

**OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)****ADVISORS COMMITTEE MEETING****Tuesday, September 24, 2019****2:30pm – 4:00pm****Governance Conference Room UC 2001****MINUTES****IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

REGRETS:

Dr. Michel Bedard, Dean, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham, Dean, Social Sciences & Humanities
Mr. Christopher Glover, Orillia Campus (Principal's Designate)
Ms. Sharon Goertzen, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Jula Hughes, Dean, Law
Dean Jobin-Bevans, Principal, Orillia Campus
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology
Dr. Hassan Naser, Dean, Faculty of Engineering
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, Social Work & Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee
Professor Doe O'Brien, Contract Lecturer, Orillia Campus
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Dean, Natural Resources Management
Professor Nancy Sandy, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law
Dr. Sarita Verma, Dean, Northern Ontario School of Medicine

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

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, with the following additional item to be discussed under Other Business:

- Item #6: Indigenous Staff Clearing House

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2019

The minutes of the April 9, 2019 meeting will come forward for approval at a later date.

3. O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee Update

Dr. Cormier provided an update on the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee's work to date. Dr. Cormier is an exofficio member of the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee as Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee and replaced Dr. Raymond Neckoway over the summer. He has attended two meetings.

It was noted that the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee plans to bring forward the first draft of amendments to the O-AGC on October 11, 2019 for review and feedback. The Advisors Committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback.

4. O-AGC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference

The O-AGC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.

5. Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Discussion

Dr. Ray lead the discussion by voicing some concerns that she has about students meeting the ICR (barriers, number of requests for special permissions, full courses, etc). Discussion ensued. Dr. Ray was advised that she could direct these students to Enrolment Services

Mr. Sutherland and Ms. Chief joined the meeting during the discussion.

6. Other Business

Ms. Baxter proposed the idea of an Indigenous staff clearinghouse group/committee, composed of only Indigenous faculty and staff that would act as support group and safe space for the Indigenous community at Lakehead. Discussion ensued. The Committee

agreed that this type of support group would be beneficial and asked Ms. Baxter to provide them with further details for consideration.

Ms. Chief reported that updates/improvements that are being made to the materials used for Indigenous outreach and recruitment, noting that the “purple book” publication that highlights Aboriginal Initiatives programs and services will now also highlight faculty, Indigenous supervisors, research projects, graduate students, upcoming course, etc.

Dr. Cormier suggested that the Advisors Committee consider making a recommendation to Administration regarding the definition of “Indigenous Research” and what it means at Lakehead. The Committee agreed to further discuss this at their next meeting. Dr. Cormier plans to personally reach out to members prior to the next meeting to discuss.

Round Table Discussion:

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

Ms. Baxter left the meeting during the discussion.

7. Informational Items

7.1 Next Meeting

Members were reminded of the next meeting on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in the Governance Conference Room (UC2001)

7.2 2019-20 O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule

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

7.3 2019-20 O-AGC Advisors Committee Membership List

The 2019-20 membership list was circulated with the meeting materials.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50pm.