

**President's Advisory Committee on**  
**First Nation Initiatives**  
**Mission and Mandate**

***Mission***

“PACFNI will provide strategic direction to Yukon College, specifically the Board of Governors’ and the Senior Management Team. This high profile committee will play an important role by assisting Yukon College in its goal to increase the effectiveness of programs and services offered, with the ultimate goal being the success of all Yukon College students.”

***Mandate***

**1. Provide Direction**

PACFNI will provide recommendations on the overall strategic direction to Yukon College consistent with PACFNI’s mission and mandate.

- This statement supports the overall mission and provides a specific duty for the committee to develop and make recommendations.

**2. Participate in the Internal Review**

PACFNI will participate in the College’s Thematic Review Cycle. PACFNI will work to hold the College President accountable for the recommendations that the Thematic Review Committee brings forward and will work to ensure action is taken on these recommendations.

- This item confirms the existence and importance of the thematic review in the College’s routine process of assessing and maintaining the relevance and direction of programming. The mandate ties the committee to the process of assessing quality in relation to First Nation needs; it conversely binds the college to the inclusion of First Nation views in its review.

### **3. Principles Important to First Nations**

PACFNI will provide assistance in helping the College integrate an understanding and awareness of the culture, traditions, and history of Yukon First Nations, including the land claims process, the Umbrella Final Agreement, and other principles important to Yukon First Nations.

- This item outlines a role for PACFNI in enhancing the “understanding and awareness” of First Nations within the College. It conveys the importance of that role to the College, and suggests a role for the committee in the larger College community.

### **4. Programming Recommendations**

PACFNI will make programming and operational recommendations to Yukon College with a goal to improve its services to all students and all communities.

- This item lays out the importance of PACFNI’s broad role in the institution as a Presidential Advisory Committee. The bulk of the committee’s work will be in this area.

### **5. Increase First Nation Involvement**

PACFNI will enhance the profile of First Nations by encouraging and supporting their involvement within the institution.

- Enhancing the role of First Nations and developing First Nation partnerships is a prime reason for the establishment and operation of the Presidential advisory committee. This statement enhances the committee’s role in encouraging those partnerships and developing relationships.

### **6. Achieve Higher Success for Students**

PACFNI will provide recommendations to achieve higher success rates for all students.

- This statement supplements the intent of the mission to create an environment that benefits all students. It also commits the actions of the committee to further the success of the entire College population. The committee felt strongly during their May meeting that in order for the committee action to be truly beneficial, they had to improve conditions for all students.

## **7. Curriculum Development**

PACFNI will play a key role in advising the institution in curriculum and program development and implementation.

- The development of programming and its associated curriculum is essential to development of programming that meets the needs of First Nations. It is a foundation item that will have benefits far beyond its actual development. The committee will work towards advising on the development of these packages.