

Aboriginal Destination TRU Project Results

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This is the feedback received from the Aboriginal Transitions day held on November 18, 2010. Students from various schools participated in the survey and were asked the following question:

“Imagine that you are in charge of engaging new Aboriginal TRU students fresh out of high school in campus life and learning. What courses, programs, campus activities, facilities, services and other things for students would you create in order to make TRU their first choice as a university destination?”

I have stated all of the feedback word for word from the students and then separated by school. As for the chart, there are specific themes that have been identified by the question posed to the students. The themes are categorized as the following: **Courses, Programs, Campus Activities, Facilities, Services and Other**. The data is color coordinated by school listed directly under the appropriate theme. I apologize for the bright and hard to read words-it was a challenge finding that many colors!

Sahali Secondary

- Celebrate Metis people have events that include Metis (aboriginal) gatherings.
- I would like to see a student lounge for aboriginal students to get together and a computer centre. When I get into university I would like to join in clubs so that I can make more friends and to stay fit. Music centre, maybe even drumming; inter-mural sports, hockey teams, hip hop teaching, etc.
- I would like sports teams like floor hockey, lacrosse, etc. Music groups, maybe even drumming. Friendship centre-a place to make friends.
- Bring attention to Metis culture and services.

Chase Secondary

- Get my degree in Arts and take Culinary Arts.
- Play hockey or sports.
- Sports teams, I want to run with the Pack. I want to take Culinary Arts.
- The courses I would take are Bachelor of Natural Resources Science, Fine Arts, Culinary Arts, maybe Horticulture.
- Be a mechanic.
- If I was fresh out of High School, I would find myself a trade's course, maybe a Iron Worker.
- Introductory sports game between all new students and a BBQ.

Barriere Secondary

- Making classes more fun, better relationships with professors.
- Art courses (drawing, painting, etc.) and science (diagnostic, medical)
- I want to do Culinary Arts and become a chef.
- Some things I'd like to do are the AA & Youth Counselling for these categories and reasons: Drugs and alcohol, abuse/anger, depression and alone. The reasons are some are afraid, nowhere else to go and youth need advice.

Valleyview

- I would like to show the students a sample of all courses if they choose and have opportunities to go into a class possibly and observe. Interactive workshops and activities to get the students interested. Also, a portion of the tour to talk about future goals you can achieve here at TRU.
- A lot of variety of courses.
- I want to see a Firefighter program.
- Show them the great courses and opportunities they can have by coming; the different directions they can go with the different programs; the different clubs to support everyone's interests; a group to discuss first nation heritage.
- I want to see more of First Nations Culture.
- Show students where the graduated students are presently. (What jobs they have, what degrees they got, etc.)
- Center for family to come and visit out of town students that are going to TRU.
- I would display an example of each course and have members of each course described the course in detail.

Westsyde

- To have a potluck and pow wow monthly.
- What sporting events offered?
- I honestly think if I were working here and I were to show people how to have fun and achieve, I would probably chose to have different types of activities showing people about what you can learn. Show them what happens after university and how awesome life is when you have everything together. Maybe be able to invent new things for TRU such as, instead of your stuff everywhere, it could have personal organizers. Organize something of an idea to create your own.
- Learning aboriginal languages; pre-graduating people to come in and be mentors; trips to places.

- Have a pow wow monthly, give people moccasins. I would like to go into Nursing, so I would be looking for that.

South Kamloops Secondary

- I would make more opportunities for the guys and girls who don't have any and help the athletics get the sports they want.
- If I were in charge of the new Aboriginal student's fresh right out of high school in campus life and learning, I would make a girls hockey team and field hockey team. Then I personally would have TRU as my number one choice. Also, I would make trips to high schools to help students out with all the do's and don'ts with going to University because personally I am very confused.
- Maybe you could have a tour of the kitchen for people that are into the culinary program.
- I would like to see your History programs like First Nations, Canadians and World History.
- I would show the whole school, campus, etc. to try and get anyone interested in coming to this thing. Show a little bit of everything for everyone to look at.
- First Nation art group.
- I would show them the whole school.
- Show the Culinary Arts programs and have lots of bannock.
- I want to see more of First Nations culture.
- I would show whatever they are interested in, answer any questions; would like to see theatre performance, anything to do with acting.

