



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	January 17, 2023
<b>Time:</b>	10:00am - 12:00pm (EST)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**Members in Attendance:** James Aldridge; Anna Chief; Dr. Leisa Desmoulins; Fionna Farquhar; Lisa Harris (Interim Vice-Chair); Dr. Julia Hughes; Mercedes Jacko; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Sheryl O'Reilly; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Lisa Primavesi; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Chander Shahi; Robin Sutherland; Yolanda Twance; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (Chair)

**Members not in Attendance:** Denise Baxter; Tyler Armstrong; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux; Christopher Glover; Dr. Jessica Jurgutis; John Kimball; Dr. Janusz Kozinski; Sreekumari Kurissery; Tracey Larocque; Dr. Brigitte Leblon; Dr. Wayne Melville; Heather Moynihan; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Raymond Neckoway; Professor Doe O'Brien; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Dr. Mirella Stroink; Andrea Tarsitano

**Administrative Resources:** Vanessa Franklin (Recorder); Marcie Morrison (Interim University Secretary/OIEC Secretary)

Additions to membership since last meeting:

- Tyler Armstrong (Indigenous Education Programs Coordinator)
- Dr. Leisa Desmoulins (Indigenous Education, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am without a quorum.

#### Item

1. Approval of Agenda (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)

Members were welcome to request that an item be added to the agenda for discussion during this meeting, if time permits. The agenda was approved, as circulated.

2.	<p>Approval of the November 21, 2022 Minutes (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)</p> <p>The November 21, 2022 minutes were approved, as circulated.</p>
3.	<p>Update/Report from the Committee Chair (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Update: The Chair provided an update on the Terms of Reference review process.</li></ul>
4.	<p>Update: Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Review (Lisa Harris, Chair of the Advisors Ad Hoc Committee)</p> <p>It was reported that the OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference Ad Hoc Committee is meeting March 14, 2023 to continue reviewing the Terms of Reference for the OIEC Advisors Committee. Recommendations will be brought forward after that meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Internal Reports for Information</p> <p><i>Note: Internal reports will be shared with the OIEC at its next scheduled meeting.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Office of Indigenous Initiatives (for the period November 21, 2022 to January 17, 2023)</li><li>Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (for the period November 2, 2022 to January 17, 2023)</li><li>Joint SAC/OIEC Subcommittee (for the period November 21, 2022 to January 17, 2023)</li></ol>
6.	<p>Round Table Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP) Review and Discussion (Fionna Farquhar)</li></ul> <p>The Indigenous Access Programs staff are currently reviewing the ITYP with the goals of streamlining the program content towards entry to the faculty of SSH and increasing the number of university credits the students earn (from 3.5 to 4.0 credits). A Briefing Memo was circulated in advance of the meeting that included background information, a review of the consultation process and a summary of the feedback received to date.</p> <p>The Indigenous Access Programs staff is seeking feedback from the OIEC Advisory Committee regarding the removal of Math 1130/1131 (non-credited) and the addition of 0.5 FCE (minimum) elective of choice from a list of three to four electives (as well as any other comments or perspectives).</p>

	<p>The following questions were circulated in advance of the meeting to facilitate the conversation;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Are there courses you find particularly useful?</li><li>Are there courses you find not useful?</li><li>Are there courses you wish to see?</li></ol> <p>Some topics that were raised during the discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>concern around removing non-credit courses and what that would be taking away from the ITYP students and its purpose;</li><li>alternative Math course options and availability are being reviewed with various programs (INAP, STEM, Education and Social Sciences and Humanities);</li><li>possibility of developing a new Math course that students would receive a full credit for (ie. the Quantitative Foundations course in Engineering), and if there is an existing Math course that is credited with the University that they can take instead.</li></ul> <p>Members were encouraged to connect with Fionna Farquhar directly (<a href="mailto:coordinator.ityp@lakeheadu.ca">coordinator.ityp@lakeheadu.ca</a>) with any questions or suggestions.</p>
7.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>January 16, 2023 Senate Meeting:</p> <p>It was brought to the OIEC Advisors Committee attention that during the OIEC Reports at the Senate meeting on January 16, 2023, it was asked how many Faculty members are on the Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council and what the Faculty positions were. Concerns were raised that there is not enough Faculty representation on the Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council. During the Senate meeting, the University Secretariat shared that while the majority of its members are external, there are currently two voting members that are Faculty and the Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council membership is available on the Lakehead University website.</p> <p>Indigenous Student Services (ISSC) and Gakina Nindinawemaaganag Lounge Concerns:</p> <p>The Indigenous Student Services Centre Coordinator made the Committee aware of some concerns happening with the Centre. There has been a new process communicated to students wanting to use the space. Students either have to bring their names forward through email on a monthly basis or use a sign in sheet to try to minimize the amount of International students using the space. Concerns raised from</p>

	<p>the Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator around behaviours and treatment of Indigenous students and that the ISSC is a safe place. The Chair asked if there were any ideas for resolution as there was no success when the Centre Coordinator reached out to Security and the staff is not in the space on weekends. The idea of providing Indigenous students with a key fob or swipe card to access the space was brought up in the past but difficult to implement due to costs. The Vice-Provost, International suggested bringing back some collaborative events around campus that included both International and Indigenous students and offered to speak with the Vice-Provost of Indigenous Initiatives about solutions.</p> <p>Indigenous Cultural Ceremony Policy:</p> <p>The Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator brought it to the Committee's attention that the Indigenous Cultural Ceremony Policy is due for renewal. The University Secretariat will investigate if it is scheduled to be reviewed during the 5 year university wide policy review and will report back.</p>
8.	<p>Informational Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. December 5, 2022 OIEC Meeting Summary <i>The next meeting of the OIEC is January 30, 2023.</i></li><li>b. 2022-23 Meeting Schedule (Revised October 3, 2022)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday, March 21, 2022, 10am-12pm (EDT)</li></ul></li><li>c. OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Online (please notify Marcie Morrison with any corrections to membership)</li></ul>
The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.	