



The following Motions and Documents were considered by the GFC Committee on the Documentation of Indigeneity at its Thursday, January 27, 2022 meeting:

Agenda Title: **Territorial Métis Representative Organization Update**

CARRIED MOTION: THAT the First Nation, Métis and Inuit eligible identity documentation list be updated to include recognized Territorial organizations for Métis peoples, specifically the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (MN-NWT) as amended, effective upon approval.

**FINAL ITEM 6**

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**Governance Executive Summary  
Action Item**

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**Motion**

<p>THAT the First Nation, Métis and Inuit eligible identity documentation list be updated to include recognized Territorial organizations for Métis peoples, specifically the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (MN-NWT) effective upon approval.</p>
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**Item**

Proposed by	Office of the Registrar, Indigenous Recruitment
Presenter	Melissa Padfield, Vice Provost ad Registrar; and Trevor Phillips, Manager, Indigenous Recruitment,

**Details**

Office of Administrative Responsibility	Office of the Registrar
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To update the approved Métis representative organizations in the official institutional list of approved First Nation, Métis and Inuit organizations who grant eligible Indigenous documentation. The update is to acknowledge Territorial Métis organizations who have been Federally recognized as the representative organization for Métis peoples in the region.
Executive Summary (outline the specific item – and remember your audience)	<p>Métis peoples living North of 55, and who are not members of the Métis National Council’s provincial organizations, have had to research historical connections in jurisdictions with provincial associations outside the region they live in to secure eligible Métis identity documentation. This has posed numerous challenges for Northern Métis peoples, especially those living in the territories, due to specific residency requirements of provincial representative organizations.</p> <p>In the Spring of 2021, after 25 years, the Northwest Territory Métis Nation (MN-NWT), representing a cluster of Métis locals within the boundaries of the NWT region, reached an agreement in principle with the federal government of Canada and the government of the Northwest Territories for negotiating land claim on behalf of NWT Métis peoples. Thus securing a key component of representative government accepted by the University of Alberta, that is of federal or provincial recognition of self-determination.</p> <p>The Office of the Registrar proposes that we update the current list of eligible representative organizations for Métis membership to reflect this landmark agreement and include “Territorial” organizations in the Métis document list.</p> <p>Previous list: <i>a certified copy of a Métis membership card from one of the five Métis Provincial Affiliates; Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Metis Federation, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation</i></p>

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	<p><i>British Columbia. Additionally, the student may present a membership card for the Métis Settlements General Council;</i></p> <p>Proposed Amendment:  <i>a certified copy of a Métis membership card from one of the five Métis Provincial Affiliates <b>or recognized Territorial organizations</b>; Métis Nation of Alberta, Métis Nation of Ontario, Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Nation Saskatchewan, Métis Nation British Columbia, <b>Northwest Territory Métis Nation</b>. Additionally, the student may present a Membership Card from the Métis Settlements General Council showing membership in a Métis Settlement of Alberta;</i></p> <p>The NWT is a top market for Indigenous recruitment, regularly 20% of direct-entry applications from out-of-province First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners are residents of the territory. Historically, those students who self-identify as Métis have complained that without a recognized Métis Nation in the NWT there is little recourse for securing eligible documentation. Updating the official public-facing list is an important indicator for those NWT based Metis students that their documentation will be accepted.</p> <p>Furthermore, during the course of Free Application Days 2021, there were a small handful of applicants who submitted memberships from the MN-NWT or from locals under the MN-NWT's jurisdiction. These memberships were brought in front of the ex-officio members of the committee for consideration in October 2021. The committee accepted these membership documents as eligible. Updating the institutional list will bring us publically in line with practice already occurring in the Office of the Registrar in time for the admission and awards disbursement season.</p>
Supplementary Notes and context	

**Engagement and Routing (Include proposed plan)**

Consultation and Stakeholder Participation	Those who are actively participating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Florence Glanfield, Vice-Provost (Indigenous Programs and Research) and Chair, CDI</li> <li>• Melissa Padfield, Vice-Provost and University Registrar</li> <li>• Chris Andersen, Dean, Faculty of Native Studies</li> <li>• Shana Dion, Assistant Dean First Nations, Métis and Inuit Students and Manager, First Peoples' House</li> <li>• Trevor Philips, Manager, Indigenous Recruitment</li> <li>• Jax Oltean, Senior Legal Counsel, University of Alberta - Office of General Counsel</li> </ul>
	Those who have been consulted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Métis Nation Northwest Territory administration (October 2021)</li> </ul>
	Those who have been informed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RO – Student Financial Services (October 2021)</li> </ul>

**Strategic Alignment**

Alignment with <i>For the Public Good</i>	Please note the Institutional Strategic Plan objective(s)/strategies the proposal supports.	
Alignment with Core Risk Area	Please note below the specific institutional risk(s) this proposal is addressing.	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolment Management <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty and Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Funding and Resource Management <input type="checkbox"/> IT Services, Software and Hardware <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and Change <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/> Relationship with Stakeholders <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation <input type="checkbox"/> Research Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Student Success
Legislative Compliance and jurisdiction	GFC Committee on the Documentation of Indigeneity Terms of Reference Post-Secondary Learning Act 26(1)(m)	

Attachments (each to be numbered 1 - &lt;-&gt;)

- Attachment 1, CBC Article May 19, 2021: <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/north/nwt-metis-framework-agreement-1.6032832>
- Attachment 2, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Press Release May 20, 2021: <https://www.canada.ca/en/crown-indigenous-relations-northern-affairs/news/2021/05/self-government-framework-agreement-signed-by-canada-the-northwest-territory-metis-nation-and-the-government-of-the-northwest-territories-to-guide-.html>

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