



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

MINUTES

Date:	November 17, 2020
Time:	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Join Remotely:	Zoom Meeting Link: https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665 Meeting ID: 969 0157 7665 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For technical support phone 1-866-652-8657 or email multimed@lakeheadu.ca• To test ahead of time visit https://zoom.us/test• Please remember to mute yourself when possible
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Members in Attendance: James Aldridge; Denise Baxter; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Dr. Kristin Burnett; Frank Cappadocia; Anna Chief; Dr. Paul Cormier; Dr. Julia Hughes; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Heather Moynihan; Sheryl O'Reilly; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Lisa Primavesi; Dr. Lana Ray; Dr. Chander Shahi; Robin Sutherland; Yolanda Twance

Members Not In Attendance: Dr. Michel Bedard; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Wayne Melville; Dr. Hassan Naser; Dr. Todd Randall; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Ulf Runesson; Dr. Sarita Verma; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux; Christopher Glover; Lisa Harris; Dr. Jessica Jurguti; John Kimball; Tracey Larocque; Dr. Joseph LeBlanc; Dennis McPherson; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Raymond Neckoway; Professor Doe O'Brien; Jasmine Cedar Panacheese; Dr. Robert Robson; Bryanna Scott; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Andrea Tarsitano

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

	Item
1.	Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved as circulated.
2.	Approval of the September 15, 2020 Minutes The minutes of the September 15, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials. There were no corrections to the minutes.

3.	<p>Recommendations to the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (SAC/OIEC) (Dr. Paul Cormier)</p> <p>The Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC Terms of Reference were circulated with the meeting materials for information.</p> <p>An Interest-to-Serve was circulated to the University community on October 30, November 3 and November 6, 2020 seeking nominations to fill two vacancies on the joint sub-committee. The following nominations were received and were circulated in advance with the meeting materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Ali Tarokhb. Beverly Bannonc. Dr. Lana Rayd. Emily Tellae. Liang Cuif. Paul Bergerg. Frederico Oliveirah. Dr. Aislin Mushquashi. Wendy Parkes <p>The Committee Chair reported that he met with Denise Baxter prior to the meeting to review the nominations, noting that Wendy Parkes and Dr. Lana Ray were the two candidates that met the criteria determined by the Committee during the last meeting, <i>“must have knowledge and expertise in Indigenous content, pedagogy and curriculum.”</i></p> <p>Dr. Lana Ray declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.</p> <p>By consensus, the Committee agreed that Wendy Parkes and Dr. Lana Ray be recommended to serve on the Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC, commencing immediately, through to July 1, 2021.</p> <p>The Secretary was tasked with sending notifications to the successful and unsuccessful candidates on behalf of the OIEC Advisors Committee.</p>
4.	<p>Indigenous Research Discussion Continued (Dr. Paul Cormier)</p> <p>A link to the Guidelines for the Merit Review of Indigenous Research was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.</p> <p>The Committee continued discussion about how/where these guidelines might apply to Indigenous research at Lakehead. Highlights from the discussion included:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how broadly will the definition of Indigenous research be applied, concerns about applying it in a broader context • history on the creation of the SSHRC guidelines (this hyperlink was provided during the meeting: https://www.canada.ca/en/research-coordinating-committee/priorities/indigenous-research/strategic-plan-2019-2022/appendix-5.html) • consider first looking at existing structures and constraints that make it difficult for Indigenous researchers • consider using resources from our Indigenous scholars to assist with this discussion • involvement of the Research Ethics Board • consider the unintended consequences of applying the guidelines <p>Prior to the next meeting, the Committee Chair plans to provide the group with history on the creation of the SSHRC guidelines and a working chart that will help focus the discussion.</p>
5.	<p>Indigenous Student Enrolment (Dr. Paul Cormier)</p> <p>The Committee Chair reported that he reached out to Dr. Heather Murchison, Vice-Provost, Institutional Planning and Analysis at Lakehead, requesting current data on Indigenous student enrolment. The data requested will not be available until after the official enrolment file is completed by the Registrar's office at the end of November. The Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives provided a verbal report on preliminary enrolment data that she has access to.</p> <p>The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Indigenous students was discussed.</p>
6.	<p>International Mobility Fund Proposal Submission (James Aldridge, Vice-Provost, International)</p> <p>It was announced that the University received a grant from the federal government in response to the International Mobility Fund proposal that was submitted. Members were provided with background information about the program and proposal process.</p> <p>The group discussed the consultation process that was involved, details about the International Mobility Fund program, and the benefits and opportunities that it will bring to Lakehead's Indigenous students.</p>
7.	<p>Round Table Discussion</p> <p>All members in attendance had the opportunity to share details about projects, work, accomplishments, concerns, upcoming events, etc., happening within their</p>

	<p>departments/programs.</p> <p>The group discussed the recent media announcement regarding the reduced hours of the residence cafeteria, the effects that this will have on students remaining on campus during the pandemic, and the rationale for the decision made by Aramark to reduce hours. Some members of the University community plan to circulate a letter addressing their concerns about this decision. The Secretary was asked to circulate the letter to Committee members. It was suggested that the group work with the Chair of the Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council to prepare a letter that can be shared with Administration expressing these concerns.</p> <p>The group discussed the Brayden Bushby trial, the effects that the trial has on the Indigenous community, and students, faculty and staff at Lakehead. Members shared the ways in which they have implemented support mechanisms within their departments and offices to help students through this difficult time. Some members are drafting a statement of solidarity in support of the victim and her family, and hope to collect signatures of support from the University community. It was determined that as a whole the OIEC Advisors Committee was not able to support a letter of solidarity but can disseminate to individual members who may want to sign.</p>
8.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
9.	<p>Informational Items</p> <p>The following items were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period of August 1, 2020 to November 6, 2020)b. Report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (for the period of May 29 to October 30, 2020)c. Draft Minutes of the September 28, 2020 OIEC Meetingd. OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Onlinee. 2020-21 OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule - Next Meeting: December 22, 2020, 2:30pm - 4:00pm
<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:07pm.</p>	