



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

October 2, 2017

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Senate Chambers (UC1001)

MINUTES

In attendance

Ms. Nancy Bouchard (Chair)
Ms. Anna Chief
Prof. Angelique EagleWoman
Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary
Mr. Gilbert Deschamps
Dr. Donald Kerr
Dr. Rhonda Koster

Dr. Nancy Luckai
Ms. Elizabeth Michano*
Ms. Joy Nieminen
Dr. John O'Meara
Dr. Raymond Neckoway
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr
Dr. Todd Randall

Dr. Ulf Runesson
Dr. Chander Shahi
Dr. Peggy Smith
Mr. Robin Sutherland
Ms. Valerie Stortini*
Mr. Howard Twance
Ms. Allysha Wassegijig*

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong
Dr. David Barnett
Ms. Kathy Beardy
Dr. Michel Bedard
Mr. Paul Capon
Dr. Paul Cormier
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar
Ms. Brianna Decontie
Mr. John DeGiacomo
Ms. Ann Dumyn
Ms. Serena Essex

Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau
Mr. Christopher Glover
Ms. Lisa Harris
Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans
Mr. John Kimball
Ms. Tracey Larocque
Elder Gerry Martin (Vice Chair)
Mr. Dennis McPherson
Dr. Moira McPherson
Ms. Heather Moynihan
Mr. Tim Pile

Dr. Robert Robson
Ms. Bryanna Scott
Ms. Stephanie Seymour
Dr. Brian Stevenson
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni
Dr. Roger Strasser
Ms. Yolanda Twance
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-
Esquimaux

Guests

Ms. Denise Baxter – Incoming Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives; Mr. Toby Goodfellow – Chief of Staff, Office of the President (Lakehead University); Mr. David Tamblyn - Chair, Board of Governors (Lakehead University); Ms. Marcie Morrison - Assistant University Secretary (Recorder) (Lakehead University)

**Teleconference*

Ms. Baxter, Mr. Goodfellow and Mr. Tamblyn joined the meeting.

Mr. Tamlyn joined the meeting briefly to provide an update on the Presidential Search Process.

Dr. Peggy Smith led the opening prayer, followed by the members and guests introducing themselves.

Due to lack of quorum, the Council proceeded with the meeting, discussing non-decision items only.

At 3:34pm the Council obtained quorum and the meeting was called to order.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (P. Smith/N. Luckai) that the agenda be approved as follows:

- a. skip all non-decision items that were previously discussed prior to obtaining quorum;
- b. discuss in order, the decision items that have not yet been discussed;
- c. delete item 6 – President's Report;
- d. add item, 16.2A – Chair's Report.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

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. Presidential Search Process Progress Report

This item was discussed prior to the meeting being called to order.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- 4.1 The minutes of the April 24, 2017 meeting were distributed in advanced with the meeting materials.

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Neckoway) that the minutes of the meeting held on April 24, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

- 4.2 The minutes of the August 23, 2017 special meeting were distributed in advanced with the meeting materials.

MOVED (V. Stortini/P. Smith) that the minutes of the meeting held on August 23, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

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

- Orillia Traditional Lands Acknowledgement

Supporting documentation was circulated via email prior to the meeting and hardcopies were available during the meeting.

Members were provided background information and an overview of the proposed Orillia Traditional Lands Acknowledgement.

A discussion ensued regarding amendments to the wording of both the Thunder Bay and Orillia acknowledgments and how the acknowledgements could be used in addition to formal occasions (ie. website, course outlines).

Mr. Goodfellow left the meeting.

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Neckoway) to amend and approve the Orillia and Thunder Bay Traditional Lands Acknowledgements to read:

Thunder Bay Campus

I/we would like to acknowledge the original custodians of this land and pay my/our respect to the Elders – past, present, and future... for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and the hopes of Indigenous peoples.

I/we would also like to recognize that the Lakehead University Thunder Bay campus is on the traditional land of the Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850. I/we also acknowledge the history that many nations hold in this area, and look forward to respectful relations with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit in the spirit of reconciliation.

Orillia Campus

I/we would like to acknowledge the original custodians of this land and pay my/our respect to the Elders – past, present, and future... for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture, and the hopes of Indigenous peoples.

I/we acknowledge that the Lakehead University Orillia Campus is located on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg – the Indigenous peoples of this land. I/we also acknowledge the history that many nations hold in this area, and look forward to respectful relations with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit in the spirit of reconciliation.

CARRIED

6. ~~President's Report~~

7. Search for new Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) Update

Dr. Luckai announced the appointment of Ms. Denise Baxter as the new, incoming Vice Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives effective October 30, 2017 and provided a brief overview of Dr. Baxter's background and experience. Dr. Baxter will be replacing Dr. Smith who is retiring.

8. Appointments to O-AGC

8.1 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the O-AGC

MOVED (P. Smith/N. Luckai) that Ms. Nancy Bouchard be elected as the Chair of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council for one year commencing immediately, through to the close of the last meeting of the 2017-18 term.

CARRIED

MOVED (V. Stortini/P. Smith) that Mr. Gerry Martin be elected as the Vice Chair of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council for one year effective immediately, commencing through to the close of the last meeting of the 2017-18 term.

