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To: Presidents and Administrative Officers
Local, Federated and Provincial Associations

From: David Robinson, Executive Director

Re: **Indigenization of the Academy Checklist**

As part of our broader recognition of **National Indigenous Peoples Day**, CAUT has released an **Indigenization of the Academy Checklist**, developed by the Association's Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education Working Group, an advisory body.

The checklist highlights several steps that post-secondary institutions can take to gain a better understanding of the Indigenous environment of their organizations and start to have substantive conversations about the experience of Indigenous academic staff.

Based on CAUT's Indigenization of the Academy policy statement and bargaining advisory, and Universities Canada's principles on Indigenous education, the checklist outlines nonlinear phases, moving between bringing Indigenous people into the academy and spreading of Indigenous knowledge beyond its foundational area in Indigenous studies.

We strongly encourage your association to think through this checklist and distribute it widely within your networks.

CAUT will be hosting a virtual Indigenous conference titled "**Building Solidarity and Alliances: Indigenizing the Academy**" on **Friday, October 15**. **Dr. Lorna Wanosts'a7 Williams** will open this event with a keynote conversation. More information will be shared soon.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

If you have any questions about the Indigenization of the Academy checklist or the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education Working Group, please contact SM Leduc, Policy & Government Relations Officer, at leduc@caut.ca.