



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Advisors Committee

MINUTES

Date:	November 21, 2022
Time:	10:00am - 12:00pm (EDT)
Location:	Zoom Meeting

Members in Attendance: James Aldridge; Denise Baxter; Christopher Glover; Lisa Harris (Interim Vice-Chair); Dr. Julia Hughes; Mercedes Jacko; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Dr. Brigitte Leblon; Sheryl O'Reilly; Lisa Primavesi; Dr. David Richards; Andrea Tarsitano; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (Chair); David Barnett

Members not in Attendance: Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Dr. Kristin Burnett; Anna Chief; Dr. Cynthia; Wesley-Esquimaux; Fionna Farquhar; Dr. Jessica Jurgutis; John Kimball; Dr. Janusz Kozinski; Sreekumari Kurissery; Tracey Larocque; Dr. Joseph LeBlanc; Dennis McPherson; Dr. Wayne Melville; Heather Moynihan; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Raymond Neckoway; Professor Doe O'Brien; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Dr. Chander Shahi; Robin Sutherland; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Dr. Mirella Stroink; Yolanda Twance

Administrative Resources: Vanessa Franklin (Recorder); Marcie Morrison (Secretary); Yvonne Roussel (Interim University Secretary/OIEC Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 10:06am, without a quorum.

Item

1. Approval of Agenda (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)

Members were welcome to request that an item be added to the agenda for discussion during this meeting, if time permits. The agenda was approved, as circulated.

2. Approval of the October 14, 2022 Minutes (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)

The October 14, 2022 minutes were approved, as circulated.

3.	<p>Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) Presentation (James Aldridge and Andrea Tarsitano)</p> <p>The Chair provided background information and the rationale for this presentation.</p> <p>Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is SEM Management?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Activities and student experience◦ The recruitment funnel• SEM structure at Lakehead• SEM subcommittee focus work:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Marketing and Recruitment Subcommittee update◦ Success and Retention Subcommittee update <p>Mercedes Jacko joined during the presentation.</p>
4.	<p>Update/Report from the Committee Chair (Dr. Anita Vaillancourt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update:<p>There was an interest among Committee members to conduct the January 17, 2023 meeting in an Immersive Telepresence Classroom (AT 5041 & OA 2020) to offer a face to face meeting opportunity. Although the telepresence rooms were available, the option for members to join virtually (i.e. Zoom) was not available. As a result, the Committee decided to use Zoom for the meeting to ensure access for all. Dr. Julia Hughes offered the use of the multi media room at the Faculty of Law Campus and the group supported the suggestion. The Secretary will follow up on this option and report back to the Committee Chair.</p>
5.	<p>Update: Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) (Denise Baxter)</p> <p>The Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives provided an update on the ICR initiative, noting that an overview of the feedback collected during the consultations will be shared with the OIEC Advisors Committee when it is ready.</p>
6.	<p>Indigenous Transition Year Program (ITYP) (Lisa Primavesi, Indigenous Access Programs Coordinator)</p> <p>An overview of the following Indigenous Access Programs was provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous Transition Year Program:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, the program is focused on: reviewing how it serves students; identifying options to credit the courses that aren't currently credited; and/or replacing these courses with electives. ● Indigenous STEM Access Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ITYP Coordinators are conducting a review of the program and plan to hold consultations with students, faculty, staff, funders, other community organizations, and the Advisors Committee. The group was invited to provide suggestions on how they would like to be consulted. <p>Holding a consultation session with each of the academic units was suggested.</p> <p>The Committee Chair agreed that the Round Table Discussion agenda item at an upcoming meeting could be used to provide the Advisors Committee an opportunity to provide feedback.</p> <p>Members were encouraged to connect with Lisa Primavesi directly (coordinator.iap@lakeheadu.ca) with any questions regarding the ITYP.</p> <p>New member Dr. Brigitte Leblon joined the meeting during the update and was introduced to the group.</p>
7.	<p>Update: Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Review (Lisa Harris, Chair of the Advisors Ad Hoc Committee)</p> <p>It was reported that the Ad Hoc Committee's review of the Terms of Reference continues. The Ad Hoc Committee is planning on bringing forward recommendations in January.</p>
8.	<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"> a. Office of Indigenous Initiatives (for the period October 14, 2022 to November 21, 2022) b. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (for the period May 17, 2022-November 21, 2022) c. Joint SAC/OIEC SubCommittee - A verbal update was provided.
9.	<p>Round Table Discussion</p>

Prior to the meeting, members were informed that the Round Table Discussion would be utilized for a focused conversation about the mental health issues that Lakehead's Indigenous students are currently facing (lead by Indigenous Initiatives and other faculty).

Some topics that were raised during the discussion included:

- supporting and encouraging Indigenous student retention;
- concerning rising levels of mental health issues that Lakehead's student, faculty and staff are facing;
- the extent to which supports currently in place meet the needs of students, staff, and faculty; and
- professional development options for new and existing faculty and staff (i.e. health and wellness training) to enable them to appropriately support students in need.

During the discussion the following existing professional development opportunities and resources available to Lakehead faculty and staff were shared with the group:

Upcoming workshops:

- November 30, 2022: Supporting Students in Distress training workshop: the registration link was provided:
[<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/wellness-recreation/student-health-and-wellness/events/2020/node/72103>]
- November 25, 2022, Pulling Together Workshop Series - Part 1: Understanding Decolonization, Indigenization, and Reconciliation, the registration link was provided
[<https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMud-CorTgqGdVtqblU6Z2IWPoHclLdf1GU>]

Other opportunities:

- Truth and Reconciliation modules: launched is scheduled for January 2023
- Custom training sessions/workshop for specific departments/courses - available through the Indigenous Curriculum Specialist (Jerri-Lynn Orr)

Online resources available through the Lakehead website:

- Building Mental Health Literacy and Personal Skills
[<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/wellness-recreation/student-health-and-wellness/wellu/learning-opportunities>]
- Individual Services and Additional Mental Health Resources
[<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/indigenous/indigenous-services-tb/individual-services>]
- WellU Key [https://lakehead.portal.gs/]

10.	Other Business There was no other business.
11.	Informational Items a. October 17, 2022 OIEC Meeting Summary <i>The next meeting of the OIEC is December 5, 2022.</i> b. 2022-23 Meeting Schedule (Revised October 3, 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 10am-12pm (EST)○ Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 10am-12pm (EDT) c. OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Online
The meeting adjourned at 11:38pm.	