



SUBJECT	Update on Agreement with Okanagan Nation Alliance
SUBMITTED TO	Board of Governors
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SESSION CLASSIFICATION	Recommended session criteria from Board Meetings Policy: OPEN
REQUEST	For information only - No action requested
LEAD EXECUTIVE	Lesley Cormack, Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UBC Okanagan
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) and UBC Okanagan has been renewed. This MoU, first established in 2005, highlights the importance of higher education for Indigenous People of the Southern Interior and acknowledges respect for Indigenous Peoples and their lands. Under this agreement, various academic programs, research initiatives, and partnerships have been established, including the Indigenous Studies Program and Syilx knowledge classes. The MoU has facilitated collaborations with Syilx communities in different disciplines, such as campus planning and events. Both UBC Okanagan and the ONA value this relationship, recognizing the educational and research opportunities it brings for long-term community prosperity. In conclusion, this renewal emphasizes the significance of the MoU in fostering a strong and mutually beneficial partnership, making notable contributions to research, learning, and community engagement.

APPENDICES

1. High-level presentation of the Memorandum of Understanding between Okanagan Nation Alliance and UBC Okanagan



HONOURING PLACE AND PROTOCOL: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE AND UBC OKANAGAN

Board of Governors December 2023

Dr. Lesley Cormack and Adrienne Vedan



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



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Chief Clarence Louie and Dr. Lesley Cormack renew the Memorandum of Understanding between the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) and UBC Okanagan at the ONA Annual General Assembly in October 2023 in Penticton.





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

In 2005, the Okanagan Nation officially welcomed UBC to Syilx territory in an official ceremony - knaqs npi'lsmist

At this time the founding Memorandum of Understanding and Memorandum of Agreement was signed between UBC and the ONA and a Memorandum of Affiliation with the En'owkin Centre.



RESEARCH, LEARNING AND PARTNERSHIP

Academic Programs

- Indigenous Studies Program
 - Syilx knowledge classes & Syilx faculty
- Syilx knowledge woven through Bachelor of Education Program
- Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Fluency

Research

- Many partnerships with Syilx communities across a diverse range of disciplines

Partnerships

- Campus Planning
- Events and Ceremonies





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