

APPENDIX “A”
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA
RESPECTFUL REMATRIATION AND REPATRIATION WORKING CIRCLE
~SHARED GOVERNANCE FOR COLLABORATION ~

PURPOSE

The purpose for convening the Respectful Rematriation and Repatriation Ceremony (RRRC) Working Circle is to help draft a University of Manitoba Policy and Wise Practices, and to provide future assistance where required in implementation.

The goal of the Policy and Wise Practices was to create and maintain an Elder, Grandparent, and Knowledge Keeper, Indigenous-led, pro-active and University-wide Respectful Rematriation and Repatriation Ceremony in which the roles and responsibilities of University of Manitoba units are clear.

RRRC CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP

Co-Chairs

- Representative of the RRC Council;
- Representative of the Department of Anthropology or Archives and Special Collections; and
- Representative appointed by the Office of the Vice-President (Indigenous)

Membership

Membership on the RRRC Working Circle ensures that the relevant and interested parties have an opportunity to support the work that is being done.

Membership on the RRRC Working Circle occurs by the Co-Chairs inviting representatives from Indigenous Governments and organizations; University of Manitoba Faculty, Departments, Units, or equivalent; and representatives that are external to the University of Manitoba to serve on the Working Circle.

It is recognized that not all invitees will participate on the RRC Working Circle, recognizing that not all may have capacity to serve annually, or that individuals may represent more than one group on the Circle.

Composition

The composition of the RRRC Working Circle must include:

- Three (3) Co-Chairs on the RRRC Working Circle;
- A minimum of three (3) Indigenous Governments and/or organizations;
- A minimum of six (6) Representatives from the University of Manitoba Groups, Centres, Faculties, Units, Departments and/or Communities, including staff and/or students; and
- A minimum of two (2) Representatives that are external to the University of Manitoba, and can include a Representative from another University or Museum.

Length of Commitment

- Each member will serve a term no longer than one (1) year, with the possibility of renewal by invitation of the Co-Chairs to serve on subsequent Working Circles.
- The Working Circle will be dissolved following the passage of the Policy and Wise Practices, however, it may be reconstituted in accordance with the Policy or Wise Practices as required.

Quorum

- Quorum shall be based on the number of members who commit to participate on the RRRC Working Circle for the given calendar year.
- Quorum is achieved when half of the membership is present in a meeting.

Alternates

- Members are encouraged to send an alternate in the event they are unable to attend a meeting. It will be the responsibility of the member to inform the Co-Chairs of the RRRC Working Circle that they will send an alternate. At the request of the member, Co-Chairs will arrange to send an information package to the alternate member.

Support Roles Without Participation in Governance

- The RRRC Working Circle may, from time to time, invite guests to participate in a meeting when their contributions and experiences may inform the discussions and work of the RRRC Working Circle, in particular the development of the policy and wise practices.
- The Office of the Vice-President (Indigenous) will provide Resource staff to support the RRRC Working Circle.

Decision-making

- All decisions to advance the goals of the RRRC Working Circle will be taken by consensus.
- In the unlikely event that the RRRC Working Circle cannot reach consensus, the RRRC Working Circle will refer the matter to the RRRC Council and will accept the decision of the RRRC Council.

Timeline and Communications

- When constituted, or reconstituted as the case may be, the RRRC Working Circle Shared Governance for Collaboration will be agreed upon by consensus and may schedule meeting(s) monthly thereafter.
- Communications will be periodic to the Vice-Presidents: Indigenous, and Research and International and to the RRRC WC membership including governments, organizations and University of Manitoba faculties and centres to ensure timely progress and transparency of the RRRC Working Circle in accordance with timelines set by the RRRC Council.

Documentation, Storage, and Access to Information for Duration of Work

- All meetings will be recorded, and all recordings, minutes, and working draft documents will be stored in a UM hosted SharePoint folder with designated permission to access.

PAST WORKING CIRCLE MEMBERS INCLUDE:

Indigenous Governments And Organizations Represented-7

- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and Assembly of First Nations
- Manitoba Inuit Association
- Canupawakpa Dakota Nation
- Interlake Reserves Tribal Council
- Southeast Resource Development Council
- Ka Ni Kanichihk
- Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre

Indigenous Representatives From Museum and University (External To UM)-2

- The Manitoba Museum
- Indigenous Legal Scholar (University Of Saskatchewan)

Representatives From UM Groups, Centres, Faculties, and Communities-12

- Respectful Repatriation Ceremony Council
- Indigenous Graduate Student
- Indigenous Undergraduate Student
- Office Of The Vice-President (Indigenous)
- Office Of Vice-President (Research)
- The National Centre For Truth And Reconciliation
- Centre For Human Rights Research
- Faculty Of Social Work
- Libraries And Archives

Other possible representatives can include, and are not limited to:

The Manitoba Métis Federation, Southern Chiefs Organization, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, West Region Tribal Council, Dakota-Ojibway Tribal Council, Island Lake Tribal Council, Keewatin Tribal Council, And Swampy Cree Tribal Council.