



To: U of T Community

From: Sheree Drummond, Secretary of the Governing Council

Date: May 29, 2026

RE: Revision to the *Statement of Acknowledgement of Traditional Land*

The Ceremonials Committee has approved a revised [Statement of Acknowledgement of Traditional Land](#). The revised *Statement*, which was reported for information to the Academic Board at its meeting on May 28, 2026, is as follows:

“I (we) wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Wendat Nation, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.”

The revision to the current *Statement* is to reflect the name change of one of the First Nations. The Wendat People have formally decided through a democratic process to exclusively use Wendat as their Nation’s identifier. They asked the University of Toronto to remove the term Huron from its land acknowledgement and to use Wendat Nation instead. Accordingly, the Ceremonials Committee, upon receiving a request from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives, approved the recommended revision. Additional details are provided in the [Academic Board document](#).

Please share this memorandum with faculty and staff as appropriate.