



MINUTES
for the
University of the Fraser Valley
INDIGENIZATION COMMITTEE OF SENATE
February 18, 2015, 9:30 am to Noon
Chilliwack Campus, Aboriginal Gathering Place

Attendees: Colleen Hodgson, Mark Point, June Quipp, Judy Swakum, Gregory St. Hilaire, Geoffrey Carr, Wenona Victor, Ken Brealey, Tracy Ryder Glass, Shirley Hardman, Dianna Kay

Regrets: Bibiana Norris, Cheryl Gabriel, Robert Harding, Morris Prosser, Leanne Julian, Muriel Roberts, Luanne Yellowfly, Eric Alex

Resources: Peter Geller, Carol Dickson (recorder)

Guest: Mark Evered

1. Welcome and Opening

M. Point welcomed those present, and asked the committee members to introduce themselves. The committee observed a moment of silence in honour of Joanne Episkinew's passing.

2. Address by UFV President Mark Evered

M. Point welcomed M. Evered to speak with the committee. The discussion included:

- A description of the reporting structure of the Indigenization Committee of Senate which functions as an advisory committee providing recommendations to Senate. The UFV Senate is the academic governing body responsible for managing academic policies and advising the Board on policies of mutual interest.
- Encouragement that the committee work together for the benefit of the university, and specifically for the benefit of the students.
- Some key points for ICS to consider:
 - Begin with values and principles
 - Prioritize key areas: what to do now and also over the next 5 years
 - Be realistic: there are financial constraints for the university (declining and frozen funding from provincial government)
 - Work together: for the benefit of the university – for students
 - Seek an early win – something we can do

- Be opportunistic – have a plan but be flexible enough to react to opportunities that may arise
- A discussion of the recent visit by Denise Amyot, President & CEO of Colleges and Institutes Canada, including signing on to the CICan Indigenous Education Protocol; and
- Reinforcing the commitment to indigenization at UFV.

3. Approval of Agenda – 2015-02-18

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

- 6. Update on Indigenous Programs and Initiatives
- ***G. Carr/C. Hodgson***

4. Approval of Minutes – 2015-12-14

The minutes were accepted as presented.

W. Victor/L. Andrews

5. Membership

Eddie Gardner has agreed to join the committee as a UFV Elder-in-Residence. This leaves two vacancies for elders. The committee would be interested in having one of those vacancies filled by a Metis Elder.

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. Update on Indigenous Programs and Initiatives

- UFV was successful in its funding proposal submission to Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAC) to support the First Nations Public Service project through First Nations Summit. This program focuses on capacity building in the areas of human resources management, financial management, records and information management and policy development within First Nations communities. FNS has connected with the LIBIT program and has secured a practicum student to assist with this important work. UFV and FNS will be meeting with UVIC to discuss opportunities for partnership in connection to this project.

- Partnership with Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT) – ChAD 3 student BGS Completion
Building on two previous successful cohorts of NVIT Chemical Addictions Worker Advanced Diploma students, UFV, in partnership with the Nuxalk First Nation and NVIT, is looking to secure funding to provide a third cohort of the Bachelor of General Studies completion program in Bella Coola. The Chief and Council for the Nuxalk Nation are supportive of this initiative. The proposal for this project to the INAC Post-Secondary Partnership Program must be submitted by March 2, 2016, and the planned start date is September 2016.
- UFV is looking to continue its partnership with Seabird Island College and looking to build on the success of currently offered programs such as the camp cook program and the welding program.
- Seabird Island College, supported through Fraser Cascade School District, successfully proposed a field school for the NITEP program through UBC to begin in September 2016. There is great interest in offering more of this program in the valley.

7. Committee Vision & Mission

The committee members agreed that it would be productive to hold a full day meeting to develop the vision and mission of the group. This day will be held locally, but off campus. Committee members were asked to bring a list of priorities to help bring together the community and the university into a partnership.

Committee members are asked to seek community input on how UFV might best serve and relate to indigenous people.

8. Other Business

There was some discussion of current issues around the table:

- As part of a provincial initiative, Halq'eméylem language teachers in one of the schools are being advised that due to new regulations all teachers must be credentialed and up to date with the Teacher Regulation Board. This has the potential to have adverse results as many Indigenous language teachers are not currently credentialed. Is there

some way that UFV can be helpful in this regard? ACTION: T. Ryder Glass to gather information regarding this issue.

- A provincial Aboriginal education partnership meeting is being held on March 11. C. Hodgson will follow up at this meeting.

9. Indigenous Education Protocol

Committee members were asked to read this document and be prepared to discuss it at the upcoming meeting.

10. Indigenous Course Requirement

Committee members were asked to read this document and be prepared to discuss it at the upcoming meeting.

11. Other Business

- Next Meeting Dates – C. Dickson will send out a poll to find an appropriate date for the full day meeting (late April/early May target date).

Ongoing Action Items			
Date Assigned	Item	Comments	Completed
Feb 18	Send out copy of Aboriginal Service Plan to all committee members – C. Dickson		
Feb 18	Meet to review applications for membership: M. Point, C. Gabriel & L. Andrews		
Feb 18	Set up a full day off-campus meeting for committee members – Chairs/Admin support		
Feb 18	Gather information on language teacher issue – T. Ryder Glass		