

**CONSTITUTION of the
FIRST NATIONS UNIVERSITY OF CANADA
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION – REGINA CAMPUS**
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PREAMBLE

We recognize the inherent right of human beings to achieve a sense of self-realization within the context of their cultural philosophies and understandings. Self-determination for Indigenous people is dependent upon the ability to express their respective Nations' individualism and hereby establish a student organizational structure to secure of collective Treaty and Indigenous Rights to voice the needs of student and the education for students.

It has been the founding leaders of our Nations who negotiated with the Crown on our behalf to secure institutions of higher education for as long as the sun shines, the Grass grows, and the Rivers flow. We believe that these institutions comprehensively address the human and physical resource development needs by promoting and enhancing the use of our languages and cultures to further represent our respective Nations within broader academic and social communities.

I. NAME

The name of the organization is to be the "First Nations University of Canada Students Association – Regina Campus"; herein referred to as the "FNUnivSA-Regina".

II. OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION

- a. To act as an autonomous voice of all current registered students of the First Nations University of Canada on Regina Campus.
- b. To support and enhance awareness of First Nation Culture within our institution and community.
- c. To support the endeavors of the First Nations University of Canada within the realm of higher education.
- d. To support the pursuit of Indigenous control of Indigenous education in our communities.

III. MEMBERS

A member of the FNUnivSA-Regina consists of:

- a. All currently registered First Nations University of Canada students at Regina Campus.

IV. STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is comprised of Elected Officers.

Elected Officers: The Student Council consists of members elected to office at the end of the winter semester or in a subsequent by-election. All Elected Officers have a right to vote on all council issues, are required to attend regular meetings and must agree to the FNUnivSA-Regina Code of Conduct upon assuming their elected position. All Elected Officers must be current FNUnivSA-Regina members and have been a post-secondary student for a minimum of two semesters. All Elected Officers are expected to contribute to and participate in all FNUnivSA-Regina events whenever possible and must always act

in the best interest and under the direction of the Student Council and general membership.

The structure of Student Council is as follows:

Executive Council

- a. President
- b. Vice-President
- c. Director of Finance
- d. Director of Communications
- e. FNUnivSA-URSU Director

FNUnivSA-Regina Representatives

- a. Elders' Representative
- b. Two-Spirit Representative
- c. Maximum of five honorary representatives

Ex-Officio Representative

- a. Alumni Representative

Detailed roles and responsibilities for each Council member is included in the *FNUnivSA-Regina Policies & Operating Procedures Handbook*.

V. ELECTIONS

- a. Elections of the Student Council will take place in March each year.
- b. FNUnivSA-Regina will hire a Chief Electoral Officer that will oversee the election procedures.
- c. All members of the FNUnivSA-Regina will be entitled to a vote in the Student Council election.
- d. Candidates must be an active member of the FNUnivSA-Regina and must be nominated by a current FNUnivSA-Regina member in good standing in accordance the *FNUnivSA-Regina Elections Procedure* contained within the *FNUnivSA-Regina Policies & Operating Procedures Handbook*.
- e. The winning candidate must receive the highest number of votes from eligible voting members.
- f. All terms will end annually on the last business day in March.

VI. RESIGNATIONS & VACANCY

- a. An elected member of the FNUnivSA-Regina Student Council may resign at any time by providing written notice to the President or Executive Council.
- b. Bi-election dates will be called in the fall semester to fill vacant positions, if required.

VII. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a. The FNUnivSA-Regina will hold an Annual General Meeting each academic year.
- b. At a minimum, a report from the President and Treasurer will be tabled for discussion.
- c. The membership must approve the reviewed/audited financial statements.
- d. The Annual General Meeting must be announced thirty days in advance. The members are able to submit motions for the meeting up to twenty-one days in advance. These motions must be posted two weeks prior to the meeting.
- e. Quorum is 10% of the eligible membership.

VIII. STUDENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- a. Student Council meetings shall be held when deemed appropriate and necessary by any member of Executive Council. The frequency, day, time and location of meetings will be decided at the beginning of each semester by the Executive Council. If necessary, additional meetings will be called as required.
- b. All FNUivSA-Regina members, and other interested parties, will be welcomed at these meetings to contribute to discussion.
- c. Quorum shall consist of 50% of the Student Council, plus the sitting members.
- d. Except as otherwise required by law, an act majority of members of the Student Council, present at a duly convened meeting where quorum has been established, shall be an official act of the FNUivSA-Regina. The President shall cast the deciding vote if required.

IX. SIGNING AUTHORITY

- a. The President, Vice-President and Director of Finance have signing authority. Two of the three authorized signers must co-sign each cheque.
- b. All expenditures over \$20 must have the written approval of the Student Council prior to the transaction taking place. Expenditures under \$20 will be paid from petty cash. Receipts from all transactions must be submitted at the next meeting.
- c. Transaction receipts must be filed prior to reimbursement for expenses.

X. ACCOUNTABILITY & TRANSPARENCY

- a. Members of the Student Council shall operate in a professional manner set forthwith in this constitution and according to the *Code of Conduct* each member signs at the beginning of their elected term. The *Code of Conduct* can be found in the *FNUivSA-Regina Policies & Operating Procedures Handbook*.
- b. Student Council members may be impeached from their position if they display unprofessional conduct as defined by the *Code of Conduct*, do not adequately fulfill the obligations of their elected position or are no longer an active member of the FNUivSA-Regina.
- c. Student Council will strive for transparency in its operations as stewards of FNUivSA-Regina member fees, providing minutes of all meetings available for review in the FNUivSA-Regina office by request as well as any documents of concern with 4 days notification.

XI. POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- a. Detailed policies and procedures for operating the FNUivSA-Regina effectively and in accordance with this constitution are contained in the *FNUivSA-Regina Policies & Operating Procedures Handbook*.

XII. AMENDMENTS

- a. This constitution may be amended by two-thirds majority vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. The Annual General Meeting may, from time-to-time, pass by-laws for the proper governing of the FNUivSA-Regina. The Student Council may pass by-laws, but such by-laws must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.