



**Board of Governors**  
**INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**11:33 a.m. – 11:52 a.m.**

**VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Approval: June 11, 2024

**Chair** Dr. hagwil hayetsk (Charles Menzies)

**Vice-Chair** TBD

**Members** President Benoit Antoine Bacon  
Dr. Natalie Chan  
Mr. Kareem Hassib  
Dr. Sandy Hilton  
Mr. Leonard Schein  
Ms. Leona Sparrow, Musqueam Indian Band  
Mr. Matthew Tan

**Regrets** Hon. Steven Point, Chancellor  
Interim Board Chair Bill Sundhu  
Ms. Pauline Terbasket, Okanagan Nation Alliance

**Supported By**

Ms. Adrienne Vedan, Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, UBC Okanagan

**Designated Executive Liaisons**

Dr. Gage Averill, Provost and Vice-President Academic,  
UBC Vancouver  
Dr. Lesley Cormack, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and  
Principal, UBC Okanagan

**Board Secretary**

Ms. Karen Hakkarainen

Indigenous Engagement Committee Chair hagwil hayetsk (Charles Menzies) called the open session of the March 12, 2024 meeting of the Indigenous Engagement Committee to order at 11:33 a.m.

The Chair respectfully acknowledged the ancestral and unceded territories of the Musqueam and of the Syilx Okanagan Nation upon which UBC campuses are located, and the traditional owners and caretakers of lands, near and far, from which Board members and UBC community members remotely joined the meeting.

He acknowledged the significant presence and contributions of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples within the active Indigenous community at UBC, noting their vital role in the University's success and emphasizing the ongoing journey of decolonization.

He introduced himself as a member of Gitxaala Nation and a professor of anthropology at University of British Columbia, recognized the diversity of Indigenous and settler experiences, and expressed his commitment to guiding the Committee forward in its work.

The Chair welcomed new member Leonard Schein to the Committee.

The Board Secretary reviewed attendance and confirmed quorum.

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The Chair asked if any Committee members would like to make any amendments to the agenda, such as move any consent agenda items to the discussion portion of the agenda. No requests were made.

The following resolution was moved, seconded, and **CARRIED**:

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Indigenous Engagement Committee approves as circulated the Agenda for the March 12, 2024 open meeting of the Indigenous Engagement Committee.**

The Chair asked whether Governors had any actual, apparent or perceived conflicts of interest in relation to any of the items on the agenda. None were declared.

## 2. Consent Agenda

The Chair asked whether Committee members had noted any errors or omissions in the Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated under the appended Consent Agenda. None were noted.

The following resolution was moved, seconded, and **CARRIED**:

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Indigenous Engagement Committee approves the resolution forwarded under the open Consent Agenda, as presented in the Appendix.**

## 3. Planning for delivery of an Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP) Annual Report

Responsible Executives: Gage Averill, Provost and Vice-President Academic, UBC Vancouver  
Lesley Cormack, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Principal, UBC Okanagan

The Committee received and discussed an information update (verbal) on the planning for delivery of an Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP) Annual Report. It was noted that the initiative involves collaboration with the ISP Executive Advisory Committee. The report to be presented at the upcoming June 2024 meeting will include references to the goals of the ISP and updates on the Indigenous Strategic Initiative funding initiatives. While the report will not capture the results of the baseline survey on the Vancouver campus progress towards the ISP, there are plans to incorporate this in the future. It was noted that the Okanagan Campus has been focused on five key areas related to Truth and Reconciliation Commission commitments, and reports out on these to the Committee annually. Future reporting on these commitments would be a part of the larger ISP report plan, which involves creating a framework and determining relevant aspects of the ISP to report on for the upcoming year, with the intention of expanding these reporting elements in future annual reports.

There was discussion of incorporating performance measures (such as those being used by faculties and units in the ISP implementation toolkit) as part of future reporting on the ISP. A Committee member suggested to also consider other reporting being generated on this topic to avoid duplication of work and to take advantage of any potential synergies with those reports.

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## ACTION ITEMS

None arising.

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## Adjournment

The Indigenous Engagement Committee open session adjourned at 11:52 a.m.