



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Monday, February 10, 2020

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Thunder Bay Location: Senate Chambers

Orillia Location: OA2005

MINUTES

Voting Members in Attendance:

Nancy Bouchard (Chair); Dr. Rhonda Koster (Alternate for Dr. David Barnett); Dr. Paul Cormier; Ann Dumyn; Shailyn Loyle; Dr. Moira McPherson; Tim Pile; Murray Waboose*

Non Voting Members in Attendance:

*Matthew Bombardier; Anna Chief; Barbara Eccles (Secretary); Lisa Harris; Gene Nowegejick; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Sheryl O'Reilly; Bryanna Scott; Dr. Dr. Chander Shahi; Robin Sutherland; Yolanda Twance; Allysha Wassegijig***

Regrets:

James Aldridge; Denise Baxter; Sharon Goertzen; Dr. Jula Hughes; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Wayne Melville; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Hassan Naser; Dr. Todd Randall; Dr. David Richards; Andrea Tarsitano; Dr. Sarita Verma;

Others in Attendance:

Marcie Morrison (Recorder); Dr. Heather Murchison

**Video Conference **Teleconference*

The meeting was called to order at 1:09pm.

Elder Gene led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus, with amendment:

- add LUNSA Powwow Discussion under Other Business

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time in the meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the November 18, 2019 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus, as corrected.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes (not on the Agenda elsewhere)

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair provided an overview of her written report that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and reported that the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee has met once since the last O-AGC meeting and will be meeting again later this afternoon. The Committee plans to have the draft Bylaws ready to circulate to the O-AGC for further feedback later this week. Members were invited to email feedback directly to the O-AGC Chair.

6. President's Report

The President's February Report to the O-AGC was circulated in advance of the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the President's advocacy work and funding with regards to the Gichi Kendaasiwin project.

6a. Strategic Plan Update and Year Two Milestones

The Strategic Plan presentation was circulated in advance of the meeting. Highlights included:

- Overview of the five pillars
- Year one annual report card (2018-19)
- Overview of the reporting approach
- Year one highlights

- Year two key initiatives (2019-20)
- Year two implementation approach

Denise Baxter joined the meeting during the presentation.

Discussion ensued following the presentation. The 2018-19 Lakehead University Indigenous Student Statistics presentation that was shared with members in May 2019 was referenced.

Dr. Heather Murchison left the meeting.

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Lakehead University Indigenous Faculty Member Appointment (to fill vacancy created when Dr. Paul Cormier was appointed Chair of Advisors Committee)

It was noted that this position is still vacant despite continuing recruitment efforts.

- 7.2 Elder Appointment to the O-AGC

Elder Gene Nowegjick's biography was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVE (M. Waboose) to appoint Elder Gene Nowegejick as the elder from the external community member on the O-AGC commencing immediately.

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8. Membership Recruitment

Discussion ensued regarding membership recruitment. It was decided that the O-AGC would discuss this item further after the current O-AGC Bylaw review is completed.

9. Updates from Indigenous Organizations

Members received updates from:

- Metis Nation of Ontario (Tim Pile)
- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (Nancy Bouchard)

10. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update

Dr. Paul Cormier, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee reported that the Committee has begun work on drafting a definition of “Indigenous research”, the Committee plans to ask the O-AGC to consider ways to implement the definition. Dr. Cormier reported that the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Indigenous Reference Group (NOSM IGR) is looking for an O-AGC member to serve on this sub committee. The Secretary noted that Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, President and CEO of NOSM has been invited to the next O-AGC meeting to provide more information about the work of the sub committee and to answer questions.

11. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Denise Baxter provided an update on the Joint SAC/O-AGC work to date.

12. Informational Items

12.1 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports

A report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation dated October 31, 2019 to February 10, 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

12.2 Board of Governors Report

A report of the November 22, 2019 Board of Governors meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

12.3 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

A report from the Native Nurses Entry Program dated January 27, 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

12.4 2019-20 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

Members were reminded of the next meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Senate Chambers UC1001 (Thunder Bay campus) and OA3007 (Orillia campus).

The 2019-20 O-AGC meeting schedule was circulated in advance with the meeting.

12.5 2019-20 O-AGC Membership List

The 2019-20 O-AGC membership list was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

12.6 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

A report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives dated November 9, 2019 to January 31, 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

13. Other Business

By consensus, the following item was added to the agenda for discussion:

The 32nd Annual Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) Annual Powwow:

Members received an update on funding initiatives for the 2020 Annual LUNSA Powwow on March 13-15, 2020, at the C.J. Sanders Field house, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay campus. All students, staff, faculty and the greater off-campus community are invited to attend this free community event that will gather people together in celebration of Aboriginal culture and dance. Due to a lack of funding as a result of The Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) new ancillary fee classification framework, fundraising initiatives have

begun. Members were encouraged to volunteer/support the Powwow in any way possible. Donations are being accepted online at:

<https://ec.lakeheadu.ca/giving/projects/node/370>

Denise Baxter provided an update on Lakehead University's financial support contributions for this event.

The meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.