

**Motion for Senate**  
November 27, 2012

**Moved by Senator Fachinger**

**It is moved** that Senate recommends that the Provost, in consultation with the Aboriginal Council of Queen's University, designate one of the two 2013/14 QNS positions as a position in Indigenous Studies; and that units/groups of units wishing to propose the recruitment of a QNS in this specific area submit their proposals to the ACQU, which will then make a recommendation to the QNS committee.

**Background and Rationale:**

The Academic Plan recommends that "Queen's should develop an equal partnership with Indigenous Communities by making the Aboriginal Council an integral part of the Queen's decision making structure." It also recommends that Queen's "should make the recruitment of Aboriginal students, faculty, and staff a priority, establish an Endowed Research Chair in Indigenous Studies, and create an Aboriginal Studies Certificate, which might develop into an Indigenous Studies Program." The recruitment of a scholar in Indigenous Studies would ensure a pedagogically and academically sound development of a Minor in Indigenous Studies as a first step and would facilitate the establishment of an Indigenous Studies Program in collaboration with the unit/group of units that submitted the successful proposal in the future. The tremendous success and high student demand of DEVS 220 and DEVS 221 ("Introduction to Aboriginal Studies"), currently taught by Bob Lovelace, indicates growing student interest in Indigenous Studies.