

# Media Release

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## The First Nations University of Canada Announces Interim Vice President Academic

**Regina, Saskatchewan** – The First Nations University of Canada is pleased to announce Dr. Jesse Archibald-Barber as the Interim Vice President Academic. Dr. Jesse Archibald-Barber commenced his role on December 1, 2022 and will be in the position until June 30, 2023. Dr. Archibald-Barber will work alongside Dr. Bob Kayseas, current Vice President Academic, until December 31, 2022. Dr. Kayseas will be on sabbatical beginning January 2, 2023.

Dr. Archibald-Barber is the Program Coordinator and a Professor of Indigenous Literatures in English at the First Nations University of Canada. He is originally from Regina, where he began his post-secondary studies at the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC) before completing his BA in English Literature at the University of Victoria and his graduate degrees at the University of Toronto. Since 2007, he has taught English and Indigenous Literature at the First Nations University of Canada, where he has previously served as head of the Indigenous arts and culture programs.

Jesse is the editor of *kisiskâciwan: Indigenous Voices from Where the River Flows Swiftly*, an anthology of Saskatchewan Indigenous writings, released in June 2018, amongst other selected publications throughout his academic career. Jesse was also a co-writer and producer of the Making Treaty 4 performance project. His forthcoming publication examines Cree Star stories, to be released early in 2023.

As part of the Senior Leadership Team, the Vice President Academic provides leadership for all academic units, campuses, community-based programs, and instructional delivery systems, including the FNUUniv Library, Registrar's Office, and Student Success Services.

The Vice President Academic works collaboratively with academic institutions, internal and external stakeholders, and Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments.

**About First Nations University of Canada**

Established in 1976, the First Nations University of Canada is Canada's *only* national First Nations-owned post-secondary institution. FNUiv is a unique educational institution of higher learning specializing in Indigenous Education for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of all cultural backgrounds. Our Vision is to aspire to have a transformative impact by bridging our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages, and traditions with the delivery of high-quality post-secondary education. For more information, please visit [www.fnuniv.ca](http://www.fnuniv.ca).

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