

**OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)****Monday, November 18, 2019****2:00pm – 4:00pm****Thunder Bay Location: Senate Chambers****Orillia Location: OA3007****MINUTES****Voting Members in Attendance:**

Dr. David Barnett; Denise Baxter; Nancy Bouchard (Chair); Paul Capon; Dr. Paul Cormier; Ann Dumyn; Shailyn Loyle; Dr. Moira McPherson*; Valerie Sortini** (Vice Chair); Murray Waboose*

Non Voting Members in Attendance:

Barbara Eccles; Christopher Glover; Dr. Jula Hughes*; Dr. Joseph LeBlanc**; Dr. David Richards*; Sheryl O'Reilly; Dr. Ulf Runesson; Bryanna Scott; Robin Sutherland; Yolanda Twance; Allysha Wassegijig*

Regrets:

Greer Atkinson; Kathy Beardy; Dr. Michel Bedard; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Sharon Goetzen; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Dr. Wayne Melville; Christopher Mushquash; Doe O'Brien-Teengs; Andrea Tarsitano; Howard Twance; Dr. Sarita Verma

Others in Attendance:

Rhonda LeClair, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services; Marcie Morrison - Recorder, Assistant University Secretary (University Secretariat); Yvonne Roussel – Associate University Secretary

**Video Conference **Teleconference*

The Chair led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

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

The minutes of the October 11, 2019 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus as circulated.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair's report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

6. President's Report

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

Dr. McPherson provided an update on the status of the Gichi Kendaasiwin Community, Culture and Recreational Funding Stream Application. Discussion ensued.

7. Appointment(s) to the O-AGC (Ms. Nancy Bouchard)

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

MOVED to appoint Shailyn Loyle and Matthew Bombardier as the LUNSA Representatives on the O-AGC commencing immediately through to the close of the first O-AGC meeting of the new term in the fall of 2020, pursuant to paragraph 3.1a (iii) of the O-AGC Bylaws.

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS

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

Dr. Paul Cormier reported that he sent out an email to certain Indigenous faculty members who might be interested in volunteering to fill this vacancy. He also plans to discuss at the next O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting in January 2020 and encourage faculty members to volunteer.

7.3 Elder Appointment to the O-AGC

This item was deferred.

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

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

MOVED that Murray Waboose be appointed as the O-AGC member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors term commencing immediately through to the close of the annual Board of Governors meeting in the fall of 2020, pursuant to paragraph 3.1a (ii) of the O-AGC Bylaws.

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9. O-AGC Bylaw Review Update and Consultation

Ms. Bouchard provided background information about the bylaw review process to date. Highlights from the presentation included:

- overview of work to date, including meetings, and documents reviewed
- the Committee's focus
- overview of the participating institutions (Appendix A) from the Aboriginal Education Councils in Ontario Final Report, Academic Group Inc.
- overview of the promising practices from the Academica Report that the Committee is proposing to adopt

Denise Baxter joined the meeting.

- new proposed draft mission statement and mandate
- new proposed membership and term limits
- proposed membership terms
- proposed external member caucus
- overview of new O-AGC committee structure
- proposed name change
- next steps:
 - November 19-December 2: O-AGC Input Request
 - Bylaw Drafting (ongoing)
 - January/February: Additional Bylaw Review Committee Meetings
 - February 4: Update to the O-AGC

- March 6: Email notice of motion to the O-AGC
- April 6: O-AGC vote on Bylaw amendments

The floor was open to questions. Discussion ensued. As part of the consultation process, all O-AGC members will receive via email the following documents:

- O-AGC Bylaw Review Update that was shared during this meeting
- Current O-AGC Bylaws (for comparative purposes)
- A Review of Aboriginal Education Councils in Ontario (promising practices considered by the Bylaw Review Committee)

Members were strongly encouraged to review the materials and to submit feedback and/or any other items for consideration by the Bylaw Review Committee. Feedback should be directed to the O-ACG Bylaw Review Committee Chair (Nancy Bouchard) directly, to any other member of the Bylaw Review Committee or to the University Secretariat.

10. Strategic Plan Year One Implementation Report

This item was deferred.

11. Updates from Indigenous Organizations

Members received updates from:

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

12. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update

The O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting on October 29, 2019 was cancelled.

13. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Denise Baxter provided an update, reporting that the Committee re-appointed her as Chair for an additional term.

14. Informational Item

14.1 Aboriginal Education Report

There was no report.

14.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

A report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for the period October 3, 2019 to October 31, 2019 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14.3 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports

Reports for the period April to July 2019 and August to October 2019 from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation were submitted in advance with the meeting materials.

14.4 Board of Governors Report

The October 3, 2019 Board of Governors meeting summary was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14.5 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

The Native Nurses Entry program report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14.6 2019-20 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

The 2019-20 meeting schedule was circulated with the meeting materials. Members were reminded of the next meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Thunder Bay Location: Senate Chambers UC1001, Orillia Location: OA3007.

14.7 2019-20 O-AGC Membership List

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

15. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:11pm.