



MINUTES
for the
University of the Fraser Valley
INDIGENIZATION COMMITTEE OF SENATE
October 22, 2015, 9:30 am to Noon
Chilliwack Campus, Aboriginal Gathering Place

Attendees: Eric Alex, Colleen Hodgson, Dianna Kay, Mark Point, Muriel Roberts, , Judy Swakum, Gregory St. Hilaire, Geoffrey Carr, Luanne Yellowfly, Robert Harding, Wenona Victor, Ken Brealey, Leanne Julian, Morris Prosser

Regrets: Bibiana Norris, Cheryl Gabriel , June Quipp

1. Welcome and Opening

P. Geller welcomed those present, and introduced himself as a resource to this committee. As no chairs have yet been established for this committee, he asked the members present for their permission to chair the meeting until this business had been conducted.

2. Introductions & Expectations

The committee members introduced themselves and shared their expectations for the committee.

3. Introduction to UFV and the Role of Governance

P. Geller explained the structure of decision making at the university, including the roles of the Board of Governors and the Senate. The Indigenization Committee of Senate is a standing committee of Senate and as such can provide advice to Senate. There is an opportunity for the committee to create meaningful dialogue.

4. Election of a Chair and a Vice Chair –

The terms of reference for the committee state that the Chair of this committee, a member of the Aboriginal community, will be elected annually from the committee. The Vice Chair, a UFV employee, will be elected annually from the committee.

Chair: Mark Point was nominated as chair by Dianna Kay, seconded by Leanne Julian. M. Point accepted this nomination.

Vice Chair: Wenona Victor was nominated as vice chair by Muriel Roberts, seconded by Robert Harding. W. Victor accepted this nomination.

5. Membership

It was noted that there are three community vacancies on the committee as well as two Elder vacancies. The committee discussed ways to fill these vacancies.

6. Indigenous Education Protocol

Deferred to a later meeting

7. Indigenous Academic Program Update

Deferred to a later meeting.

8. Other Business

- a. Next Meeting Dates – C. Dickson will send out a poll to find an appropriate date for the planned December meeting.