CARRIED

8.2 Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) Appointments to O-AGC

MOVED (P. Smith/N. Luckai) that Ms. Tannis Kasten be appointed as the LUNSA Representative on the O-AGC effective immediately through October 31, 2018, to replace Stephanie Seymour.
CARRIED

It was noted that Ms. Kasten had previously consented to serve.

MOVED (N. Luckai/P. Smith) that Ms. April Head be appointed as the LUNSA Representative on the O-AGC effective November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018.
CARRIED

It was noted that Ms. Head had previously consented to serve.

9. Appointment to Other Organizations

9.1 Appointments to Joint SAC/O-AGC

For Information: Ms. Stephanie Seymour was appointed as a Joint SAC/O-AGC Representative for a term ending on August 31, 2018.

MOVED (R. Neckoway/N. Luckai) to appoint Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau to replace Ms. Stephanie Seymour as the O-AGC representative on the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council effective immediately to August 31, 2018, pursuant to paragraph 3.3c(i) of the O-AGC Bylaws.
A discussion ensued.
CARRIED

It was noted that Ms. Farrell-Morneau had previously consented to serve.

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

For Information: Dr. Christopher Mushquash has served as the O-AGC Representative on the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee for two consecutive two-year terms and began his sabbatical on July 1, 2017.

The Chair provided background information and called for volunteers

from the floor to fill this position. There being no volunteers, the Secretary was instructed to circulate an interest-to-serve via email. The workload of this Committee was noted.

10. O-AGC Bylaws Review Committee Composition

The Secretary provided background information and recommended that the O-AGC defer reviewing the O-AGC Bylaws until January 2018 considering the changes currently happening in the Aboriginal Initiatives department.

The Chair reviewed the membership of the Bylaw Review Committee, and suggested doing a call out prior to January 1, 2018 to fill the one external member position prior to January 2018 so that the first meeting can be held in early 2018.

For Information: Pursuant to O-AGC Bylaws, paragraph 5.4b - Composition of the Bylaw Review Committee:

- *Chair of the O-AGC*
- *One external member*
- *Chair of the Advisors Committee*
- *Secretary of the O-AGC*

11. Lakehead University Cultural Protocol Policy Update

The Secretary provided background information and explained that the policy is not ready to bring forward at this time.

Dr. Smith asked members for feedback regarding the revised policy and gave an overview of the amendments.

12. O-AGC Advisors Committee Report

Ms. Chief provided an update on the Indigenous Self ID Project and a discussion ensued.

13. Joint SAC/O-AGC Report

13.1 Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Update

The Secretary provided an update on behalf of Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau - Indigenous Curriculum Specialist, who was unable to attend the meeting.

A discussion ensued about the composition of the joint SAC/O-AGC subcommittee.

14. Proposed Board/Senate/O-AGC Liaison Event

Ms. Eccles provided background information and asked the members to hold the afternoon of November 16, 2017 as a possible date for this event.

15. Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Ms. Stortini provided an update on behalf of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre.

16. Reports and Informational Items

16.1 Approval of Amendments to the O-AGC Bylaws

On August 29, 2017, O-AGC voting members approved the recently proposed amendments to the O-AGC Bylaws.

16.2 Board of Governors Approval of Appointments:

*MOVED that Prof. Angelique EagleWoman be appointed to serve on the 2017 Presidential Search Committee to replace Nancy Bouchard.
CARRIED (Approved August 30, 2017)*

MOVED to appoint Elder Gerry Martin as the O-AGC member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors for one year, commencing at the close of the annual meeting in 2017 through to the close of the annual meeting in 2018. CARRIED (Approved September 28, 2017)

16.2A Chair's Report

Hardcopies of the Chair's Report were circulated to members during the meeting. Highlight's from the report included:

- A report of recent events attended as O-AGC Chair
- A report of recent events attended as Board of Governors member

16.3 Aboriginal Education Report

The Aboriginal Education report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials. A discussion ensued.

Ms. Michano joined the meeting.

Dr. Smith announced that Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services has hired a new Aboriginal Counsellor.

16.4 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report (April 16, 2017 - September 25, 2017)

Dr. Smith provided an overview of the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives report that was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

16.5 Board of Governors Report

A summary report of the July 13, 2017 and August 30, 2017 Board of Governors meetings was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

16.6 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (April 24, 2017 - October 2, 2017)

A report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

16.7 Native Nurses Entry Program Report (April 25, 2017 - September 22, 2017)

The Native Nurses Entry Program report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

~~16.8 Orillia Campus Report~~

16.9 O-AGC Advisors Committee Minutes – September 12, 2017

The minutes of the September 12, 2017 O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

16.10 2017-18 O-AGC Membership List

The 2017-18 O-AGC membership list was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

The Chair announced the appointment of Ms. Ann Dumyn as the Board of Governor member on the O-AGC for a one year term.

A discussion ensued regarding the membership of the Advisors Committee.

16.11 Next Meeting: Monday, November 27, 2017 from 2:30am – 4:30pm, Senate Chambers (UC1001)

The 2017-18 O-AGC meeting schedule was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:52pm.