Beattie Secondary

- By having a more extensive Art courses (graphic, aboriginal, psych, ect.)
- Courses in Aboriginal languages would be good.
- I would love for TRU to add a First Nations Medicine Course. With that, I will be knowledgeable of both my backgrounds medicine practices!
- Everything, education, all classes people are interested in. Activities on campus and culture, history classes.
- More arts in the art building, graphic designing.

Twin Rivers

- I would like TRU to be my university because it is close to home and I like the art programs. Please take care of me.
- Have an indoor pow wow, sweet lodge and first Nations history workshops.

Elders

- Education, counselling and a number of mentor support. Plenty of tutors, gatherings to acquaint one another before and after semesters.
- Participate in sports activities, if you are in good health. Join a debate team, join a study group from your classes and be active.

Trec

- What would I need to get into business?
- I want to go into the arts and become an arts teacher.

St. Ann's Academy

- Aboriginal youth services such as guidance councillors

Four Directions

- A hip hop dance/music production; classes and programs such as advanced road construction, heavy equipment, peer helping groups, aboriginal history/traditions and business marketing.
- Does TRU have first Nation Support workers?
- To have round dances and pow wow's more often.
- Have more native support workers.
- I'd like to see lots of OMMA training, then I'd come for sure.
- Hockey schools, lessons and ice time.
- I think something that would be interesting would be to have an aboriginal student pow wow that everyone could attend to that everyone could get a taste of the first nations culture.
- More native art around here.
- I think TRU should have more Native support workers and more safe places to go to.
- Get a free laptop once you enrol.
- Day care

Clearwater

- Campus: inter-mural sports (lots of them), more choices of places to eat on campus, events and activities or clubs to attend (no matter what you interests are). Classes: small classes, lots of

opportunities to get assistance if needed, large variety of courses so that even if you can't get your Bachelors you are still able to start here and then transfer.

- Small classrooms so that you can get a chance to learn more; awesome club that everyone go to. I would go because of the football or basketball team and it's a very nice campus.
- I would be interested in going into sports like basketball, soccer and badminton if its available. I would also like to try out for anything new that I haven't ever tried before. I'm looking to go for my BA of Social work. I would like to be involved in other volunteering activities. I would like to see other activities that help people understand their life and help them to get involved in the community. Also to have clubs that travelled around the world and helped us learn firsthand about the other cultures in the world.
- Unique studies courses/vet school.
- I would like to see what it would be like to learn about what I want to study more.
- Organized dances, other organized extracurricular activities. Smaller classrooms and more one on more time with the teachers.
- I would like to see TRU be more widely known because then I can trust to say that I got a degree here and everyone will know which University it is.
- I would have courses on teaching people on having a good self esteem and how to help others. I would also have a special course on teaching others about everything on drugs and alcohol. Not just the main fact about all of them because that's something we all need to know which is main facts-what they do and how there made and how they affect us physically and mentally.
- Some clubs I want to join, volleyball (sports) and different volunteer programs. With the schooling I am looking forward to seeing if there will be a hair dressing program.
- A soft ball team, badminton, psychology and message therapist.
- I believe that TRU should have smaller classes and a longer study break. I am interested in taking part in volleyball.
- Computer animation courses or computer engineer; activities like hockey or tennis, badminton; facilities are fine; the services are good.

Norkam

- People could come to TRU for the wide variety of courses
- In order to engage Aboriginal students I would be sure that the university is welcoming and supportive of all educational goals. I would achieve this by offering tutoring services, support groups to meet friends and faculty. A positive inviting environment would be to attract Aboriginal students to TRU.
- If I were a new student TRU student, I think there should be more music courses because nowadays a lot of people are more interested in playing music and starting their own band. There should be a music theory class, a class so that people can actually play music and a class so people can talk about their interests.

