



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Monday, April 29, 2019

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thunder Bay Location: AT 5041

Orillia Location: OA 2020

MINUTES

In attendance

Mr. James Aldridge

Ms. Greer Atkinson*

Dr. David Barnett

Ms. Denise Baxter

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Mr. Paul Capon

Ms. Anna Chief

Dr. Paul Cormier

Ms. Ann Dumyn

Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary

Mr. Christopher Glover*

Dr. Moira McPherson

Dr. Raymond Neckoway

Ms. Sheryl O'Reilly

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Dr. Ulf Runesson

Ms. Bryanna Scott

Dr. Chander Shahi

Mr. Robin Sutherland

Ms. Yolanda Twance

Mr. Murray Waboose

Ms. Allysha Wassegijig

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-

Esquimaux*

Regrets

Ms. Kathy Beardy

Dr. Michel Bedard

Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham

Dr. Bahram Dadgostar

Mr. John DeGiacomo

Dr. Leisa Desmoulins

Ms. Serena Essex

Ms. Lisa Harris

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans

Dr. Hassan Naser

Mr. John Kimball

Ms. Tracey Larocque

Ms. Shailyn Loyie

Dr. Nancy Luckai

Mr. Dennis McPherson

Ms. Elizabeth Michano

Ms. Heather Moynihan

Dr. Christopher Mushquash

Ms. Joy Nieminen

Mr. Tim Pile

Professor Doe O'Brien

Dr. John O'Meara

Dr. Todd Randall

Dr. Joseph LeBlanc

Dr. Lana Ray

Dr. Robert Robson

Professor Nancy Sandy

Ms. Valerie Stortini

Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni

Ms. Andrea Tarsitano

Mr. Howard Twance

Invited Guests

Dr. Heather Murchison, Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis)

Ms. Marcie Morrison, Recorder, Assistant University Secretary (University Secretariat)

Ms. Sarah Prouty, Research Analyst (Institutional Planning and Analysis)

**Video Conference*

Dr. Murchison and Ms. Prouty joined the meeting. Ms. Wassegijig led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

Mr. Capon joined the meeting.

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 February 25, 2019 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Lakehead University President's Council on Truth and Reconciliation

Dr. Wesley Esquimaux and Ms. Baxter provided a presentation to update the O-AGC on the President's Council on Truth and Reconciliation (PCTR). The following topics were included:

- Rationale for the establishment of the Lakehead Chair on Truth and Reconciliation position at Lakehead University
- Background on the Chair
- Membership of the PCTR
- External Right Relations
- Truth and Reconciliation events, training and education
- National and Regional Dialogues
- Connection to the Strategic Plan
- Accomplishments
- Future goals, timelines, and proposed outcomes

6. Indigenous Self-Identified Student Statistics Presentation

Dr. Murchison and Ms. Prouty reported on Indigenous self-identifying student statistics at Lakehead University. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Methodology
- Number of Indigenous students (estimates vs. actuals)
- Estimated Number of Indigenous Students (number and proportion)
- Actual number of self-declared students (identity type)
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students By Campus
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students (academic level and study load)
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students By Faculty
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students Graduates (2018)
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students - Undergraduate Students by Faculty (2011-12 to 2018-19)
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students (one year retention rate: Undergraduates)
- Actual Number of Self-Declared Students - Graduate Students by Faculty (2011-12 to 2018-19)

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification on the statistics provided during the presentation. Discussion ensued following the presentation.

At the request of the O-AGC, Dr. Murchison was asked to prepare a summary of the presentation that can be shared via email with all members and externally.

Dr. Murchison and Ms. Prouty left the meeting.

7. Chair's Report

The Chair's Report, dated April 29, 2019 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. A verbal update on the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee's work to date was provided.

The Chair announced that Elder Gerry Martin resigned from the O-AGC, effective March 31, 2019. Discussion ensued.

8. President's Report

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

Highlight's from Dr. McPherson's verbal report included:

- Update on advocacy efforts for the Gichi Kendaaswiin Centre project
- Announcement of 2018 Honorary Degree recipients

9. Review of the 2016 Report on Aboriginal Education Councils in Ontario

The 2016 Final Report of Aboriginal Education Councils in Ontario was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.

