

SENATE COMMITTEE ON INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES (SCII)

Terms of Reference:

1. To review, consider, advise, and make recommendations to Senate with respect to a range of priorities that are relevant to UNBC:
 - (a) Indigenization or reconciliation initiatives that are relevant to or impact academic programming or course content, academic support services or Indigenous students.
 - (b) academic programming, development, delivery and assessment of undergraduate and graduate course offerings, content and methodologies, research or academic support services relating to Indigenous Peoples.
 - (c) research initiatives and, in collaboration with the Office of Research and Innovation, the development and regular review of any applicable institutional research policies.
 - (d) agreements or memorandums of understanding with educational institutions that contain specific academic commitments or offerings relevant to SCII's scope of work.
2. To make recommendations to Senate with respect to criteria and approaches measuring and assessing the breadth and progress of UNBC's Indigenization and reconciliation efforts in academic programming, research, academic support, tutoring and academic support services.
3. To provide advice to senior academic administrators with respect to academic supports and services for Indigenous students, and other matters within Senate's scope of governance authority and SCII's scope of work.
4. To seek input, advice, and expertise both internally and outside of the University Community on a regular or ad hoc basis, as the Committee deems appropriate to fulfill their delegated function(s) under these Terms of Reference.
5. To collaborate with the Office of Indigenous Initiatives.

Membership (14):

President or designate (*ex-officio* – *University Act*, s. 63(c))
Associate Vice President, Indigenous (*Chair*)
Dean, Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Science and Humanities
Chair of the Department of First Nations Studies
Manager, Indigenous Student Empowerment
Manager, Indigenous Initiatives
One Member from the Office of Research, appointed by the Vice-President, Research and Innovation
One Indigenous Graduate Student, appointed by Senate
One Indigenous Undergraduate Student, appointed by Senate
One Senator, appointed by Senate
Representative of the WWNI
Two additional Faculty Members with knowledge, interest and expertise relevant to the work of SCII
Registrar and Secretary of Senate (non-voting)

Ad hoc members, as needed and on the approval of SCII, drawn from the University Community or external communities who can provide additional expertise on matters within SCII's terms of reference (non-voting)

Chair: Associate Vice President, Indigenous

Vice Chair: President or designate

Committee Secretary: University Registrar and Secretary to Senate

Recording Secretary: Designate from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives

Quorum: Majority

Reporting Month: April

Meeting Schedule: Monthly

POSITION	INCUMBENT	EXPIRY DATE
Interim President (<i>ex officio</i>)	Bill Owen	N/A
Associate Vice President, Indigenous	Penína Sara-Lynn Harding	N/A
Dean, Faculty of Indigenous Studies, Social Science and Humanities	Katerina Standish	N/A
Chair, Department of First Nations Studies	Nancy Stevens	N/A
Manager, Indigenous Student Empowerment	Vacant	N/A
One Member from the Office of Research, appointed by the Vice-President, Research and Innovation	Nicole Baillet	N/A
One Indigenous Graduate Student, appointed by Senate	Cheri Brown	08/31/2026
One Indigenous Undergraduate Student, appointed by Senate	Araiya Bernard	08/31/2026
One Senator, appointed by Senate	Allan Kranz	03/31/2027
Representative of the WWNI	Deanna Nyce	N/A
Faculty Member	Tina Fraser	03/31/2026
Faculty Member	Vacant	03/31/2027
University Registrar and Secretary of Senate (non-voting)	Kimberly Read	N/A