



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

February 25, 2019

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thunder Bay Location: SENATE CHAMBERS UC 1001

Orillia Location: OA 2005

MINUTES

In attendance

Ms. Denise Baxter
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair
Mr. Paul Capon
Dr. Paul Cormier
Ms. Ann Dumyn (Videoconference)
Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary
Ms. Anna Fern Kakegamic
Ms. Shailyn Loye
Dr. Nancy Luckai

Dr. Moira McPherson
Mr. Clifford Mushquash
Dr. Hassan Naser
Dr. Raymond Neckoway
Ms. Sheryl O'Reilly
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr
Dr. Ulf Runesson
Dr. Chander Shahi

Ms. Valerie Stortini
(Teleconference)
Ms. Yolanda Twance
Ms. Allysha Wassegijig
(Videoconference)

Regrets

Mr. James Aldridge
Dr. David Barnett
Ms. Kathy Beardy
Dr. Michel Bedard
Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar
Mr. John DeGiacomo
Dr. Leisa Desmoulins
Ms. Anna Chief
Ms. Serena Essex
Mr. Christopher Glover
Ms. Lisa Harris
Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans
Mr. John Kimball

Ms. Tracey Larocque
Dr. Joseph LeBlanc
Elder Gerry Martin, Vice-Chair
Mr. Dennis McPherson
Ms. Elizabeth Michano
Ms. Heather Moynihan
Dr. Christopher Mushquash
Dr. Hassan Naser
Ms. Joy Nieminen
Ms. Doe O'Brien
Dr. John O'Meara
Mr. Tim Pile
Dr. Todd Randall
Dr. Lana Ray

Dr. Robert Robson
Professor Nancy Sandy
Ms. Bryanna Scott
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni
Dr. Roger Strasser
Mr. Robin Sutherland
Ms. Andrea Tarsitano
Mr. Howard Twance
Mr. Murray Waboose
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-
Esquimaux

Invited Guests

Mrs. Melissa Burton, Executive
Assistant, Office of Vice-President,
Research and Innovation
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Vice-
President, Research and Innovation

Ms. Ledah McKellar,
Coordinator, Office of
Sustainability

Ms. Marcie Morrison, Assistant
University Secretary (Recorder)

Dr. Dean, Mrs. Burton and Ms. McKellar joined the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm.

Mr. Neckoway led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

1. Approval of Agenda

The February 25, 2019 O-AGC meeting package was circulated to all members via email on February 19, 2019.

By consensus, the agenda was approved.

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 (January 29, 2019)

The minutes of the January 29, 2019 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

By consensus, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. 2019-2024 Lakehead University Research Plan Presentation

The draft 2019-2024 Research Plan was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

The draft Research Plan presentation was shared with the O-AGC at a Special Meeting on January 29, 2019 and a consultation session took place during the meeting. Due to time constraints, members agreed that this item would come forward at the February 25, 2019 meeting for further discussion.

It was noted that the Research Planning Committee held three additional internal consultation sessions following the session with the O-AGC on January 29.

A hardcopy synopsis of the slide presentation that was shared at the last O-AGC meeting was circulated.

Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Vice-President, Research and Innovation provided an overview of the recommendations that O-AGC members made during the consultation session and explained how some of the recommendations will be integrated into the draft Research Plan.

The final draft Plan will be posted on the Lakehead University website and the University community will have the opportunity to provide additional input. Members will be notified once the final draft of the Research Plan becomes available online. Discussion ensued.

A recommendation was made to include the traditional Land Acknowledgement in the Research Plan, noting that it appears in the Lakehead Strategic Plan and Academic Plan.

Ms. Wassegijig joined the meeting during the discussion above.

A discussion took place regarding the opportunities that O-AGC members had to provide feedback on the draft Plan following the last meeting.

Dr. Dean and Mrs. Burton left the meeting.

6. 2018-2023 Lakehead University Sustainability Action Plan Presentation

A presentation on the draft Lakehead University Sustainability Action Plan was shared with the O-AGC during the May 14, 2018 meeting. There have been several opportunities for members from O-AGC and throughout the Indigenous community to provide feedback on the draft Action Plan since May 14, 2018. A summary outlining the Indigenous perspectives and worldviews that have been added to the draft Action Plan was circulated in advance with the meeting materials (this summary was emailed to all members on January 31, 2019 for consideration and feedback).

