

## Report on the April 8, 2024 Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Meeting

From: Marcie Morrison - Associate University Secretary

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**OIEC Members:** *Precious Anderson (Chair) - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Tyler Goode (Indigenous Student Member); Lisa Harris (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair); Thomas Kehoe - Board of Governors (Lakehead University); Jason Lisi - (Secretary, Non Voting); Arlene Merkley (Barrie South Simcoe Métis Council); Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Sharla Peltier - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Dr. Gillian Siddall - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay (Vice-Chair) - (Metis Nation of Ontario); Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute*

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The OIEC met virtually on April 8, 2024. Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening and closing prayer.

The following items of business were on the agenda:

### **Consultation: Strategic Planning**

The President provided a presentation about the strategic plan development process. Members of the OIEC were invited to provide feedback for consideration in the new strategic plan. Some of the questions that were presented included:

1. 10 years from now, what will differentiate Lakehead University from other post secondary institutions in Ontario?
2. What critical issues will we need to tackle over the next 10 years so Lakehead can thrive?
3. How should Lakehead respond to changes in demand and delivery in higher education?
4. What should LUs top strategic priority be over the next 5 years?

### **2024-25 OIEC Meeting Schedule**

The OIEC approved its meeting schedule for the 2024-25 term:

1. Tuesday, October 1, 2024:  
1:00pm-2:00pm (ET), External Caucus (external members only)  
2:00pm-4:00pm (ET), Orientation/OIEC Meeting

2. Tuesday, December 3, 2024:  
1:00pm-2:00pm (ET), External Caucus (external members only)  
2:00pm-4:00pm (ET), OIEC Meeting
3. Tuesday, February 4, 2025:  
1:00pm-2:00pm (ET), External Caucus (external members only)  
2:00pm-4:00pm (ET), OIEC Meeting
4. Tuesday, April 1, 2025:  
1:00pm-2:00pm (ET), External Caucus (external members only)  
2:00pm-4:00pm (ET), OIEC Meeting

### **Policy Consultations**

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. The following policies were brought to the OIEC for consultation:

- Diversity Awareness - Feedback Document
- Student Code of Conduct - Non Academic - Feedback Document
- Student Code of Conduct - Appeal Policy - Feedback Document

### **Other Reports and Updates Received**

- Indigenous Student Recruitment Update
- OIEC Advisors Committee Update
- President's Report:
  - April Online Report
  - Gichi Kendaaswin Centre Project Update
  - President's Installation Ceremony
- Updates from External Members
- Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives
- Report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation
- Board of Governors Report

The next virtual OIEC meeting is scheduled to take place on October 1, 2024, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm (ET).