

UBC Okanagan Regional Leadership Table (UBCO RLT)

Community connections are foundational to the origins, character and success of UBC's Okanagan campus. The institution was established in response to calls from the community to create a great research university campus in the Okanagan Valley and many key campus milestones have been made possible by engagement with and support from local leaders, stakeholders, partners and community champions.

UBC Okanagan and the Okanagan Valley are among Canada's fastest growing university campuses and urbanized regions, respectively. As the university and the region it serves mature and progress in mutual support, so, too, does the need for greater engagement between community, university and sector leaders on issues of broad economic, social and cultural relevance.

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UBC Okanagan Regional Leadership Table (UBCO RLT) terms of reference

Mandate:

The UBC Okanagan Regional Leadership Table (UBCO RLT) is a gathering place where key topics of regional significance can be explored and addressed, including issues of wide-ranging economic, social and cultural relevance. Chaired by the Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UBC Okanagan, the UBCO RLT is composed of community leaders with broad representation from a variety of economic and social sectors.

The UBCO RLT provides critical opportunities for connection between the university and community leaders and creates space for dialogue and knowledge exchange in support of issues of shared relevance and interest.

Members help ensure that the constituencies and regions they represent are consistently aware of UBC's academic, research and community engagement endeavours and, likewise, raise opportunities for the university to connect with their constituencies.

Membership:

With the exception of ex-officio members, UBCO RLT members serve three-year terms, with the option for one three-year renewal. Members are broadly representative of key public and private sector organizations and interests throughout the Okanagan region.

The group is co-chaired by 1) the Principal and Deputy Vice-Chancellor of UBC Okanagan and 2) a member appointed from within the group by the UBCO Principal.

Format:

The UBCO RLT typically meets two to three times per year as a committee of the whole at the discretion of the co-chairs. Sub-committees may be established on special topics, meet more frequently and include guest participation, as required.

UBC Okanagan is situated in the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan Nation. In 2005, UBC was welcomed here through ceremony by the Syilx Okanagan Nation and a memorandum of understanding was signed with the Okanagan Nation Alliance Chiefs.