- I would choose TRU as my place to learn because of its convenience and because of how familiar I am with the grounds. My career choice is to work somewhere in artistry and I know that TRU does offer subjects in that field.
- What I like is the specified building where I can get help and hangout after classes to meet other students like me.
- I would create a music program that incorporates traditional aboriginal music with today's pop charts. I would also start a Pride Program where students can learn about their heritage and also be proud of it.
- I would be interested to come to TRU if they made up a huge pow wow to show they respect our culture, maybe if they had some cool clubs to attend.
- In order to make TRU their first choice as a university destination, I would show them the courses available, how to apply, show them that it is a friendly environment and how you can take your skills to higher levels here.
- I think having a sorority would be cool, this way you can live and meet new people that have a common interest with you.
- I would tell everyone who comes on this tour about the large amount of courses that are available to them; there would also be hands on demo's of courses to allow students to see if this is the right course for them.
- Needs a big room with arcade games, pool table, football, xbox 360. Needs an epic workout room need a person in every room to help and if they don't have a course they will set it up for you, as well as a Taco Bell on campus.
- Nice people create an environment that is fun and an easier learning experience. I would be very interested in having a group or class where you help the environment and travel to foreign countries. Intramurals and sports.
- Awesome place to learn wouldn't have to move out of town.
- I would like heavy duty mechanics course, need people in every room for student support and need a wrestling program.
- It has a good culinary school.
- I would not change a thing. The people are amazing and friendly. This is my top pick for university for aboriginal students, keep up the good work!
- I would like to see an Arts Program and to join in groups such as sports teams like basketball and have a sorority.
- All that I need to come here is already here for me. But music is in a lot of my young adult's heads. Maybe you could make a music section with hip-hop, dance all sorts of stuff so kids could further their careers in the music business.
- What would make me interested to come to TRU is to see more aboriginal culture belongings here such as more art work done by the students here. Another thing is more on campus housing for aboriginals. Or even I would like a better look at the activities/gatherings that are being held here.
- I would be interested to go to TRU if they put together a pow wow or a pot luck and to show the different cultures and show their respect for everybody.

Sahali Secondary-Blue

Twin Rivers-Teal

Chase Secondary-Red

Elders-Dark Green

Barriere Secondary-Green

Trec-Maroon

Valleyview-Orange

St. Ann's Academy-Mustard

Westside-Purple

Four Directions-Pink

South Kamloops-Brown

Clearwater-Black

Beattie Secondary-Light Green

Norkam-Rose

Courses	Programs	Campus Activities	Facilities	Services	Other
The courses I would take is Bachelor of Natural Resources Science, Fine Arts, Culinary Arts, maybe Horticulture	Bring attention to Metis culture and services	Celebrate Metis people-have events that include Metis gatherings	Friendship centre to make new friends	AA & Youth Counselling for drugs and alcohol	Making classes more fun, better relationships with professors
Get my degree in arts and take culinary	Interactive workshops and activities to get students involved	Join clubs and stay fit. Intramural sports such as lacrosse and hockey	Centre for family to come visit from out of town	Abuse, depression, anger and being alone	Go into a class and observe
I want to take Culinary Arts	Talk about future goals you can achieve if you go to TRU	Hip hop teaching, dancing-music centre for drumming	Have a tour of the Culinary kitchen for people that want to go into Culinary	Youth need advice because they're scared and afraid	Show them the great courses and opportunities they have by coming
I want to be a mechanic	Different clubs for everybody's interests	I want to see more First Nations Culture	Would like to see the theatre performance, anything to do with acting	Create more opportunities for people who don't have the help	Show students where the graduates are and how successful they are when coming to TRU
Trades courses or Iron Worker	A group to discuss first nation heritage	Introductory sports games and welcome BBQ	Have an aboriginal lodge	Counselling and a number of mentor support	The different directions they can go with all the different programs
Science-diagnostic, medical	Art courses/programs/ (drawing, painting, etc.)	Play hockey and sports	More native up around the campus	Plenty of tutors	I would show students how awesome life is after university and