Highlights from Ms. McKellar's update included:

- background information
- report on internal consultation sessions held over the last six months with members of the O-AGC, Indigenous students, members of the University's Elder's Council and with Indigenous faculty and staff
- update on the request for feedback regarding Indigenous perspectives and worldviews that have been added to the draft Action Plan

Mr. Capon joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding other renewable and sustainable ideas that Ms. McKellar may want to consider in the future.

Ms. McKellar left the meeting.

7. Chair's Report

The Chair provided an overview of her written report that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

8. President's Report

The President's February 2019 report to the O-AGC was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Highlights from the President's verbal report included:

- update on the work of the President's Council on Truth and Reconciliation to date
- last week's visit to the opening of the Matawa Education and Care Centre's

At the request of the Chair, the President provided an update on the Gichi Kendaasiwin Center project, reporting that she attended the budget consultation hosted by Ontario's Finance Minister Vic Fedeli on February 7, 2019 in Thunder Bay where she had the opportunity to make a case for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre project.

9. O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee Update

The Chair provided an update on the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee's work to date in her written report (item 7), that included:

- the January 7, 2019 and February 4, 2019 meetings were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances
- the Committee had their first meeting on February 15, 2019
- prior to the next scheduled meeting on March 8, 2019, the Committee will be reviewing other universities bylaws/terms of reference

10. Appointment(s) to the O-AGC

10.1 Aboriginal Member from the Orillia Campus Region

In accordance with paragraph 3.6a of the Bylaws, members were notified of the following recommendation for appointment coming forward, and agreed to vote on the motion via electronic resolution so that if approved, the individual could attend the next O-AGC meeting as a voting member:

MOVED that the following individual be recommended to fill the Aboriginal Member from the Orillia campus region vacancy, commencing immediately to June 30, 2021, pursuant to paragraph 3.1b (iii) of the O-AGC Bylaws:

- Ms. Greer Atkinson – Education Program/Project Coordinator with the Ogemawahj Tribal Council

11. Appointment(s) to Other University Bodies and Committees

11.1 O-AGC Appointment to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee

MOVED that Dr. Paul Cormier be reappointed as the O-AGC representative on the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee commencing July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.
CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

For information - Dr. Paul Cormier has served as the O-AGC Representative on the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee since October 2, 2017. Dr. Cormier's term expires on June 30, 2019.

12. Updates from Indigenous Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Updates from the following organizations were provided:

- Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Ms. Stortini)
- Matawa First Nations Management (Mr. Capon)
- Lakehead University Native Students Association (Ms. Loyie)
- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (Ms. Bouchard)

13. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Ms. Baxter reported on the Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub-Committee's work to date regarding the delivery of the Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Type E Courses. She provided an overview of the draft framework being proposed and asked for feedback/comments.

There were concerns that the proposed framework may be too demanding for the faculty members involved in providing feedback on the Indigenous Content Requirement. Ms. Baxter suggested a compromise that would better suit the faculty member's schedules.

By consensus, the O-AGC supported the process proposed.

14. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update

Dr. Neckoway provided an update on the O-AGC Advisors Committee recent attendance and participation at meetings. He reported that the Terms of Reference of the O-AGC Advisors Committee are going to be reviewed during the O-AGC Bylaw Review.

Dr. Cormier left the meeting.

15. Informational Items

15.1 Department of Aboriginal Education Report

A report from the Department of Aboriginal Education dated February 2019, was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

15.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

A report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for the period of November 15, 2018 to February 15, 2019 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed Indigenous Alumni recognition scarf mentioned on page 14 of the report.

15.3 Lakehead University Board of Governors Reports

A report of the Lakehead University Board of Governors meeting on November 29, 2018 and February 1, 2019 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

15.4 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report

A report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation for the period of November 15, 2018 to February 28, 2019 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

15.5 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

A report on the Native Nurses Entry Program dated February 1, 2019 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

15.6 Decanal Searches

15.6a The public advertisement for Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration was circulated in advance for information.

15.6b The public advertisement for Dean of the Faculty of Education was circulated in advance for information.

15.6c The public advertisement for Dean of the Faculty of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law was circulated in advance for information.

- 15.7 An invitation to Research & Innovation Awards of Excellence on February 28, 2019 was circulated in advance.
- 15.8 The minutes of the O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting on September 25, 2018 were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.
- 15.9 Members were reminded of the next meeting on Monday, April 29, 2019 From 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Telepresence Rooms AT 5041 (Thunder Bay) & OA 2020 (Orillia).

16. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.