

## **REPORT TO THE LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**FROM**

### **OGIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

**Next Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM, in the Senate Chambers UC 1001.**

#### **Business conducted at the Ogimaawin - Aboriginal Governance Council meeting held April 15, 2013:**

##### **Request to Serve as “Community” for Proposed Research**

- ⊗ A doctoral student within the Faculty of Education presented a research proposal requesting that Ogimaawin will serve as her “community” for purposes of community engagement, as required in Chapter 9 of the Tri-Council Policy Statement and revised Lakehead University Research Ethics Board application documents. Ogimaawin has taken this request under advisement. The implications of the request will be examined for conflict of interest and other administrative prohibitions. Barring any, Ogimaawin will agree to the request.

##### **Aboriginal Initiatives Hosts Reception for New Vice Provost-Aboriginal Initiatives**

- ⊗ Aboriginal Initiatives held a reception for Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, the incoming Vice-Provost for Aboriginal Initiatives. Cynthia’s will begin her duties on July 1, 2013. In the meantime, she wanted to formally introduce herself to those with whom she will be working. Many of us remember her from the notable work that she completed during an October 2011 tour of duty as a resident scholar on campus.

##### **Revised Smudging Policy moved forward to Office of Human Resources**

- ⊗ Aboriginal Initiatives has been working to gather input from a variety of sources in order to update and improve the former “cultural protocol.” The new policy is more practical, more specific, and provides for the offering of brief Smudging 101 workshops similar to the Pow Wow 101 workshops that have been recently held. Smudging is an important personal and social cultural practice that can be misunderstood. Aboriginal Initiatives anticipates that the revised policy and the information sessions will greatly improve the campus climate for Aboriginal cultural practice.

##### **Ogimaawin - Aboriginal Governance Council Appointments Formalized**

- ⊗ A number of appointments to University committees and governance functions have been finalized for short-term and long-term periods.
- ⊗ Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni will serve as the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council representative on Senate from the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. I will be stepping down in order to take advantage of a much-anticipated opportunity to conduct research during a one-year Sabbatical Leave. I have been deeply honoured to represent Ogimaawin as the representative on Senate and I wish to express my appreciation to Michelle for undertaking this important task.
- ⊗ Additional appointments were made to the Joint SAC/O-AGC sub-committee, the Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair appointments, to the advisory committee for the Centre for Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development, and co-chairs of the Ogimaawin Advisors Committee.

### **Elder Representation at Education Conference**

- ⊗ Elder Gerry Martin will participate in the Lloyd Barber Summit on Post-Secondary Education, which focuses on best practices. Mr. Martin will be offering recommendations to the President and will report to Ogimaawin regarding discussions that will take place at the conference.

### **Native Empowerment in Mining Development**

- ⊗ Mr. Paul Capon (Matawa Tribal Council) reported to Ogimaawin regarding the content of a presentation on the Rise of Native Empowerment sponsored by the Centre for Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development. He reported that the presenter, Bill Gallagher, was entertaining and knowledgeable.

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