



MINUTES
for the
University of the Fraser Valley
INDIGENIZATION COMMITTEE OF SENATE
December 14, 2015, 9:30 am to Noon
Chilliwack Campus, Aboriginal Gathering Place

Attendees: Eric Alex, Dianna Kay, Mark Point, , Judy Swakum, Gregory St. Hilaire, , Luanne Yellowfly, Wenona Victor, Ken Brealey, Morris Prosser, Cheryl Gabriel , Tracy Ryder-Glass, Shirley Hardman, Bibiana Norris,

Regrets: June Quipp, Muriel Roberts, Colleen Hodgson, Geoffrey Carr, Robert Harding, Leanne Julian

Resources: Peter Geller, Carol Dickson (recorder)

Guest: Gwen Point

1. Welcome and Opening

M. Point welcomed those present, and asked the committee members to introduce themselves.

M. Point shared with the committee that along with ICS Vice-Chair W. Victor, he met with UFV President Mark Evered and noted the support for the ICS from the President and Senate. M. Evered has been invited to attend a future meeting.

2. Approval of Agenda – 2015-12-14

The agenda was approved with the addition of the following item:

- Indigenous Course Requirement

D. Kay/L. Morris

3. Approval of Minutes – 2015-10-22

The minutes were accepted as presented.

E. Alex/L. Yellowfly

4. Establish a Vision for the Indigenization Committee of Senate

M. Point described the need to create a mission and a vision for the committee.

Vision = Dreaming; Mission = Implementing the Dream

To begin crafting the vision and mission, M. Point asked the committee members to answer the following question: "If I am allowed to dream, UFV would _____" and then share with others. M. Point, W. Victor, and two other committee members will collate the themes of these answers and bring this back to a future meeting. The committee also discussed the need for a full-day retreat session in the Spring to further develop the work of the Committee.

5. Membership

It was noted that there are three community vacancies on the committee as well as two Elder vacancies.

In considering potential future members of the committee, there was a discussion of the Senate's process and role in approving future committee members. Any potential new members would need to be approved by Senate, which is done through a submission to the Senate Governance Committee (SGC), which acts as a nomination committee for Senate. It was agreed that potential new members would submit the nomination form developed by SGC. Potential new members should be considered with a view towards the current Terms of Reference for the ICS, which includes diversity in the membership.

It was agreed that M. Point, C. Gabriel and L. Andrews would meet to discuss nominees and move names forward for approval. Any nominations should be sent on appropriate nomination forms to Carol for distribution to this nominating committee. Elders would not be required to fill out the nomination form.

6. Indigenous Education Protocol

S. Hardman and K. Brealey attended the CiCan Indigenous Education conference in Ottawa in December 2014, where the CiCan Indigenous Education Protocol was discussed. There was support for UFV to sign on to the Protocol, and so it was agreed to bring forward to the ICS for discussion.

It was noted that some items in the Protocol could guide the discussion on mission and vision for the committee.. It provides a good sense of what other post-secondary institutions are doing in terms of Indigenization.

M. Point requested that all committee members read the Indigenous Education Protocol document prior to the next meeting. There is an opportunity to make use of the concepts and ideas in the Protocol as the ICS develops its own guiding documents.

7. Update on Indigenous Programs and Initiatives at UFV

An overview of Indigenous academic programs and other initiatives was provided.

It was suggested that MARCOM create a news item for the Indigenization Committee of Senate.

To facilitate the sharing of information that might be helpful to the committee it was suggested that a Google drive or blackboard space be created.

8. Indigenous Course Requirement

Lakehead University and University of Winnipeg have recently announced Indigenous course requirements for all students. Some of the benefits and challenges of this approach to indigenizing the curriculum were discussed. It was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.

9. Other Business

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

ACTION ITEMS

Committee members to read Appendix I (CICan Indigenous Education Protocol) prior to the next meeting.

Committee members to read the Executive Summary of the TRC report (approximately 20 pages).

M. Point and W. Victor, along with two other committee members, will meet to review the 'dream' submissions and will create a discussion document for distribution to the Committee. **M. Point, C. Gabriel and L. Andrews** to bring forward nominees to ICS.

MARCOM to create a news item on the Indigenization Committee of Senate.

C. Dickson to investigate setting up a google drive or a shared blackboard site.