
Report from the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) Meeting of Sept 23, 2013 to Senate

The OAG-C meeting held on September 23rd did not meet quorum requirements however the council did continue with non-motion items.

Update on REB Aboriginal Faculty and Community Membership

Dr. Lisa Korteweg (the full-time faculty member whose research involves Aboriginal people), Dr. Karen Drake (the member knowledgeable in the relevant law) and Ms. Bev Sabourin (a community member who has no affiliation with LU but is a member of the community served by LU) have been appointed to the Research Ethics Board.

Smudging Protocol Policy

The new Smudging Protocol Policy has been approved by the Provost & Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Administration & Finance) and has been posted to the LU website. Although this policy originated from a previously approved policy dated 2004, it has been extensively revised. O-AGC Advisors, Aboriginal faculty, Elders, and O-AGC all participated in developing this revised policy. The main revision being the number of days required for giving notice has been changed from 2 weeks to 5 days (to accommodate the requirement that notice be given in a Communications Bulletin. The policy can be viewed at <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/policies/human-resources/cultural-protocol-policy>

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux Presentation to O-AGC Council

Presentation by Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives of her role and vision of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives within in the University community, and extending to the larger community of Northwestern Ontario.

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