

**Indigenous Content Committee**  
**Faculty of Arts**  
**Terms of Reference**

**Authority:**

Established by Arts Faculty Council as a standing committee of Faculty Council.

**Purpose:**

The committee shall advise and recommend to Faculty Council on the establishment of course and/or program-level Indigenous content requirement(s) as part of a larger university mandate to “Ensure every student graduates with a basic understanding of the importance and contributions of Indigenous peoples in Manitoba and Canada” and “Identify options to ensure that Indigenous content is included in academic Programs” (University of Manitoba Strategic Plan, 2015-2020, Section I, Goal H, Supporting Action I). The committee shall continue the work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Indigenous Content and seek to enact its recommendations (see the final report and recommendations to Faculty Council from November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017).

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The committee shall:

- 1) Report at least once annually to Faculty Council
- 2) Provide advice to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts with respect to the teaching needs associated with the introduction of the “I” requirement.
- 3) Vet courses that might serve to meet the Indigenous content requirement.
- 4) Provide advice regarding a “Traditional Knowledge Keepers” program within the Faculty of Arts.
- 5) Explore opportunities for the development of faculty awareness and expertise in Indigenous curriculum.
- 6) To make recommendations to appropriate bodies or officers for decolonizing pedagogy in the Faculty of Arts

**Composition:**

1. Dean of Arts (or designate) - *ex officio*<sup>i</sup>
2. Head of Native Studies (or designate) – *ex officio*<sup>i</sup>
3. Arts Indigenous Student Advisor – *ex officio*<sup>i</sup>
4. Manager, Arts Student Services – *ex officio*<sup>i</sup>
5. Four faculty members elected by Faculty Council serving staggered two year terms
6. One Arts student member appointed by the President of the Arts Student Body Council serving a one year term
7. At least one Indigenous Manitoban representative either from within the faculty of arts or from elsewhere appointed by the Dean on the recommendation of the Head of Native Studies serving a two-year term

*Established and approved by Arts Faculty Council January 2018*

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<sup>i</sup> All ex officio members of standing committees have voting rights unless otherwise stipulated