UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE ITEM FOR INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY: Christian Willenborg, Chair, Planning and Priorities Committee

DATE OF MEETING: January 30, 2025

SUBJECT: ohpahotân | oohpaahotaan: Indigenous Strategy Update

ACTION: For Information Only

CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND:

The gift of the ohpahotân | oohpaahotaan: Indigenous Strategy was brought forward by the Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC) and accepted by Council in June of 2020. It is within the responsibilities of PPC to receive an update and report back to Council on the initiatives and progress of the strategy.

Dr. Angela Jaime, Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement, provided an update to PPC members on January 15, 2025. Members learned of the valuable work taking place in the Office of the Vice Provost Indigenous Engagement along with the intentional focus to connect all work to the strategy.

Main points highlighted include the responsibility of all students, staff, faculty and senior leaders to implement the strategy, success and value of the <u>symposiums</u> and the importance of collaboration. Dr. Jaime highlighted over 30 different ways the colleges, schools and units are realizing the seven commitments of Safety, Renewal, Wellness, Stewardship, Representation, Right Relations and Creation.

Additional information can be found in the links below. Dr. Jaime and OVPIE encourage you all to reach out to their office to learn more and participate in uplifting the Gift for the university. Contact: indigenous@usask.ca

RESOURCES:

- ohpahotân | oohpaahotaan Website
- ohpahotân | oohpaahotaan Report
- Office of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement News Stories
- Office of the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement Website