					when you have everything together
I want to take Culinary Arts and become a Chef	All the sporting events offered	I want to play sports and run with the Pack	Day Care	Aboriginal youth services and guidance counsellors	Pre-graduating people come in to be mentors
I want to see a variety of courses	Learning aboriginal languages	To have a potluck and pow wow monthly	More choices to eat on campus	Peer helping groups	Take trips to different places
Offer Firefighter's course	Help students get the athletics they want	Have a pow wow monthly, give people moccasins	It's a very nice campus	Does TRU have first Nations support workers?	I would make trips to high school students to let them know the do's and don'ts when going to University
I would display an example of each course and have members speak about it separately	I would make a girls hockey team and field hockey team, then I would have TRU has my number 1	I want to see more of First Nations culture	What I like is the specified buildings I can get help and meet with other students like me	Have more Native Support workers	I would tour the whole school, campus, etc, to try and get everyone interested
I would like to go into Nursing so I would be looking on information for that	I would like to see your History programs like First Nations, Canadians and World History	Activities on campus and culture	Make a music room for students to go and play their instruments	I think TRU should have more Native Support workers and more safe places to go	I would show them the whole school
Courses in aboriginal languages would be good	First Nations Art group	Have an indoor pow wow	More on campus housing for aboriginal students	Day Care	More arts in the building, graphic designing
I would love for TRU to add a First Nations Medicine course-I would be knowledgeable of both my backgrounds and medicine practices	Show the Culinary Arts programs and have lots of bannock	First Nations history workshops		I would like to see activities that help people to understand their life and help them get involved in the community	I would choose TRU because it's close to home
History classes	By having more extensive art courses (graphic, aboriginal, etc)	Round dances and pow wow's more often		Courses for people with low self esteem issues and how to help others	Gatherings to acquaint one another before and after semesters
Information on going into Business	I like the arts programs	Hockey schools, lessons and ice time		Teaching people about drugs and alcohol; not just	I'd like to see lots of OMMA training, then I'd want to

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I want to go into the Arts and become a teacher	Join a debate team, study group and be active	Aboriginal student pow wow that everyone could attend so they could get a taste of our culture		Tutoring services, support groups and meet with faculty	Get a free laptop once your enrol
Courses such as advanced road construction, heavy equipment, aboriginal history and business marketing	Participate in sports programs	Events and activities to attend on campus		Student support programs	Smaller classes so you can get the assistance you need
I'm looking to go for my BA of Social Work	Intramural sports	I would make sure that the university is welcoming and supportive of all my goals			I would like to be involved in volunteering for activities
Unique study courses and vet school	Football or Basketball team	Huge pow wow so people can respect our culture			Have clubs that travel around the world and help us learn firsthand about the other cultures
I am looking forward to see if there will be a hair dressing program	I would be interested in sports like basketball, soccer and badminton if it's available	See more aboriginal culture around campus- have art work posted around the school			Like to see what it would be like to learn about what I want to study more
I'm interested in psychology and message therapist	Organized dances and extracurricular activities	To have a pow wow or pot luck to show the different cultures and respect to everyone			Smaller classes with more one on one learning
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Music so students can further careers in the music business	I would create a music program that incorporates traditional aboriginal music with today's pop chart				Hands on courses to see if this is the right course for you
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	common interest with you				
	Wrestling program				I would not change a thing-the people are amazing and friendly. This is my top pick for university for aboriginal students!
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	Intramurals and sports				I would like a better look at the activities/gatherings that are being held here
	To join a sports team like basketball and to have a sorority				