



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

October 23, 2018

5 pm to 8 pm

Aboriginal Gathering Place - Chilliwack Education Park Campus

1. Welcome and Opening
 - a) Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for the 2018-19 Academic Year
 - The Committee selected Mark Point to serve as Chair
 - The Committee selected Shirley Hardman to serve as Vice Chair
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

Cody Dumas, SUS Student Representative, has now graduated, leaving a vacant student position
Shirley Hardman and Cheryl Gabriel volunteered to work towards recruiting additional community members for the committee
5. Orientation to ICS – a short session will be set up to share information with the new committee members
6. Lálém ye mestiyexw: Re-envisioning a Structure for Indigenization (*Attachment #1*)

UFV is re-envisioning a structure for Indigenization as set out in the attached document. This structure reinforces and prioritizes:

 - UFV's commitment to community;
 - That students should be at the centre of the circle of support; and
 - That recruitment and retention of staff and faculty with Indigenous ancestry needs to be prioritized.
 - Additional positions:
 - A Si:yam
 - Additional administrative support
 - Director of Indigenized curriculum.

The planned timeframe of implementation is over the next 2-3 years.

Discussion included:

- Consider the Si:yam position from the perspective of education and think of this as a respected teacher, who would serve as a role model
 - Sesíwesteleq (Highest Teacher)
- Suggestions regarding the Vision of Lálém ye mestiyexw diagram
 - Perhaps Students should be in the centre?
 - Is this supposed to be drawing from the medicine wheel?
- Incorporate healing into this: learning and healing go hand in hand

This document will also be distributed to the internal UFV community for input and feedback. At the December meeting the group will discuss ideas to take this document out into the community. Committee members are invited to send feedback to Peter and Shirley.

7. Indigenization Update (*Attachment #2*)

- Joanne MacLean announced the appointment of Eric Davis as Special Advisor to the President with a focus on a project involving the recruitment and retention of Indigenous faculty and staff. Eric will assume this new role after his current year as Provost ends in the summer of 2019.
- UFV, in partnership with Métis Nation BC, is currently offering a Community Support Worker program to 17 students at the Chilliwack campus.
- UFV, in partnership with Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, is currently offering a Master of Social Work with an Indigenous focus to 24 students at the NVIT Merritt campus.
- On November 8 the UFV Alumni Association will host an honouring ceremony for UFV Elder-in-Residence Eddie Gardner. Eddie will be bestowed a lifetime membership in the Alumni Association.
- UFV received \$125,000 in funding from the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training and is currently offering a pilot Indigenous Academic Success Cohort program to 12 self-identified Indigenous students. This pilot will assist UFV to ascertain how to best support new Indigenous students to be successful.
- Nuxalk College, a former BGS completion program partner, has requested UFV offer two academic courses this semester to students taking elective classes as part of a NITEP field site in Bella Coola.
- UFV is in discussion with Kwantlen First Nation and the District of Mission on a partnership in environmental education in the Stave Lake West area.
- Currently waiting to hear back on the success of a SSHRC grant proposal to support Halq'emeylem language development.
- A program working group including Elizabeth Phillips, Dianna Kay, Wenona Hall, Mary Stewart, Strang Burton, Ghizlane Laghzaoui and Shirley Hardman is currently working on a certificate in Halq'eméylem.

8. Indigenous Post-Secondary Education Summit – Planning Update

This project was started in the spring and continued over the summer. There is a current planning session scheduled at the Sumas Longhouse on November 8 from noon to 3 pm to seek community input. ICS members are encouraged to attend.

9. Upcoming meetings:

- December 4, 2018
- February 24, 2019
- April 16, 2019

Information Items

- Indigenization Committee of Senate Vision and Mission Statement (*Attachment #3*)
- Indigenization Committee of Senate Terms of Reference (*Attachment #4*)
- Indigenization Committee of Senate Membership (*Attachment #5*)
- Aboriginal Learners in BC's Public Post-Secondary System (Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training, June 2018) <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/post-secondary-education/aboriginal-education-training/aboriginallearnerdatareport-june2018.pdf>
- Indigenous Educational Pathways (Stephanie McKeown, Adrienne Vedan, Kendra Mack, Sarah Jacknife, and Cody Tolmie, BCCAT, February 2018) http://www.bccat.ca/pubs/Indigenous_Pathways.pdf
- UFV Alumni Association – an Honouring Ceremony for UFV Elder-in-Residence Eddie Gardner will be held in the Aboriginal Gathering Place at 6:30 pm on November 8, 2018