



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Friday, October 11, 2019

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thunder Bay Location: Senate Chambers

Orillia Location: OA3007

MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. David Barnett

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Mr. Paul Capon

Dr. Paul Cormier

Ms. Ann Dumyn*

Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary

Dr. Jula Hughes

Dr. Moira McPherson

Ms. Sheryl O'Reilly

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Dr. David Richards

Dr. Ulf Runesson

Ms. Bryanna Scott

Ms. Valerie Stortini

Mr. Howard Twance

Ms. Yolanda Twance

Mr. Murray Waboose

Ms. Allysha Wassegiji**

Regrets

Ms. Greer Atkinson

Ms. Denise Baxter

Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans

Ms. Shailyn Loyie

Dr. Wayne Melville

Mr. Robin Sutherland

Invited Guests

Zhaawanaana Kwad, Vice President, Lakehead University Native Students Association

Rhonda LeClair, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services

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

**Video Conference **Teleconference*

Ms. Bouchard led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

Dr. Barnett was invited to welcome the new Deans present at the meeting (Dr. Richards and Dr. Hughs).

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

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 (April 29, 2019)

The minutes of the April 29, 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. Chair's Report

Ms. Bouchard provided an overview of her written report that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. Ms. Bouchard announced Rhonda LeClair will be replacing her as the Anishinabek Employment and Training Services member on the O-AGC once Ms. Bouchard retires.

6. President's Report

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

Mr. Capon joined the meeting

In addition to the written report, Dr. McPherson provided a debrief of the Canada-Mexico Round Table event and the Building Reconciliation Forum that she attended.

At the request of a council member, Dr. McPherson provided an update on the Gichi Kendaasiwin project funding.

7. Consultation re Proposed Changes to the Indigenous and Aboriginal Cultural Ceremonies Policy

The proposed amendments to the Indigenous and Aboriginal Cultural Ceremonies Policy was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Ms. Twance provided background information and rationale for the policy coming forward at this time. She reported that the Elders have reviewed and approved the proposed amendments.

By consensus, the proposed amendments to the Indigenous and Aboriginal Cultural Ceremonies Policy were endorsed.

8. Honour Cords for Indigenous Lakehead University Graduates

Ms. Sortini joined the meeting.

Background information was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Dr. Barnett explained how the honour cords were used at the 2019 Convocation Ceremonies, noting that they were very well received. He provided an overview of the modifications to the cord that Administration was proposing and asked the council for their input and endorsement. Discussion ensued.

By consensus, the O-AGC endorsed the modifications proposed and the use of the Honour Cords for Indigenous Lakehead University Graduates.

9. O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee Update

Ms. Bouchard reported that the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee held their first meeting on February 15, 2019 and has met a total of 8 times to date. The Committee conducted an analysis of best practices across Canada and is in the final stages of drafting a summary of the proposed major Bylaw amendments. A consultation session is being planned for the next O-AGC meeting.

10. Appointment(s) to the O-AGC

10.1 Election of the Chair of the O-AGC

Dr. McPherson reported that Ms. Bouchard has agreed to remain the Chair of the O-AGC until the O-AGC Bylaw review is complete, pending approval from the council.

The Secretary made a call to the floor for nominations. No further nominations were received.

MOVED that Ms. Nancy Bouchard be elected as the Chair of the O-AGC, commencing immediately until the conclusion of the O-AGC Bylaw review or to the close of the first O-AGC meeting of the new term in the fall of 2020, whichever comes first.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

10.2 Election of the Vice-Chair of the O-AGC

The Secretary made a call to the floor for nominations, Ms. Sortini nominated herself. No further nominations were received.

MOVED that Ms. Valeri Sortini be elected as the Vice-Chair of the O-AGC for a one-year term, commencing immediately through to the close of the first O-AGC meeting of the new term in the fall of 2020.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

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

This item was deferred, as a formal recommendation from LUNSA has not been received. Members agreed to a vote via electronic written resolution prior to the next meeting if necessary.

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

To assist in the search for a suitable candidate to fill the Indigenous Faculty member position, Dr. Cormier agreed to make an announcement at the next Advisors Committee meeting.

10.5 O-AGC Advisors Committee Member Appointment

Ms. Eccles provided background information.

MOVED to appoint Dr. Paul Cormier as the O-AGC Advisors Committee member on the O-AGC.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

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

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

Ms. Eccles provided background information.

There was a call to the floor for nominations. Mr. Waboose expressed interest and will notify the Chair or the Secretary of his decision.

Discussion ensued regarding time commitment.

12. Review of the 2019-20 O-AGC Membership List

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

There was a discussion about filling the vacant Elders position. Ms. Twance agreed to connect with the Elders Council regarding this.

13. Updates from Indigenous Organizations

Updates were received from:

- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (Nancy Bouchard)
- Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini)

- Anishinabek Nation (Murray Waboose)
- Seven Generations Education Institute (Howard Twance)
- Matawa First Nations Management (Paul Capon)

14. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update

Dr. Cormier's reported that as a result of the O-AGC Bylaw review, the Advisor's Committee will be reviewing their Terms of Reference to ensure consistency and alignment.

Ms. LeClair left the meeting.

15. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

There was no update.

16. Informational Items

16.1 Aboriginal Education Report

A report from the Faculty of Education was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. Dr. Cormier provided a verbal report.

16.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

A report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for the period April 30, 2019 to October 2, 2019 was circulated with the meeting materials.

16.3 Board of Governors Reports

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

16.4 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

There was no report.

16.5 2019-20 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

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

Members were reminded that the next meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm in the Senate Chambers UC 1001 (Thunder Bay) and room OA3007 (Orillia).

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.