



**OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)  
ADVISORS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**

**2:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Governance Conference Room UC 2001**

## MINUTES

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### IN ATTENDANCE:

Denise Baxter, Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives  
Anna Chief, Indigenous Outreach/Recruitment  
Dr. Paul Cormier (Chair), Faculty of Education  
Dr. Jula Hughes, Dean, Law  
Dr. Rhonda Koster, Interim Deputy Provost  
Marcie Morrison (Secretary), Assistant University Secretary  
Sheryl O'Reilly, Aboriginal Student Counsellor  
Jerr-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program  
Dr. David Richards, Dean, Business  
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Dean, Natural Resources Management  
Dr. Chander Shahi, Dean, Graduate Studies  
Robin Sutherland, Director of Indigenous Relations, Law  
Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

### REGRETS:

James Aldridge, Vice-Provost, International  
Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham, Dean, Social Sciences & Humanities  
Sharon Goertzen, Native Nurses Entry Program  
Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology  
Dr. Lana Ray, Indigenous Learning  
Professor Nancy Sandy, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law  
Bryanna Scott, Indigenous Education Programs Coordinator  
Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Allysha Wassegijig, Aboriginal Initiatives Coordinator (Orillia Campus)  
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Chair on Truth and Reconciliation

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The meeting was called to order at 2:33pm.

Dr. Cormier, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee welcomed all members and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

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2. Approval of the September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 24, 2019 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus.

Robin Sutherland joined the meeting.

3. O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee Update

The Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee is an ex officio member on the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee. Dr. Paul Cormier gave an update on the Bylaw Review Committee's work to date. Discussion ensued.

The Advisors Committee determined that they would like the opportunity to review and provide feedback on the draft bylaws at this stage of the review. The Secretary was instructed to circulate the draft bylaws to members when it becomes available.

An overview of the next steps of the bylaw review was provided:

- February 10, 2020 - O-AGC receives update on work to date
- February 10, 2020 - O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee finalize the draft bylaws
- March 6, 2020 - O-AGC Bylaws Review Committee notice of motion to the O-AGC
- April 6, 2020 - O-AGC vote on the proposed bylaws

4. ~~Indigenous Staff Clearinghouse Discussion~~  
Update from the Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives

Denise Baxter provided an update on internal and external Aboriginal self-identification surveys and data collection, Indigenous funding opportunities and awards. Discussion ensued.

5. Definition of "Indigenous Research" Discussion

At the September 24, 2019 Advisors Committee meeting, the Chair suggested that the Committee consider making a recommendation to Administration regarding the definition of "Indigenous Research" and what it means at Lakehead. The Chair plans to provide the Committee with materials prior to the next meeting to use for guidance when drafting the definition of "Indigenous Research".

There was a discussion regarding the connection between equity, diversity and inclusion and Indigenous Research. It was suggested that the Committee Chair reach out to Dylan Mazur, Director, Human Rights and Equity at Lakehead prior to this discussion at the next meeting.

Rhonda Koster joined the meeting during the discussion.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Indigenous research granting process and the recently released Canada Research Coordinating Committee's (CRCC's) new Strategic Plan to support Indigenous research and research training. The Chair instructed the Secretary to circulate the CRCC's new Strategic Plan to Advisor Committee members.

6. Lakehead University Indigenous Faculty Member on the O-AGC

The Chair reminded members that the O-AGC is still seeking a volunteer to fill the vacant Faculty Member position on the O-AGC. The next O-AGC meeting on February 10, 2020 was noted and members were encouraged to volunteer and/or share this information with suitable candidates that may be interested.

7. Round Table Discussion

All members in attendance had the opportunity to share details about projects, work, accomplishments, concerns, upcoming events, etc., happening within their departments/programs. Discussion ensued.

8. Informational Items

8.1 Next Meeting:

Members were reminded of the next meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in the Governance Conference Room (UC2001).

8.2 2019-20 O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule

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

8.3 2019-20 O-AGC Advisors Committee Membership List

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:07pm.