



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	January 30, 2023
<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm - 2:00pm External Caucus (External Members Only)  2:00pm - 4:00pm OIEC Meeting (All Members)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**OIEC Members in Attendance:** Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Dr. Moira McPherson - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Yvonne Roussel - Interim University Secretary (OIEC Secretary); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay (Metis Nation of Ontario); Valerie Stortini (Chair) - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)

**Members not in Attendance:** Brandon Amyot - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

**Administrative Resources:** Vanessa Franklin (Recorder) - Governance and Administrative Assistant

**Invited Guests:** Anna Chief - Coordinator, Indigenous Outreach/Recruitment (Lakehead University); Lynn Hurrell - Director, Recruitment (Undergraduate) (Lakehead University)

The meeting was called to order at 2:03pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

Item		Presenter
1.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Dr. Lana Ray requested the following addition to the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ADD: Diverse Scholarship Committee Update</li> </ul> <p>The agenda was approved by consensus, as amended.</p>	Valerie Stortini
2.	<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <p>Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.</p>	Valerie Stortini
3.	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. December 5, 2022 Minutes for Approval</p> <p>The December 5, 2022 minutes were approved, as circulated.</p>	Valerie Stortini
4.	<p>Chair's Report - The Chair had no report.</p>	Valerie Stortini
5.	<p>OIEC Nominating Committee Update</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. OIEC Member Recommendation to the Board of Governors</p> <p>It was reported that the electronic resolution recommending Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay to the Lakehead Board of Governors was adopted.</p> <p>The next OIEC Nominating Committee meeting is February 13, 2023 and a further update will be provided at the next OIEC meeting.</p>	Yvonne Roussel, Valerie Stortini

<p>6.</p>	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Chair provided a verbal update on the January 17, 2023 meeting which included the following topics:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Welcomed two new members; Tyler Armstrong (Indigenous Education Programs Coordinator) and Dr. Leisa Desmoulins (Indigenous Education, Chair).</li> <li>○ Discussion about the Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP) and the credits students earn.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The minutes of the October 14, 2022 Advisors Committee meeting were circulated for information.</p>	<p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee Update</p> <p>An update was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Anita Vaillancourt was elected Chair of the SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee (term expires June 30, 2023). A verbal update on the Subcommittee's work to date was provided.</p>	<p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (Joint Subcommittee Chair)</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Notice of OIEC Bylaw Amendment</p> <p><i>For Information: Motion adopted during the October 17, 2022 OIEC meeting - MOVED that the OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee be approved as an OIEC standing committee and that the proposed amendments to the terms of reference be approved.</i></p> <p>a. OIEC Bylaws <i>Article 9.1 - Amendment: Any proposal to amend or repeal these Bylaws or any portion thereof shall be effective only if enacted at a meeting of the OIEC at which at least two-thirds of the voting OIEC Members are present, with two-thirds of those present voting in favour, provided due notice of such amendment or repeal shall have been given at the previous meeting of the OIEC.</i></p> <p>b. The proposed Amendment to Article 8.1 (will be presented for approval at the April 3, 2023 OIEC meeting, in accordance with the OIEC Bylaws</p>	<p>Yvonne Roussel</p>

	<p>The Secretary summarized the proposed Bylaw amendments which will be brought forward for approval at the next OIEC meeting.</p>	
9.	<p>Student Recruitment Update</p> <p>Lynn Hurrell and Anna Chief provides a student recruitment update that included the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Value of Choosing Lakehead University</li> <li>● Indigenous student population</li> <li>● Inspiring Indigenous Scholarship</li> <li>● Trends in Indigenous Student Applications at Lakehead University</li> <li>● Trends in Ontario - OUAC</li> <li>● Supporting our Culture</li> <li>● First Chair on Truth and Reconciliations Committee</li> <li>● Indigenous Research Chair</li> <li>● Global Indigenous Speaker series</li> <li>● Canada Research on Indigenous mental health</li> <li>● Supporting our Students</li> <li>● Transitional services</li> <li>● Cultural services</li> <li>● Indigenous Content Requirement</li> <li>● Highlight: Natural Resource Management</li> <li>● Ways they connect with students</li> </ul> <p>Discussion ensued on the feedback from the call outs to the students who left Lakehead during the pandemic and if there is data available from the calls made. Anna Chief will look into the data and report back.</p>	<p>Lynn Hurrell, Anna Chief</p>
10.	<p>Presidential Search Update</p> <p>A presidential search update was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
11.	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Operating at capacity and open to the public</li> <li>○ Maintaining a mild screening to keep track of people in the building</li> <li>○ Helping many people apply for funding for post-secondary education</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hired a new language revitalization person</li> <li>● Metis Nation of Ontario (Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Looking to create a grant for Metis students</li> <li>○ MNO currently pays tuition and has travel grants for Metis students</li> <li>○ Looking for ongoing funds to continue the supports for housing and food for post-secondary students</li> <li>○ Students can apply online and go through a screening process at that time an Education Officer connects with students</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Precious Anderson)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning for the grade 8 transition program</li> <li>○ Catching up with older kids who are ready for post-secondary</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Alicia Cameron)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AES-advance language and culture that need to happen</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>In addition to the written report that was circulated in advance of the meeting the President noted that the External Caucus held a discussion regarding language revitalization. The OIEC discussed the topic of language revitalization and shared various initiatives around that topic.</p> <p>The President highlighted the University’s ongoing commitment to strengthening the relationships with Indigenous communities.</p>	<p>Dr. Moira McPherson</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Informational Items</p> <p>The following reports were circulated in advance of the meeting for information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OIEC Member Appointment to the Board of Governors On January 17, 2023, an electronic vote was conducted, and the OIEC adopted a motion to recommend that Dr. Bryann Scott-Kay be appointed to the Lakehead University Board of Governors for a three year term. Supporting documentation was circulated in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>2. Board of Governors Report (November 24, 2022 meeting)</li> <li>3. Senate Reports:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. November 28, 2022 Meeting</li> <li>a. January 16, 2023 Meeting</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report</li> </ol>	

	<p>5. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report</p> <p>6. 2022-23 OIEC Meeting Schedule</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Meeting: April 3, 2023</li></ul>	
14.	<p>Other Business</p> <p><b>Diverse Scholarship Committee Update</b></p> <p>It was reported that the Diverse Scholarship Committee is made up of administration and faculty and is motivated by the University's Equity and Diversity Plan to recruit Indigenous faculty. The Committee is collecting information to create a draft form that they would like to bring forward at the next OIEC meeting to garner some feedback.</p> <p><b>Language Conference</b></p> <p>It was brought to the OIEC's attention that the Metis Nation of Ontario is hosting a Michif language conference at the end of March in Niagara Falls. Members were invited to contact Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay for more information.</p>	Valerie Stortini
<p>Elder Gene Nowegejick provided the closing prayer.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:22pm.</p>		