
6. Establish such subcommittees as needed to fulfill the committee's responsibilities.
7. Other duties as assigned by Senate.
8. Conduct an annual review of its terms of reference and membership composition and make any recommendations for revisions to Senate.

Composition

- 12 regional representatives from the First Nations, Tribal, Métis, or Inuit community, or Aboriginal community organizations, approved by Senate
- 3 Aboriginal Elders, one male and one female, and 1 UFV Elder-in-Residence, approved by Senate
- Provost and Vice President, Academic or designate
- Dean or Associate Dean, approved by Senate
- 5 UFV faculty members, approved by Senate, at least one of whom is a senator
- Director of Indigenous Student Centre or designate
- Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs
- 2 self-identified Aboriginal students, one of whom is recommended by the Student Union Society, approved by Senate

The Chair, a member of the Aboriginal community, will be elected annually from the committee, and approved by Senate.

The Vice-chair, a UFV employee, will be elected annually from the committee.

Indigenization Committee of Senate – terms of reference & membership composition

Approved by Senate January 16, 2015

2017-18 Review complete with no revisions

2018-19 Approved at Senate June 9, 2018

Indigenization Committee of Senate
Agenda Package - February 12, 2019