Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

MINUTES

Date:	April 13, 2021
Time:	2:30pm - 4:00pm
Join Remotely:	Zoom Meeting Link: https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665 • 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. Michel Bedard; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Dr. Kristin Burnett; Frank Cappadocia; Anna Chief; Christopher Glover; Dr. Paul Cormier; Lisa Harris; Dr. Jula Hughes; Dr. Jessica Jurgutis; John Kimball; Tracey Larocque; Dr. Joseph LeBlanc; Dennis McPherson; Dr. Wayne Melville; Heather Moynihan; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Hassan Naser; Dr. Raymond Neckoway; Professor Doe O'Brien; Sheryl O'Reilly; Jasmine Cedar Panacheese; Lisa Primavesi; Dr. Todd Randall; Dr. Lana Ray; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Robert Robson; Dr. Ulf Runesson; Dr. Chander Shahi; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Andrea Tarsitano; Yolanda Twance; Allysha Wassegijig; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux

Members Not in Attendance: Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Dr. Sarita Verma; Bryanna Scott

Administrative Resources in Attendance: Marcie Morrison (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 2:33pm.		
		Item
	1.	Approval of Agenda
		The agenda was approved by consensus, with the addition of the following items under Other Business:

- a. Discussion: Lighting the Fire Report
- b. Discussion: Policy on Elders at Lakehead
- 2. Approval of the November 17, 2020 Minutes

The minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Some spelling errors were noted and corrections to the discussion regarding the Brayden Bushby trial were suggested. The revised draft minutes will come forward for approval at the next meeting.

3. OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference Review/Discussion

The proposed amendments to the draft Terms of Reference were circulated in advance with the meeting materials. Discussion ensued and the following recommendations were made:

- it was suggested that the Advisors Committee Chair consult with the OIEC to discuss possible opportunities for the Advisors Committee to engage directly with the OIEC, in addition to the Advisor Committee Chair reporting to the OIEC
- consider holding an in camera session during meetings to facilitate an informal sharing session
- consider a separate forum for facilitating an informal sharing session (ie. Indigenous caucus)
- consider sharing minutes with the OIEC only after they have been approved by the Committee
- remove #3(i) from the draft, as it is already covered in #3(h)

There were some concerns about the confidentiality of discussions taking place at the Advisors Committee, the focus/topics of these discussions, and how the discussions are recorded and reported to the OIEC.

Anna Chief joined the meeting during the discussion.

4. Indigenous Research Discussion Continued

This item was postponed.

5. Indigenous Student Enrolment

It was reported that the OIEC has received updates on Indigenous student enrolment.

Members were provided with a verbal report on the enrolment of Indigenous women within the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Denise Baxter left the meeting.

6. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Update

- a. Global Indigenous Speaker Series:
 Members received an update on the success of the Global Indigenous
 Speaker Series initiative.
- b. Indigenous Access Programs Update:

The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:

- Proposed Changes to the Indigenous Transition Year Program
- Proposed STEM Entry Program
- Proposed Changes to the Native Nursing Entry Program

The Committee received a presentation on the proposed changes to the programs mentioned above. Discussion ensued following the presentation. Members were invited to provide feedback regarding the programs directly to Lisa Primavesi.

Anna Chief left the meeting during the presentation.

c. Challenges in Online Learning and Assessment: This item was postponed.

7. Joint SAC/OIEC Sub-Committee Report

The Chair of the Joint SAC/OIEC Sub-Committee provided an overview of the March 9, 2021 Joint Sub-Committee meeting report that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

8. OIEC Advisors Self-Assessment Report to the OIEC

For information: The 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.

The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:

- a. Self-Assessment 2019
- b. OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference

The Advisors Committee Chair suggested highlighting the recommendations coming out of today's discussion on the proposed amendments to the Advisors Committee Terms of Reference (Item 3) in the Annual Self-Assessment to the OIEC..

- 9. Internal Reports/Updates for Information
 - a. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Reports:
 - November 6, 2020 December 14, 2020
 - December 22, 2020 April 13, 2021
 - b. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports:
 - November 1, 2020 January 1, 2021
 - January 1, 2021 April 13, 2021
 - c. Faculty of Education Report
- 10. Round Table Discussion

There was no round table discussion.

11. Other Business

The Advisors Committee Chair announced that he will not be seeking renewal of the Advisors Committee Chair position for the upcoming year due to other commitments. He encouraged any member interested in volunteering to put their name forward, noting that the Advisors Committee Chair is normally appointed at the first meeting of a new term.

a. Lighting the Fire Report:

A website link to the Lighting the Fire Report was shared during the meeting: https://ontariosuniversities.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Lighting-the-Fire-Experienc es-of-Indigenous-Faculty-in-Ontario-Universities-December-14-2020.pdf

The Advisors Committee Chair plans to consult with the Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives with regards to the report, noting that it is important for Lakehead to formally respond.

b. Policy on Elders at Lakehead:

The Advisors Committee Chair suggested bringing this item forward to the next meeting for further discussion. Members were encouraged to forward any feedback/documentation on this topic directly to the Advisors Committee Chair prior to the next meeting.

12. Informational Items

- a. Approved Minutes of the November 30, 2020 OIEC Meeting
- b. Draft Minutes of the January 18, 2021 OIEC Meeting
- c. OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Online
- d. 2020-21 OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule Next Meeting: May 4, 2021, 2:30pm 4:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.