

The following are the Office of Aboriginal Education and Engagement 2019-2020 strategic priorities:

Enhance capacity through mentorship to create sustainability:

We are identifying and creating opportunities at VIU and in community to help support present and future leaders through leadership training and community-based partnerships. We are creating connections and an understanding of what it means to walk in two worlds.

Establish Indigenous metrics to describe success and impact that will influence practice:

We are clarifying the emerging definition and nature of our work and the value added. Evaluating current processes in order to adjust where required, while preserving the culture of support and flexibility inherent in OAEE work.

Develop a communications plan that will guide our relations:

We need to ensure that VIU and community are informed of our work and events. The communications plan will encourage VIU and community to attend our events which will help build capacity and support for our students.

Be authentic through balancing self-care and risk-taking:

The work of decolonization is emotional and deeply personal. Ensuring spiritual, mental, emotional and physical well-being is foundational to progressing in a good way and to providing leadership.