

## Annual Report to Senate - June 2017

### Indigenization Committee of Senate

The Indigenous Committee of Senate (ICS) is pleased to submit for Senate an Annual Report of our activities.

#### 1. Committee Meetings and Membership

The Indigenous Committee of Senate was established by Senate in January 2015, recognizing that including the Indigenous community in the indigenization of academic matters of UFV is a responsibility of academic governance (Attachment #1). Nominees from within UFV and from the Aboriginal community were sought, with membership in place for the 2015-16 academic year.

Current membership of the Committee:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area Represented</b>
Greg St. Hilaire	Faculty of Access & Continuing Education (Senator)
Geoffrey Carr	Faculty of Humanities
Luanne Yellowfly	Faculty of Social Sciences (Vice-Chair)
Robert Harding	Faculty of Professional Studies
Wenona Victor	Faculty of Humanities
Tracy Ryder Glass	Dean (Faculty of Professional Studies)
Vacant	Student
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Eric Alex	Community Representative
Cheryl Gabriel	Community Representative
Colleen Hodgson	Community Representative
Dianna Kay	Community Representative
Bibiana Norris	Community Representative
Mark Point	Community Representative (Chair)
Muriel Roberts	Community Representative
June Quipp	Community Representative
Judy Swakum	Community Representative
Clarence Pennier	Grand Chief, Stó:lō Tribal Council (Elder)
Eddie Gardner	UFV Elder-in-Residence
Peter Geller	Provost & Vice President, Academic (designate)
Shirley Hardman	Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs
Lorna Andrews	Director of Indigenous Student Centre

*Note:* there are three community, two student and one Aboriginal elder vacancies. One student (Michael Chutskoff) will begin their term effective August 1, 2017. A sub-committee has been tasked with filling the remaining vacancies.

The FSC has met four times between September 2015 and June 2016:

- October 17, 2016
- December 16, 2016
- April 7, 2017
- May 17, 2017

As per its Terms of Reference the FSC selected Mark Point as the Chair and Luanne Yellowfly as the Vice-Chair.

### 3. Committee Activities

This year the focus for the committee has been on listening to student voices. At its December meeting, Sukhi Brar, SUS President and Michael Chutskoff, SUS Equities Officer, attended the meeting to discuss their experiences at a national student conference in Ottawa, and their experiences both meeting with other students and with politicians through contacts made at the conference. Both Sukhi and Michael felt strongly that more needed to be done to indigenize every class at UFV.

In January the following committee members, UFV employees and students traveled to VIU to attend the Role of Regional Universities and Indigenous Knowledge Transfer conference:

- Mark Point (Chair)
- Luanne Yellowfly (Vice Chair)
- Peter Geller (Vice Provost & Associate Vice President Academic)
- Tracy Ryder Glass (Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies)
- Shirley Hardman (Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs)
- Wenona Victor (Indigenous Studies Faculty)
- Lorna Andrews (Director, Indigenous Student Centre)
- Eddie Gardner (Elder)
- Carol Dickson (Executive Assistant)
- Michael Chutskoff (Student)
- Hailey Peter-Sam (Student)

The participating universities were Lakehead University, Nipissing University, UFV, University of Lethbridge, University of Winnipeg and Vancouver Island University. The conference was well attended and participants were involved in a variety of thought provoking discussions. UFV is involved in the organization of a follow-up conference that is being planned for October 2017.

### 4. Indigenizing the Academy

At its April 7 meeting a group of Social Work students presented a territorial acknowledgement video which was their final project for a course. Sukhi Brar, President of the Student Union was also in attendance at this meeting. The video was well received and generated a discussion regarding ways to indigenize the academy.

The discussion from this April meeting resulted in the following two motions:

**Motion:**

**That Senate explore the ways that they can support and encourage territorial acknowledgement in every course.**

**Motion:**

**That the Terms of Reference and Membership Composition for the Indigenization Committee of Senate be amended to include**

- ***”2 self-identified Aboriginal students, one of whom is recommended by the Student Union Society.”***

***Submitted by Mark Point, Chair, Indigenization Committee of Senate***