



**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 Sesíwesteq "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