



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	February 26, 2024
<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm - 2:00pm (ET) External Caucus (External Members Only)  2:00pm - 4:00pm (ET) OIEC Meeting (All Members)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**OIEC Members:** Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large (Chair); Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Tammy Chamberlain - Indigenous Student Member (Orillia); Tyler Goode - Indigenous Student Member (Thunder Bay); Lisa Harris (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair); Thomas Kehoe - Board of Governors (Lakehead University); Arlene Merkley (Barrie South Simcoe Métis Council); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay - Metis Nation of Ontario (Vice-Chair)

**Not in Attendance:** Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Dr. Sharla Peltier - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); ; Dr. Gillian Siddall - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

**Administrative Resources in Attendance:** Trudy McKinnon - Assistant University Secretary (Recording Secretary); Marcie Morrison - Associate University Secretary (Acting OIEC Secretary)

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening prayer.	
The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.	
Item	Presenter(s)
1. Approval of Agenda  The agenda was approved by consensus, as circulated.	Precious Anderson

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>	Precious Anderson
3.	<p>Previous Minutes</p> <p>The December 4, 2023 minutes were approved by consensus, as circulated.</p>	Precious Anderson
4.	<p>Consultation: Official Credential Development for Indigenous Access Program</p> <p>Dr. Rhonda Koster and Andrea Tarsitano joined the meeting.</p> <p>The presentation was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Members received a presentation that provided an overview of the proposed changes to accreditation for the Indigenous Access Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP)</li> <li>● Indigenous Science Technology Engineering Math (ISTEM)</li> <li>● Indigenous Nursing Entry Program (INEP)</li> </ul> <p>Members were asked to provide feedback on the proposed changes and the following questions were used to initiate the conversation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What would be the advantages of having formal recognition for the successful completion of an Indigenous access program?</li> <li>2. Are there any disadvantages of celebrating these one year programs?</li> <li>3. From a funder's perspective, are there any concerns about the students 'completing' this certificate and being funded the next year?</li> <li>4. Any possible repercussions to existing academic bylaws or processes</li> </ol> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Dr. Rhonda Koster and Andrea Tarsitano left the meeting.</p>	Dr. Rhonda Koster, Denise Baxter, Andrea Tarsitano
5.	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance of the meeting, for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. November 14, 2023 Meeting Summary</li> </ol>	Lisa Harris

	<p>b. February 13, 2024 Meeting Summary</p> <p>An overview of the February 13, 2024 OIEC Advisors Committee meeting was provided.</p> <p>c. OIEC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Review</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Current Terms of Reference</li> <li>ii. Proposed Amendments</li> </ul> <p>A detailed summary of the terms of reference review process and an overview of the proposed amendments was provided.</p> <p>MOVED that the revised OIEC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference be approved, as circulated, effective July 1, 2024. APPROVED by consensus</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Notice of Terms Expiring 2023-24 and Current Vacancies</p> <p>Expiring Terms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thomas Kehoe (October 18, 2023-June 30, 2024), eligible for 7 more years</li> <li>• Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024), eligible for 7 more years</li> <li>• Alecia Boshcoff (October 7, 2021-June 30, 2024), eligible for 6 more years</li> <li>• Ben Cousineau (October 7, 2021-June 30, 2024), eligible for 6 more years</li> <li>• Howard Twance (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024), eligible for 7 more years</li> <li>• Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024), eligible for 7 more years</li> <li>• Alicia Cameron (April 26, 2021 - June 30, 2024), eligible for 6 more years</li> </ul> <p>By consensus, the OIEC approved the reappointment of the individuals listed above, pending confirmation of willingness to continue serving from each. The Secretary will reach out to the individuals to confirm their willingness to serve and length of term (each individual is eligible for renewal for up to a three year term), and will report back to the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>Thomas Kehoe’s reappointment will be determined by the Board of Governors.</p>	<p>Precious Anderson</p>

	<p>Current Vacancies - for information:                  The OIEC Bylaws require at least 6 from the list of “external organizations”, currently we have 5 from the list filled. The following seats are vacant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grand Council Treaty #3 (external)</li> <li>● Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (Simcoe County) (external)</li> <li>● Ontario Native Women’s Association (external)</li> <li>● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (external)</li> </ul> <p>The Secretary reported that a meeting of the OIEC Nominating Committee will be scheduled during the summer to address any vacancies.</p> <p>It was suggested that an electronic vote be conducted over the summer to ensure that vacancies are filled prior to the first meeting of the 2024-25 term.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Policy Review Consultations</p> <p>The University's Policy Governance Framework was circulated in advance of the meeting, for information.</p> <p>In alignment with the University's Policy Governance Framework, as part of the policy review process for University wide policies, the OIEC and the OIEC Advisors Committee will be consulted during the review process, with the intention of decolonizing University policies and procedures by having them reviewed through an Indigenous lens. Members were invited to leave written feedback on each policy during and following the meeting. All feedback will be shared with the Administration during the review process.</p> <p>The following policies were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Trust Account Management Policy and Feedback Document</li> <li>b. Approval Authority Policy and Feedback Document</li> <li>c.</li> </ul>	<p>Marcie Morrison</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</p> <p>Updates/reports from the following External Members were provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon)</li> <li>● Metis Nation of Ontario (Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Precious Anderson)</li> </ul>	

9.	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>The President’s Report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>Reports and Informational Items</p>	
10.1	<p>Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives</p> <p>The Office of Indigenous Initiatives report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
10.2	<p>Report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation</p> <p>The report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
10.3	<p>Senate Report</p> <p>A report from the January 15, 2024 Senate meeting was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
10.4	<p>2023-24 Meeting Schedule</p> <p>The OIEC meeting schedule was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next External Caucus: April 8, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:00pm (ET)</li> <li>● Next OIEC Meeting: April 8, 2024, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (ET)</li> </ul>	
11.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	<p>Precious Anderson</p>
<p>Elder Gene Nowegejick shared a closing prayer.</p>		