



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	August 24, 2021
<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm - 3:00pm (EDT)
<b>Join Remotely:</b>	<p>Zoom Meeting Link: <a href="https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665">https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665</a> Meeting ID: 969 0157 7665</p> <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:** James Aldridge; Denise Baxter (Acting Chair); Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Anna Chief; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux; Christopher Glover; Lisa Harris; Dr. Julia Hughes; Dr. Jessica Jurgutis; 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; Christy Black; Dr. Kristin Burnett; Dr. Paul Cormier; John Kimball; Dr. Rhonda Koster; 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; Dr. Todd Randall; Sheryl O'Reilly; Dr. Robert Robson; Dr. Ulf Runesson; Bryanna Scott; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Andrea Tarsitano; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt; Dr. Sarita Verma

**Administrative Resources In Attendance:** Barbara Eccles (University Secretary/OIEC Secretary); Marcie Morrison (Secretary)

SECRETARY'S NOTE: The meeting proceeded without a quorum. The Secretary emailed all members on August 25, 2021, noting the decisions that were made and providing the opportunity for any member to oppose any decision.

Item	
1.	Approval of Agenda (Denise Baxter)  MOVED (L. Ray) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED

2.	<p>Previous Minutes (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>a. Approval of the November 17, 2020 Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>The following amendments were suggested to the draft minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Item #4 - correct the spelling of “Indigenous” in second paragraph</li><li>• Item #7 - remove “Secretary’s Note” and replace it with “ 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.”</li></ul> <p>MOVED (C. Wesley-Esquimaux) that the minutes of the November 17, 2020 meeting be approved with amendments. CARRIED</p> <p>b. Approval of the April 13, 2021 Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>MOVED (J. Hughes) that the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting be approved. CARRIED</p>
3.	<p>Chair Nominations/Vice-Chair Discussion (Denise Baxter and Barbara Eccles)</p> <p><i>For information: An Interest-to-Serve was emailed to all members on July 7 and July 28, 2021. The deadline for submissions was August 6, 2021.</i></p> <p>Nominations received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</li></ul> <p>The Committee reviewed and discussed Dr. Anita Vaillancourt’s nomination that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>MOVED to approve that Dr. Anita Vaillancourt be appointed as the OIEC Advisors Committee Chair for a two year term, commencing immediately, through to June 30, 2023. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p> <p>The Acting Chair led a discussion regarding the possibility of appointing a Vice-Chair.</p>

	<p>The Committee's Terms of Reference do not include a provision for a Vice-Chair, however, members agreed that the Committee would benefit from having a Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Following a discussion, it was agreed that an Interim Vice-Chair would be appointed for a one year term. During the discussion, Lisa Harris volunteered for the interim role, and the Committee determined that a call for nominations would not be necessary.</p> <p>MOVED to approve that Lisa Harris be appointed as the OIEC Advisors Committee Interim Vice-Chair for a one year term, commencing immediately, through to June 30, 2022. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p> <p>During the upcoming review of the Committee's Terms of Reference, the responsibilities and succession of the Vice-Chair to Chair role will be further discussed.</p>
4.	<p>Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC Nominations (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>Lisa Primavesi joined the meeting.</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><i>For information: An Interest-to-Serve ran in The Bulletin on August 2 and August 10, 2021. The deadline was August 13, 2021.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC Terms of Reference - for information</li><li>b. Dr. Ahmed Elshaer Nomination (new)</li><li>c. Dr. Martha Dowsley Nomination (new)</li><li>d. Wendy Parkes Nomination (term expired July 1, 2021)</li><li>e. Apichart Linhananta Nomination (new)</li></ul> <p>The Committee reviewed the nominations that were received and had the opportunity to share their thoughts for each candidate. It was determined that a second call for nominations is needed and the Committee agreed that they would like the opportunity to provide input on how the Interest to Serve Form could be updated to better reflect the needs of the Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC and the criteria for suitable candidates. The Committee plans to further discuss the criteria for the nominees during the upcoming Terms of Reference Review (Should the candidates be Indigenous? Should the candidates be compensated? Do the candidates have to be Lakehead faculty or staff?)</p> <p>It was clarified that, in accordance with the Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC Terms of Reference, the candidates do not have to be on the OIEC Advisors Committee and do not have to work at the University.</p>

	<p>MOVED to approve that Wendy Parks be re-appointed to the Joint Sub-Committee of the SAC/OIEC for a one year term, commencing immediately, through to July 1, 2022. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p> <p>Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham joined the meeting during the discussion.</p>
5.	<p>Approval of the 2021-22 Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule (Denise Baxter)</p> <p><i>For information - OIEC Advisors Committee meetings have been scheduled approximately two weeks prior to every OIEC meeting, when possible.</i></p> <p>Proposed 2021-22 Meeting Scheduled (Location for all meetings: Zoom and/or Governance Conference Room):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Tuesday,, September 21, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm EDT (OIEC-Oct. 7)</li><li>2. Monday, November 1, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm EDT (OIEC-Nov. 15)</li></ol> <p>MOVED to approve the following two meeting dates for the 2021-22 term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm EDT</li><li>• Monday, November 1, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm EDT</li></ul> <p>APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p> <p>At the next meeting, the Secretary will bring additional meeting dates and times for the 2021-22 term forward for consideration.</p>
6.	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Discussion (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>The current OIEC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.</p> <p>The Acting Chair provided background information and rationale as to why a review is necessary. The Committee agreed to form an Ad hoc Committee to conduct the Terms of Reference Review that will commence during this term. It was suggested that the framework for the review be similar to that of the recent OIEC Bylaw Review.</p> <p>The Acting Chair and new Chair plan to meet to further discuss the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee, and will report back.</p>
7.	<p>Bora Laskin Faculty of Law's Indigenous Law &amp; Justice Institute Update (<i>Maamawi Bimosewag</i>) (Denise Baxter and Robin Sutherland)</p> <p>It was reported that Nancy Sandy, Assistant Professor, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, has recently resigned and a search for a new director is currently underway.</p>

	Dr. Chander Shahi and Dr. Lana Ray left the meeting during the update.
8.	<p>Elders Engagement Guidelines (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>Members were provided with background information and some preliminary details about what the new guidelines will entail. Work on the guidelines will begin this year and the Committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback during the development process. Discussion ensued.</p>
9.	<p>Round Table Discussion (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>All members in attendance had the opportunity to share details about projects, work, accomplishments, concerns, upcoming events, etc., happening within their departments/programs.</p>
10.	<p>Other Business (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>Christopher Glover announced that Christy Black has been hired as the new Indigenous Initiatives Coordinator on the Orillia Campus.</p>
The meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.	