

Annual Report to Senate - June 2018

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:

Name	Area Represented
Greg St. Hilaire	Faculty of Access & Continuing Education (Senator)
Vandy Britton	Faculty of Professional Studies
Luanne Yellowfly	Faculty of Social Sciences (Vice-Chair)
Anita Vaillancourt	Faculty of Professional Studies
Wenona Hall	Faculty of Humanities
Tracy Ryder Glass	Dean (Faculty of Professional Studies)
Michael Chutskoff	Student, College of Arts (undeclared)
Cody Dumas	Student, Faculty of Humanities
Eric Alex	Community Representative
Cheryl Gabriel	Community Representative
Colleen Hodgson	Community Representative
Dianna Kay	Community Representative
Mark Point	Community Representative (Chair)
Judy Swakum	Community Representative
Clarence Pennier	Grand Chief, Stó:lō Tribal Council (Elder)
Terry Prest	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 six community and one Aboriginal elder vacancies. A sub-committee has been tasked with filling the remaining vacancies.

The FSC has met five times between September 2017 and May 2018:

- September 26, 2017
- November 28, 2017
- February 27, 2018
- April 24, 2018
- May 15, 2018

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

3. Committee Activities

- In conjunction with the September meeting, committee members attended the Witness Blanket Exhibit.
- Committee members were consulted regarding the creation of the job posting for a Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Studies.
- The committee is currently planning an Indigenous Education Summit for high school students and teachers, to be held on October 26, 2018.

4. Indigenizing the Academy

At its May 5, 2017 meeting, Senate supported the following motion:

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

Senate also asked this committee to bring forward ideas that will help support and encourage territorial acknowledgement in every course. This has been the focus of the committee during the 2017-18 academic year and will continue in the 2018-19 academic year. In addition the committee intends to further develop strategic planning for Indigenization at UFV.

Submitted by Mark Point, Chair, Indigenization Committee of Senate