



Policy Title:

## Indigenous Advisory Circle Policy

University Classification & Policy Number:

B-001

Approval Body:

Board of Regents

Responsible Designate:

President & Vice-Chancellor

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Not applicable

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### 1.0 Policy Purpose

The purpose of this Policy is to provide an institutional framework for an Indigenous Advisory Circle to contribute Indigenous perspectives to the University's governance, programs, and services.

### 2.0 Definitions

Not applicable

### 4.0 Scope

This Policy applies to the Indigenous Advisory Circle at The University of Winnipeg.

### 5.0 Policy Elements

#### 5.01 Principles

The University of Winnipeg acknowledges that we are gathered on ancestral lands, on Treaty One Territory. These lands are the heartland of the Métis people. We acknowledge that our water is sourced from Shoal Lake 40 First Nation.

The University of Winnipeg recognizes that First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities have valuable knowledge to share with Indigenous and non-Indigenous students and communities. The University of Winnipeg affirms the value of Indigenous knowledge and teachings.

#### 5.02 Objectives

The Indigenous Advisory Circle will advise the President and Vice-Chancellor, the Associate Vice-President Indigenous Engagement, and the senior administrative team.

The Advisory Circle will be a visionary and advisory body, working together to bring the issues and experiences, expertise and perspectives of Indigenous peoples to the University. Members will consult regularly with representatives of Indigenous organizations throughout the country, and

internationally, and with individuals who are working at the community level on Indigenous issues, and make recommendations to the University to achieve its objectives of Indigenous inclusion.

Specifically, the Indigenous Advisory Circle shall:

- Support initiatives, programs and services at The University of Winnipeg;
- Advise on matters related to local, national and international Indigenous communities;
- Assist in ensuring that the University and its governance, programs, and services are guided by an awareness and understanding of Indigenous peoples; and
- Improve access by providing advice on the needs of Indigenous students and related fundraising priorities.

### **5.03 Terms of Reference**

The Indigenous Advisory Circle shall operate in accordance with a Terms of Reference, developed by the President and Vice-Chancellor, in collaboration with the Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Engagement and the Indigenous Advisory Circle. The following components must be included in the Terms of Reference:

- Mandate – detailed summary of the IAC’s vision and purpose;
- Responsibilities – expectations of members;
- Membership and Structure – requirements of appointment to the IAC; specified term of membership, selection process, reappointment rules and process;
- Meetings – frequency and format of meetings, detail related to decision-making, quorum, voting, and circulation of minutes; and
- Review – specified time period as to when the Terms of Reference will be reviewed.

## **6.0 Relevant Legislation**

Not applicable

## **7.0 Related Policies, Procedures and Institutional Documents**

- Ceremonial Use of Sacred Medicines Policy
- Elder Protocol