10. O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee Update

An update was provided during item 7. Members were encouraged to provide input on the O-AGC Bylaws, for review and consideration during the Bylaw review to either the Chair or to Ms. Eccles.

11. Appointment(s) to the O-AGC

11.1 Aboriginal Member from the Orillia Campus Region – for information

On April 5, 2019, the O-AGC conducted an electronic vote and approved the following motion:

MOVED BY CONSENSUS that Ms. Greer Atkinson be appointed 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.

A biography for Ms. Atkinson was circulated with the meeting materials for information.

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

12.1 Appointments to the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council

Ms. Eccles provided background information. Discussion ensued.

By consensus, the O-AGC agreed to appoint Ms. Bryanna Scott and Mr. Robin Sutherland to the the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, pursuant to article 3.3c of the O-AGC Bylaws.

12.2 Appointment of the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee

By consensus, the O-AGC agreed that Dr. Paul Cormier be appointed as the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee for a one-year term commencing July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, pursuant to paragraph 3.1a(vi) of the O-AGC Bylaws.

It was suggested that Ms. Nancy Sandy may make a good candidate for the Lakehead University Indigenous Faculty Member vacancy that has been created as a result of Dr. Cormier's appointment to Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee.

12.3 O-AGC Member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors

A letter from the Lakehead University Board of Governors seeking recommendation(s) from the O-AGC to fill the vacant O-AGC members' position on the Board was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information. A call to the floor for nominations was made. Discussion ensued regarding time commitment.

Ms. Chief, Ms. Orr and Dr. Shahi left the meeting during the discussion.

13. 2019-2020 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

By consensus, the O-AGC approved the proposed 2019-2020 meeting schedule that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14. Updates from Indigenous Organizations

An update from Mr. Capon, Matawa First Nations Management was provided.

15. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update (Dr. Raymond Neckoway)

15.1 2016-2019 O-AGC Advisors Committee Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report

The Advisors Committee to the O-AGC Self-Assessment (for the period November 14, 2016 to May 31, 2019) was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

By consensus, the O-AGC approved the 2016-2019 Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report.

The O-AGC Advisors Committee reported they are reviewing their terms of reference and asked the O-AGC for feedback. The O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee will review the O-AGC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference during the Bylaw review.

16. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

16.1 Joint SAC/O-AGC Terms of Reference

By consensus, the O-AGC approved the updated Joint SAC/O-AGC Terms of Reference.

On February 15, 2019, the Senate Academic Committee approved the updated Terms of Reference from the Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub-Committee. A copy of the Senate Academic Committee report submitted to Senate was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.

17. Informational Items

17.1 Aboriginal Education Report

The Aboriginal Education Report, dated April 2019 was circulated with the meeting materials.

17.2 Aboriginal Initiatives Report

The Aboriginal Initiatives Report for the period February 15, 2019 to April 15, 2019 was circulated with the meeting materials.

17.3 Board of Governors Report

A report of the March 7, 2019 Lakehead University Board of Governors meeting was circulated with the meeting materials.

17.4 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report

A report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation for the period February 28, 2019 to April 16, 2019 was circulated with the meeting materials.

17.5 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

The Native Nurses Entry Program Report dated April 8, 2019 was circulated with the meeting materials.

17.6 O-AGC Advisors Committee Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2019 O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting were circulated with the meeting materials.

17.7 2018-2019 O-AGC Membership List

The current O-AGC membership list was circulated with the meeting materials.

17.8 O-AGC Orientation Session

It was announced that the 2019-20 orientation session is scheduled to take place on Friday, October 11, 2019, from 1:00 to 2:00pm in the

Senate Chambers and the Orillia location is to be determined.

17.9 Next O-AGC Meeting

Members were reminded that the next meeting is on Friday, October 11, 2019, from 2:00 to 4:00pm in the Senate Chambers, and the Orillia location is to be determined.

18. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:23pm.