



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	September 15, 2020
<b>Time and Location:</b>	2:30pm - 4:00pm Zoom Meeting
<b>Join Remotely:</b>	Zoom Meeting Link: <a href="https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665">https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665</a> Meeting ID: 969 0157 7665 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For technical support phone 1-866-652-8657 or email <a href="mailto:multimed@lakeheadu.ca">multimed@lakeheadu.ca</a></li><li>• To test ahead of time visit <a href="https://zoom.us/test">https://zoom.us/test</a></li><li>• Please remember to mute yourself when possible</li></ul>
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**Members in Attendance: Deans:** Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Dr. Hassan Naser; Dr. Todd Randall; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Chander Shahi; **Faculty and Staff:** James Aldridge; Denise Baxter; Frank Cappadocia; Anna Chief; Dr. Paul Cormier; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux; Lisa Harris; Dr. Joseph LeBlanc; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Dr. Lana Ray; Bryanna Scott; Robin Sutherland; **Administrative Resources:** Marcie Morrison (Secretary)

**Members Not in Attendance: Deans:** Dr. Michel Bedard; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Julia Hughes; Dr. Wayne Melville; Dr. Ulf Runesson; Dr. Sarita Verma; **Faculty and Staff:** Dr. Leisa Desmoulins; Christopher Glover; John Kimball; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Tracey Larocque; Dennis McPherson; Heather Moynihan; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Raymond Neckoway (Sabbatical); Professor Doe O'Brien; Sheryl O'Reilly; Dr. Robert Robson (Sabbatical); Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Andrea Tarsitano; Yolanda Twance; Allysha Wassegijig

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm.

	Item
1.	Approval of Agenda  It was suggested that the Committee hold a brief discussion during "Other Business" regarding the effects of COVID-19 on Indigenous students at Lakehead. The agenda was approved by consensus with amendments.

2.	<p>Approval of the May 5, 2020 Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the May 5, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus.</p>
3.	<p>Selection of the OIEC Advisors Committee Chair</p> <p><i>For information: Dr. Paul Cormier's term as Chair ended on June 30, 2020.</i></p> <p>Dr. Paul Cormier volunteered to continue as the OIEC Advisors Committee Chair until the immediate Past-Chair, Dr. Raymond Neckoway, returns from sabbatical. There were no objections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Term: Commencing immediately through to June 30, 2022 (or earlier, upon the return of Dr. Raymond Neckoway)</li> <li>• Other Roles/Responsibilities of the OIEC Advisors Committee Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ OIEC: ex officio, voting member, meets approx. six times per term, allowed to appoint designate</li> <li>○ SAC/OIEC Joint Sub Committee: ex officio, voting member, meets once in each of the fall and winter terms, allowed to appoint a designate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4.	<p>Recommendations to the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (SAC/OIEC) (Denise Baxter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendation 1 (one year renewable term, June 30 - July 1)</li> <li>• Recommendation 2 (one year renewable term, June 30 - July 1)</li> </ul> <p>Denise Baxter provided an overview of the recently amended Terms of Reference for the Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC that were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the SAC/OIEC Joint Sub-Committee composition, specifically clarification on the word "individuals" (<i>4. Two individuals recommended by the OIEC Advisors Committee</i>), and regarding the criteria that should be met when considering candidates.</p> <p>Prior to making its recommendation to fill the two vacant OIEC Advisors Committee positions on the SAC/OIEC Joint Sub-Committee, the Advisors Committee recommended the following amendments for considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4. Two individuals <b>with knowledge and expertise in Indigenous content, pedagogy and curriculum</b> recommended by the OIEC Advisors Committee.</li> </ul> <p>Denise Baxter will bring this recommendation forward to the SAC/OIEC Joint Sub-Committee at its next meeting for consideration.</p>

5.	<p>Definition of Indigenous Research (Dr. Paul Cormier)</p> <p><i>For information - May 5, 2020 Advisors Committee meeting: 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.</i></p> <p>The “Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research” was circulated with the meeting materials. <i>(Note: this document was circulated via email to all members on May 8, 2020).</i></p> <p>The Committee Chair provided background information on work to date, noting that he has received some feedback from Committee members with respect to Indigenous research, by, for and with Indigenous people. Highlights from the discussion that followed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indigenous research is for Indigenous and non Indigenous people</li><li>• responsible good practices around Indigenous research</li><li>• who evaluates the merit of Indigenous research</li><li>• implementation of a framework</li><li>• educating the people doing the evaluation</li></ul> <p>For the next meeting, the Committee Chair plans to present a chart that will outline where some of the SSHRC guidelines for merit review would be applicable to Lakehead.</p>
6.	<p>President's Council on Truth and Reconciliation Modules (Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux)</p> <p>Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• overview of membership of the President's Council on Truth and Reconciliation</li><li>• update and overview of the four modules</li><li>• virtual round tables, D2L's, webinars</li></ul>
7.	<p>Global Indigenous Speakers Series (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>Members were provided with an overview of the schedule for the Global Indigenous Speaker Series Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jorge Cocom Pech - October 7, 2020</li><li>• Juan Illicachi - December 2, 2020</li></ul>

8.	<p>OIEC Advisors Self-Assessment Report to the OIEC - for information</p> <p>The self assessment reporting period is every two years in accordance with the Advisors Committee Terms of Reference. The self-assessment was last reported to the O-AGC on April 29, 2019. The next report is due on April 26, 2021.</p> <p>The following items were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Self-Assessment 2019</li><li>• OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference</li></ul>
9.	<p>Update: Lakehead University Indigenous Faculty Member on the OIEC - for information</p> <p>The Senate conducted an election for the Indigenous Faculty Member on the OIEC vacancy and is recommending Dr. Lana Ray to fill this position. The OIEC Nominating Ad hoc Committee approved the recommendation and will be bringing a motion forward to the OIEC at its September 28, 2020 meeting.</p>
10.	<p>Update: OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference Review - for information</p> <p>Denise Baxter, Dr. Paul Cormier and Marcie Morrison met over the summer to review the Terms of Reference. A revised Terms of Reference has been drafted based on that meeting and is currently making its way through the review process. The Advisors Committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback as soon as the draft is ready.</p>
11.	<p>Round Table Discussion</p> <p>Dr. Chander Shahi reported that the Graduate Studies office has been working with the Office of Indigenous Initiatives to expedite awards for Indigenous graduate students.</p>
12.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>The Committee Chair plans to request that administration consider providing the Advisors Committee with the data collected regarding Indigenous student enrolment as a result of COVID-19 and plans for mitigation.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the financial effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Lakehead's Indigenous students and some of the initiatives that have been put in place to assist these students.</p>

## 13. Informational Items

The following items were circulated in advance with the meeting materials:

- a. OIEC Bylaws (effective as of July 1, 2020)
- b. Link to: OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Online
- c. Draft Minutes of the May 25, 2019 O-AGC Meeting
- d. 2020-21 OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule  
Next Meeting: November 17, 2020, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 3:48pm.