



## **FNUniv Announces Appointment of Acting Associate Vice-President, Academic**

Regina, SK/ May 6, 2014- Acting President Juliano Tupone is pleased to share on behalf of the First Nations University of Canada's Board of Governors that Dr. Bob Kayseas has accepted the role as Acting Associate Vice-President, Academic. This current position is for a term from May 1- August 31, 2014. Dr. Kayseas brings a wealth of experience to the position and to the Executive team.

Dr. Bob Kayseas is a member of the Fishing Lake First Nation, a Saulteaux community in east central Saskatchewan. He obtained a degree in Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Regina and in 2009 completed a Ph.D. (Enterprise and Innovation) from the Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship, Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia.

Dr. Kayseas has established a recognized scholarly program of research centred on Aboriginal entrepreneurship and economic development. He is currently working on two research projects:

1. *Natural Resource Partnerships and New Venture Creation in a First Nations Context* is funded by SSHRC (approximately \$200,000) and the Onion Lake Cree Nation (approximately \$100,000). It is a three-year project seeking to develop understanding of strategic alliances between First Nations (collective/community) and industry. The research findings will contribute to greater understandings of the types and forms of alliances that can create greater value for all parties involved.
2. *Attitudes, knowledge and intentions of Aboriginal students enrolled in K-12 entrepreneurship education courses* is funded by the Saskatchewan School Boards Association. The project seeks to examine the student outcomes from taking Entrepreneurship 20 and Entrepreneurship 30 courses in 12 Saskatchewan schools. This particular set of schools is using curriculum developed by the Martin Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Initiative – which is headed by Former Prime Minister Paul Martin.

Dr. Kayseas is also involved in a range of community services. He is currently contracted by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority to conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer and an evaluation of its Board of Directors every two years.

Dr. Kayseas is also the Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of George Gordon Developments Limited. The company manages a number of significant business ventures for the George Gordon First Nation. For example two joint ventures with ATCO Structures and Logistics involve managing a 1,400 plus person camp at the K + S Potash Canada's greenfield potash operation near Bethune and the joint management of the 2,400 plus person Jansen Discovery Lodge for BHP Billiton's operation near Watson.

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