



## **UARctic Vice-President Indigenous**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The position of UARctic Vice-President Indigenous is to be guided by the following terms of reference:

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

The goals and objectives of the Vice-President Indigenous are to:

- Ensure strategic oversight of Indigenous perspectives within the UARctic network, by conducting the administrative functions of UARctic's Indigenous Issues Committee and bring Indigenous Issues competency to the UARctic Board of Governors.
- Work with the President and Strategic Area Leaders to ensure that through all UARctic operations and activities, the social, economic and political standing, as well as the spiritual beliefs, culture and language that contribute to the well-being of Indigenous communities are respected and enhanced.
- Provide practical capacity to ensure that Indigenous representation and perspectives are reflected in the operations and activities of UARctic, including, if necessary, providing guidance and training on such matters to UARctic unit and committee leaders.
- Encourage the articulation of Indigenous epistemologies (i.e. ways of knowing, education, philosophy, and research) in the operations and activities of UARctic, and ensure that the uses are coherent and consistent.
- Take initiative towards developing educational and training opportunities such as seminars, workshops, or lectures focusing on a subject or theme in areas such as: indigenous knowledge systems, ways of knowing, cultural studies in the humanities and social sciences, indigenous/natural sciences, nurturing community well-being, or comparative studies in the Arctic.
- Seek to engage UARctic in opportunities where it could continue to operate in close partnership with national and local governments, including Indigenous peoples' governments and organizations, on issues of mutual importance to UARctic and Indigenous peoples in general.
- Ensure that indigenous peoples' governments and organizations, including the Permanent Participants of the Arctic Council, will be engaged in partnerships with UARctic as important stakeholders in the Arctic.
- Assist in the development of the UARctic brand to ensure that it continues to represent and promote strong partnerships between UARctic and the Indigenous peoples of the North.