

**Western Canadian Deans of Graduate Studies**

**Annual Meeting**

**January 24-25, 2019**

**Coast Victoria Hotel**

***Draft Program***

**Thursday January 24**

5:00-7:00 pm Welcome Reception

**Friday January 25**

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-9:10 Welcome

9:10-10:00 Administrators: Topics | Deans: Business Meeting

10-10:15 Break

10:15-11:15 Keynote: Michael Hart, Vice Provost (Indigenous) University of Calgary

'Walking together in a good way: Supporting the sharing of Indigenous knowledge as a means to increase successful participation of Indigenous students in graduate education'

11:15-12:00 Indigenizing graduate education: topics

\*Inclusion of Elders/Knowledge keepers on exam committees; protocols for exams using ceremony; traditional knowledge and copyright; Use of indigenous language in theses; international indigenous applicants; role of indigenous student support staff in grad studies

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:15 Jennifer Drennan and Peter Hedley, University of Saskatchewan

“Cultivating Wellness in Ourselves and the Graduate Community”

(Presentation and table discussions)

2:15-2:30 Break

2:30-3:30 Table Talks

Table 1: Julian Dierkes, UBCV: Graduate students establishing their expert voices through strategic use of social media

Table 2: Todd Mondor, University of Manitoba: Thesis review and examination (internal and external review, external examiner selection, policy on revisions and failures)

Table 3: Jennifer Drennan, University of Saskatchewan: Fitness to study policies

Table 4: Lisa Young, University of Calgary: Supervision, Relationships & the role of the grad school in the age of #MeToo

3:30-4:00 Wrap up & hot topics

5:30 Reception

6:30 Dinner