



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

MINUTES

Date:	September 21, 2021
Time:	2:30pm - 4:00pm (EDT)
Location:	Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance: James Aldridge; Denise Baxter; Lisa Harris (Interim Vice-Chair); Dr. Rhonda Koster; Sheryl O'Reilly; Dr. David Richards; Lisa Primavesi; Dr. Chander Shahi; Dr. Mirella Stroink; Robin Sutherland; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (Chair)

Members Not In Attendance: Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Christy Black; Dr. Kristin Burnett; Anna Chief; Dr. Paul Cormier; Christopher Glover; Dr. Julia 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; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Jasmine Cedar Panacheese; Dr. Todd Randall; Dr. Lana Ray; Dr. Robert Robson; Dr. Ulf Runesson; Bryanna Scott; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Andrea Tarsitano; Yolanda Twance; Dr. Sarita Verma; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux

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 September 28, 2021, noting the decisions that were made and providing the opportunity for any member to oppose any decision.

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

The Chair opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional lands, and introduced herself to the group, as the new, incoming Chair.

Item

1. Approval of Agenda (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)

MOVED to approve the agenda.
APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

2. Previous Minutes (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)

The minutes of the August 24, 2021 special meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 meeting.
APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

3. Approval of the 2021-22 Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)

For information - OIEC Advisors Committee meetings have been scheduled approximately two weeks prior to every OIEC meeting, when possible.

For Information (dates approved at the August 24, 2021 meeting):

1. APPROVED: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm (EDT)
2. APPROVED: Monday, November 1, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm (EDT)

Proposed dates for approval:

3. Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 2:30pm-4:00pm (EDT)
4. Monday, March 21, 2022, 2:30pm-4:00pm (EDT)
5. Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 2:30pm-4:00pm (EDT)

MOVED to approve the January 18 and March 21, 2022 meeting dates and times.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

A conflict with the May 24, 2022 date was noted and discussed. The Secretary will propose a new date and time for the May 2022 meeting, avoiding May 24 - June 4.

4. OIEC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Review Ad hoc Committee (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt and Denise Baxter)

OIEC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference: 6. Ad-hoc Committees - From time to time the Advisors Committee may require the focused activities of an ad-hoc committee. With the approval by resolution of the O-AGC Advisors Committee, an ad-hoc committee may be formed. A proposal to form a committee will include terms of reference, its membership, and its length of duty. Such an ad-hoc committee reports directly to the Advisors Committee. At the completion of its task, the O-AGC Advisors Committee will dissolve the ad-hoc committee.

- Draft Ad hoc Committee Terms of Reference:

The draft Ad hoc Committee Terms of Reference were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED that:

- (a) the Ad hoc Committee Terms of Reference circulated with the meeting materials are hereby approved,
 - (b) that an Ad hoc Committee of the OIEC Advisors Committee be formed to fulfill the purpose and scope set out in the Ad hoc Committee Terms of Reference circulated with the meeting materials, and that the composition of the Ad hoc Committee includes any OIEC Advisors Committee member who wishes to serve on the Ad hoc Committee.
- APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

The Committee instructed the Secretary to conduct an interest-to-serve via email, to recruit members to serve on the Ad hoc Committee.

5. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Update (Denise Baxter)

a. Challenges in Online Learning and Assessment:

The Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives reported on challenges in online and face-to-face learning during the pandemic. The following issues were discussed:

- student ID cards - ordering and distribution of ID cards to students who are not on campus - the Deputy Provost and Vice Provost (Teaching & Learning) agreed to follow up with this issue
- technology - there are currently students with no access to virtual tools, internet, computers, telephone, etc.)
- sponsorship funding - there have been delays connecting with sponsors, this has left students without books, no tuition funding, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ sponsorship funding - in the form of cash rather than credit has been problematic for some students ○ it was suggested that the Deans be contact directly regarding individual students who are in a position where they have not yet received funding from their sponsor so that they can accommodate these students ○ the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives reported that a small fund is available to assist students in immediate need until their sponsorship funding has been arranged <p>The group discussed the benefits of open access resources for Indigenous and International students at Lakehead.</p> <p>It was suggested that a strategy session be coordinated to further discuss these issues and processes. The Secretary was instructed to coordinate this strategy session and invite all OIEC Advisors Committee members who are interested to attend. Members were invited to send further comments related to this topic to the Secretary following the meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Internal Reports for Information</p> <p><i>Note: Internal reports will be shared with the OIEC at its next scheduled meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Indigenous Initiatives (Denise Baxter): <p>A report from the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives, dated September 21, 2021 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials, for information.</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 departments/programs. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● update on the Student Emergency Fund (Orange Shirt Day initiatives) - the Committee Chair would like this topic added to the next agenda for further discussion about how the Student Emergency Fund is funded ● update on scholarships ● SAC/OIEC Joint Sub-Committee vacancies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was recommended that two Indigenous members from the OIEC Advisors Committee be appointed to the sub-committee, rather than

	recruiting from the University community, rationale for this recommendation was provided. The Chair, the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives and the Secretary are working on updating the Interest-to Serve Form for the SAC/OIEC Joint Sub-Committee and plan to circulate the revised form to members for feedback before launching.
8.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>
9.	<p>Informational Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Draft Minutes of the May 25, 2019 OIEC Meetingb. OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Online (please notify Marcie Morrison with any corrections to membership)c. 2021-22 OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule Next Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021, 2:30pm-4:00pm (EDT)
The meeting adjourned at 3:43pm.	