



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)**

**August 23, 2017**

**11:00am – 12:00pm**

**Governance Conference Room UC 2001**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance**

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair  
Mr. Paul Capon  
Ms. Anna Chief  
Dr. Paul Cormier  
Prof. Angelique EagleWoman  
Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary  
Dr. Jobin-Bevans\*  
Mr. Christopher Glover\*\*  
Ms. Lisa Harris

Dr. Donald Kerr  
Dr. Rhonda Koster  
Dr. Nancy Luckai  
Elder Gerry Martin, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Joy Nieminen  
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr  
Ms. Laura Ray  
Ms. Bryanna Scott  
Dr. Peggy Smith

Ms. Valerie Stortini  
Dr. Brian Stevenson  
Mr. Robin Sutherland  
Ms. Yolanda Twance  
Ms. Allysha Wassegijig\*  
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-  
Esquimaux

**Regrets**

Ms. Tina Armstrong  
Dr. David Barnett  
Mr. Bruce Beardy  
Mr. Tom Beardy  
Ms. Kathy Beardy  
Dr. Michel Bedard  
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar  
Ms. Brianna Decontie  
Mr. Gilbert Deschamps  
Mr. John DeGiacomo  
Ms. Serena Essex  
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette

Dr. Leisa Desmoulins  
Ms. Karen Drake  
Dr. Ruby Farrell  
Dr. Peter Hollings  
Mr. John Kimball  
Ms. Tracey Larocque  
Mr. Ian McCormack  
Mr. Dennis McPherson  
Dr. Moira McPherson  
Ms. Elizabeth Michano  
Ms. Heather Moynihan  
Dr. Christopher Mushquash

Dr. Raymond Neckoway  
Dr. John O'Meara  
Mr. Tim Pile  
Dr. Robert Robson  
Dr. Ulf Runesson  
Ms. Stephanie Seymour  
Dr. Chander Shahi  
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni  
Dr. Roger Strasser  
Mr. Howard Twance

**Guests**

Ms. Marcie Morrison, Assistant University Secretary (Recorder)

*\*Video Conference \*\*Teleconference*

The meeting was called to order at 11:10am.

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Vice-Chair, Elder Gerry Martin led the opening prayer, members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (P. Cormier/G. Martin) that the agenda be approved.  
CARRIED

3. Conflict of Interest

Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise during the meeting.

4. President's Report

The President provided an update on the Gichi-Kendaasiwin Centre, noting that the project is "shovel ready" and that Lakehead will continue to seek funding complete the project.

A discussion ensued regarding other possible space opportunities on campus for Aboriginal Initiatives to utilize temporarily until a suitable permanent space becomes available.

The President provided a recap of the recent 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Canada-Mexico Roundtable that was hosted by Lakehead.

5. Notice of Motion: Amendments to the O-AGC Bylaws – Duties of the Chair

The proposed amendments to O-AGC Bylaws were distributed in advance with the meeting materials:

Article 3.3a - ~~the Chair of the O-AGC to the Lakehead University Board of Governors;~~ a voting member of the O-AGC chosen from those appointed pursuant to paragraph 3.1b herein to the Lakehead University Board of Governors;

Article 3.11a - ~~representing the O-AGC at the Lakehead University Board of Governors;~~ Act as a liaison between the O-AGC and the Lakehead University President;

A Notice of Motion with proposed amendments to the O-AGC Bylaws was distributed electronically to O-AGC voting members on July 26, 2017.

It was noted that a written resolution will be emailed to O-AGC voting members on August 28, 2017 in accordance with the 30 days advance notice outlined in article 6.0a of the O-AGC Bylaws

The Secretary provided background information and a discussion ensued regarding the responsibilities and time commitment of the O-AGC member on the Board of Governors and the amendments that were being proposed.

The following additional amendment to the O-AGC Bylaws was recommended:

Article 3.1b - change the title of "Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre" to "Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre."

Mr. Capon and Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux joined the meeting during the discussion of item 5.

6. O-AGC Representative on the Presidential Search Committee

The Presidential Search Process Policy was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

The Secretary provided background information and the Chair called out for a volunteer to fill the upcoming vacancy of the O-AGC member on the Search Committee. A discussion ensued regarding the time commitment of this position. The Secretary clarified that any member can volunteer, it does not have to be a voting member.

MOVED (P. Smith/G. Martin) that Prof. Angelique EagleWoman be appointed to replace Ms. Nancy Bouchard as the O-AGC Representative on the Lakehead University Presidential Search Committee.

CARRIED

7. O-AGC Representative on the Board of Governors

The Board of Governors Bylaws were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (P. Capon/P. Smith) that conditional upon approval of the pending O-AGC Bylaw amendment, Mr. Gerry Martin be recommended to the Lakehead University Board of Governors to serve as an external member for a one year term, pursuant to article 6(a)(v) of the Board Bylaws.

CARRIED

8. Selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair of O-AGC

The Secretary provided background information and the O-AGC discussed possibilities for the Chair and Vice-Chair for the next term. Ms. Bouchard agreed to continue in her role as the Chair for an additional term and Mr. Martin agreed to continue in his role of Vice-Chair for another term. The motion will come forward to the Council at their September 2017 meeting, pursuant to article 3.11 – Duties of Officers of the O-AGC Bylaws.

The Chair invited Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux to speak about the Presidential Council on Truth and Reconciliation.

Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux provided a recap of the Report Card on the Implementation of the Recommendations from First Nations Youth Inquest that was held at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law School earlier that day.

A discussion about the Presidential Council on Truth and Reconciliation ensued that included recruitment, focus of the Council, composition, time commitment and proposals for government support.

MOVED (G. Martin/P. Capon) to endorse recruitment to the Presidential Council on Truth and Reconciliation.

CARRIED

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55am.