



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

**Tuesday, May 5 2020
2:30pm – 4:00pm
ZOOM MEETING ONLY**

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

James Aldridge, Vice-Provost, International
Denise Baxter, Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives
Anna Chief, Indigenous Outreach/Recruitment
Dr. Paul Cormier (Chair), Faculty of Education
Sharon Goertzen, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Jula Hughes, Dean, Law
Dr. Rhonda Koster, Interim Deputy Provost
Marcie Morrison (Secretary), Assistant University Secretary
Sheryl O'Reilly, Aboriginal Student Counsellor
Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program
Dr. Lana Ray, Indigenous Learning
Dr. David Richards, Dean, Business
Dr. Chander Shahi, Dean, Graduate Studies
Bryanna Scott, Indigenous Education Programs Coordinator
Robin Sutherland, Director of Indigenous Relations, Law
Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Allysha Wassegijig, Aboriginal Initiatives Coordinator (Orillia Campus)

REGRETS:

Dr. Joseph LeBlanc, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine

The meeting was called to order at 2:34pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Approval of the January 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 21, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus with amendments to the attendance.

3. Definition of “Indigenous Research” Discussion

For information: 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”.

The Chair referred to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) report, noting that the Committee had previously received a link to the online report via email.

Adopting the definition of “Indigenous Research” as outlined in the “SSHRC Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research” was recommended and the Chair invited members to take the opportunity to review the SSHRC definition and to email feedback directly to him. The Secretary was asked to circulate the following link to all members via email:

Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research:

https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/merit_review-evaluation_du_merite/guidelines_research-lignes_directrices_recherche-eng.aspx

Following discussion, the Committee agreed that it plans to make a recommendation to Administration with regards to the following:

1. Consider adopting a definition of “Indigenous Research” at Lakehead that is in alignment with the SSHRC, to be drafted by the Advisors Committee.
2. Consider incorporating the SSHRC Guidelines for Merit Review of Indigenous Research into Lakehead’s research grant application guidelines, if not already incorporated.

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

For information: Dr. Paul Cormier’s term as the Advisor Committee Chair expires on July 1, 2020.

Dr. Paul Cormier mentioned that he would prefer to put his name forward for the Indigenous Faculty Member position on the O-AGC. Should the previous Chair (Raymond Neckoway) not intend to return or be ineligible to serve as Committee Chair as of July 1, 2020, there would be an opportunity for another member to volunteer. Dr. Paul Cormier invited members who may be considering the Chair position to connect with him directly to discuss the time commitment and workload expected.

5. Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Task Force

Denise Baxter gave a verbal report on the new ICR Task Force (previously named the IRC Group). Members were provided with an overview of the groups draft Terms of Reference, noting that it will begin work this summer.

6. SAC/O-AGC Joint Sub Committee Membership

Denise Baxter shared her concerns with members regarding how the composition of the SAC/O-AGC Joint Sub Committee will be affected once the O-AGC Bylaw review is completed and the revised Bylaws are implemented. Discussion ensued with regards to what steps can be taken to ensure that individuals with deep teaching knowledge continue to be appointed to the joint sub committee. It was reported that the O-AGC, in principle, agreed to consider a recommendation from the Advisors Committee, to fill the two vacant O-AGC member positions on the joint sub committee. Following a discussion, it was suggested that the Advisors Committee seek nominations by sending an interest-to-serve email to those eligible. The possibility of amending the SAC/O-AGC Joint Sub Committee Terms of Reference to allow for the O-AGC to recommend non-memebers was considered. This change would allow for a much broader group of experienced and knowledgeable candidates from the internal and external community to recruit from.

7. Approval of the O-AGC Advisors Committee 2020-21 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2020-21 Advisors Committee meeting schedule was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and was approved by consensus.

8. Report on Advisors Committee Chair Appointment/Renewal

For information: At its April 29, 2020 meeting, the O-AGC agreed to defer this item until after the O-AGC Bylaw review is complete.

This item was discussed during item 4.

9. Review of Advisors Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee's Terms of Reference and the proposed draft O-AGC Bylaws were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.

The Chair lead the discussion regarding possible amendments to the Advisors Committee Terms of Reference to align them with the revised O-AGC Bylaws once they are implemented. A verbal overview of the proposed amendments to the

Committees Terms of Reference suggested by the Secretary was provided. The Chair asked the Secretary to circulate the proposed amendments to members via email for feedback.

There was a brief discussion about the self-assessment conducted by the Advisors Committee every two years to ensure that it is operating effectively and fulfilling its functions. It was not clear when the last assessment was done. *(Secretary Note: the last assessment was reported the O-AGC at its meeting on April 29, 2019).*

10. 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.

11. Informational Items

11.1 Next Meeting

Members were reminded of the next meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm, in the Governance Conference Room (UC2001).

11.3 2019-20 O-AGC Advisors Committee Membership List

The current Advisors Committee membership list was circulated with the meeting materials.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.