



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

April 16, 2019

5 pm to 8 pm

Aboriginal Gathering Place - Chilliwack Education Park Campus

Attendees: Mark Point (Chair), Louis De Jaeger, Lorna Andrews, Angie Bailey, Anita Vaillancourt, Shirley Hardman, Michael Chutskoff, Terry Prest, Sophemia Prest, Judy Swakum, Cory Beshara, Peter Geller, Eric Davis

Guests: Joanne MacLean, Laura Authier

Regrets: Dianna Kay, Gilmour Jope, Robert Gladstone, Lauren Couture, Bibiana Norris, Kris Eriksen, Tracy Ryder Glass, Vandy Britton, Sonny McHalsie; Carol Dickson.

Note taker: Carol Dickson

1. Welcome and Opening

New committee members (Louis De Jaeger, Robert Gladstone) were welcomed and introduced.

2. UFV Visioning Process – *Joanne MacLean*

President MacLean spoke to the committee about work that has taken place over the academic year to define UFV's Mission and Values (what we do) and to create UFV's Vision (what we aspire to do). The committee engaged Dr. MacLean in conversation regarding how this work is important to Indigenous peoples and communities.

Comments were wide ranging and included:

- The voices of Indigenous people must be heard.
- Include reconciliation
- Include aboriginal representation on committees
- Make the transition to university less scary
- Recognize the amount of work involved
- Needs to be an effort to keep the statement(s) alive
- Inclusivity, ownership
- Mindful of what's needed
- Structures of institution remain mainstream
- Concrete commitments and support
- Recognizing equivalent knowledge of Elders

President MacLean thanked the committee for their comments and their honesty.

3. Course Presentation by the *Planting Reconciliation, the Shakespeare Garden* students.

The students from the Planting Reconciliation, the Shakespeare Garden presented their final project from their course, detailing recommendations to build reconciliation through the (re)planting of the Shakespeare Garden from the original North Campus in Chilliwack.

ON A MOTIOIN DULY MADE AND SECONDED, that the Indigenization Committee of Senate supports the concept of a Reconciliation Shakespeare Garden as presented.

A. Vaillancourt/L. DeJaeger **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Approval of Agenda - the agenda was approved as presented.
5. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2018 – the minutes were approved as presented.
6. Update: Together We Can – Indigenous Education Summit in S'olh Temexw

An update was provided on the summit planning: outlining the plan for the day; that there are a variety of people attending including chiefs, Indigenous community members, Indigenous business members, UFV administrators, faculty and staff. The day will include a series of conversations which are designed to encourage an understanding of community needs.

7. Indigenization Initiatives Update
8. Upcoming meeting:
 - June 18, 2019