

**REPORT TO THE LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SENATE  
FROM**

**OGIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

**Next Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in ATAC 3004.**

**Business conducted at the Ogimaawin - Aboriginal Governance Council meeting held January 21, 2013:**

Two guest speakers were present to discuss business relevant to Aboriginal education at Lakehead University.

- ⊗ Ms. Tove Tronslien, Manager of Web Development Services at Lakehead University provided an update and current plans for implementation of the new University Website. Recommendations previously made regarding the “face” of the website have been made. Additional suggestions and recommendations were received. Those include the configuration and orthography of syllabics on the website. Mr. Bruce Beardy will work with the Web Development team to assure the best use of Aboriginal languages in Roman orthography and syllabics.
- ⊗ Dr. Rui Wang, Vice-President, Research, Economic Development and Innovation shared his enthusiasm for Aboriginal Research and research in general at the University, in a presentation, "What are the Strategies for Supporting Aboriginal Research at Lakehead University Going Forward?" Dr. Wang assured the Council that Aboriginal research remains in the forefront of Lakehead University priorities. He briefly reviewed Lakehead University's standings in regard to research, recently announced by Maclean's magazine, and they are, indeed, impressive.

**Aboriginal Representation on the Research Ethics Board of Lakehead University**

Dr. Richard Maundrell, Chair of the Research Ethics Board, discussed several configurations of Aboriginal representation on the Research Ethics Board. For at least the past 13 years, the Research Ethics Board has included an Aboriginal Faculty member, but does not at present. Establishing and maintaining safeguard for Aboriginal communities that meet not only the letter, but also the spirit, of the provisions of Tri-Council Policy Statement 2, Chapter 9, Research Involving the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples of Canada, is a concern of those involved in this discussion.

**Appointment of Representative from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre**

A motion was approved that Ms. Tamara Spence be appointed to the O-AGC as the representative from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre and that Mr. Wilfred King be appointed as her alternate.

**Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Advisors Report and Recommendations**

Dr. Sandra Wolf reported that, among other business, recommendations to the President arising from the Lakehead University Aboriginal Faculty Recruitment and Retention Study are nearing the point that they will move from the Advisors Committee to the Council. The President may have those recommendation on his desk shortly after the next Ogimaawin meeting, which is February 25th.

Motivation and planning for this study arose from questions posed by Ms. Rosie Mosquito, Executive Director of Oshi-Pimache-O-Win Education and Training Institute in 2009. Results and recommendations arising from the study are likely to have far-reaching implications for the University to the Advisors committee was very careful in crafting findings. Much of the latest fine-tuning and word-smithing of the report has been done by Dr. John Hodson, Dr. Peggy Smith, Ms. Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Ms. Karen Roche, and Ms. Ashley Dokuchie. The Advisors Committee is deeply appreciative of their expertise and persistence.

### **Search Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives**

Dr. Rodney Hanley updated the Governance Council regarding the search for a successful application to fill the vacancy for the Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives position. At that point, over thirty applications had been received, subsequent to a national search. The process of compiling long and short lists is underway.

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