

**UNIVERSITY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR INFORMATION**

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Kalynchuk, chair
Planning and priorities committee of Council

DATE OF MEETING: December 17, 2015

SUBJECT: **USSU Motion on Indigenous Content in the Curriculum**

COUNCIL ACTION: For information only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

On November 19, 2015, the University of Saskatchewan Students' Council carried the following motion about Indigenous content in the university's curriculum:

Motion: That the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union call on the University of Saskatchewan to:

1. Commit to implementing Indigenous content into the curriculum of every University of Saskatchewan College and degree;
2. Strike a coordinating committee made up of relevant students, faculty, Indigenous leaders and elders, and other important voices to consider the logistics and implementation of the incorporating Indigenous content in curricula.
 - a. The above committee would be charged with conducting a proper consultative process to ensure all relevant viewpoints and considerations are addressed appropriately.
3. Make the commitment by January 31st, 2016, and strike the committee by May 31st, 2016.

On December 2, 2015, the planning and priorities committee discussed the motion and subsequently carried the following motion:

Motion: That the planning and priorities committee supports that the USSU motion be submitted to University Council for information and to recognize the leadership of students on this initiative.

DISCUSSION SUMMARY:

The planning and priorities committee was in favour of submitting the USSU motion to Council to signify the importance of this issue for our institution and to provide an opportunity for Council to discuss the motion and ask questions. The committee recognizes the many logistical, practical, and other challenges associated with implementing Indigenous content throughout the curriculum of the university. The committee also recognizes the authority and responsibility of colleges to develop their own curriculum. Notwithstanding the many considerations that would need to occur to make the motions a reality, the committee supports the spirit of the USSU motion and submits the motion to Council as a significant step forward in realizing the university's strategic Aboriginal initiative.