



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### AGENDA

<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm - 3:00pm (ET) OIEC Meeting (All Members)
<b>Join Remotely:</b>	Zoom Meeting: Link: <a href="https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665">https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665</a> Meeting ID: 969 0157 7665  <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>

**OIEC Members:** Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large (Chair); Dr. Gillian Balfour - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Charles Brown - Member At Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Tammy Chamberlain - Indigenous Student Member (Orillia); John Dixon (Delico Anishinabek Family Care); Tyler Goode - Indigenous Student Member (Thunder Bay); Chief Melvin Hardy (Anishinabek Nation, North of Superior Region); Wendy Houston - Member-At-large; Dr. Jason Lisi - Secretary (non voting); Arlene Merkley - Barrie South Simcoe Métis Council; Michael Nitz - Lakehead University Board of Governors; Dr. Sharla Peltier - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Senator Grant Robbins (Elder, Non Voting); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Dr. Gillian Siddall - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay - Metis Nation of Ontario (Vice-Chair); Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (Chair of the Ogimaawin Committee-Internal)

**Administrative Resources:** Marcie Morrison - Recording Secretary

*Opening words will be offered by Elder Grant to provide guidance and set a respectful tone for the meeting.*

To view and/or download supporting documents, click on the blue hyperlinks below.

Item	Presenter(s)
1. Approval of Agenda  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOVED that the agenda be approved.</li> </ul>	Precious Anderson

2.	<p>Conflict of Interest</p> <p>Members are asked to share any conflicts of interest that arise, to support trust and transparency in the Council's work together.</p>	Precious Anderson												
3.	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>February 3, 2026 Minutes</u></li> <li>2. <u>March 31, 2026 Minutes</u></li> </ol>	Precious Anderson												
4.	<p>Sharing Circle (10 minutes)</p> <p>Members are invited to share information about projects, work, accomplishments, concerns, upcoming events, etc., happening within their organizations and/or departments.</p>	Precious Anderson												
5.	<p>Approval of the 2026-2028 OIEC Meeting Schedule (5 minutes)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="207 1016 1276 1911"> <tr> <td data-bbox="207 1016 683 1167">Monday, 5 October 2026</td> <td data-bbox="683 1016 1276 1167">Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="207 1167 683 1318">Monday, 16 November 2026</td> <td data-bbox="683 1167 1276 1318">Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="207 1318 683 1470">Tuesday, 26 January 2027</td> <td data-bbox="683 1318 1276 1470">Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="207 1470 683 1621">Monday, 8 March 2027</td> <td data-bbox="683 1470 1276 1621">Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="207 1621 683 1772">Monday, 3 May 2027</td> <td data-bbox="683 1621 1276 1772">Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="207 1772 683 1911">Monday, 27 September 2027</td> <td data-bbox="683 1772 1276 1911">Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm</td> </tr> </table>	Monday, 5 October 2026	Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm	Monday, 16 November 2026	Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm	Tuesday, 26 January 2027	Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm	Monday, 8 March 2027	Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm	Monday, 3 May 2027	Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm	Monday, 27 September 2027	Location: Zoom OIEC: 3pm-4:30pm External Member Caucus: 4:30pm-5pm	Precious Anderson
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<p>BY CONSENSUS, the OIEC approves the 2026-2028 OIEC meeting schedule.</p>		
<p>6.</p>	<p>Approval of Revised Official Traditional Land Acknowledgement: Addition of Simcoe County, continued (10 minutes)</p> <p><i>Excerpt from February 3, 2026 OIEC minutes - The conclusion was that further work is needed, and Denise Baxter will bring the discussion back to the committee, including exploring options for expanding the institutional acknowledgement and enhancing guidance and learning supports for individual acknowledgement writing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>Lakehead’s Official Traditional Land Acknowledgement - Proposed Amendments</u></li> <li>● Discussion</li> <li>● BY CONSENSUS, the OIEC endorses the revised Land Acknowledgement.</li> </ul>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Update from the President (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>President’s Report - May 2026</u></li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Gillian Siddall</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Update from the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (5 minutes)</p>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Update from the Ogimmawin Committee-Internal (OC-I) (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <u>March 17, 2026 Meeting Summary - For Information</u></li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</p>

10.	<p>Policy Review Engagement (5 minutes)</p> <p>In alignment with the <u>University's Policy Governance Framework</u>, as part of the policy review process for University-wide policies, the OC-I and the OIEC will be engaged during the review cycle, with the intention of decolonizing University policies and procedures by having them reviewed through an Indigenous lens.</p> <p>Please consider the questions below when reviewing policies.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Can you identify any barriers that exist in the current policy for Indigenous faculty and/or staff?</li> <li>2. Does the current policy appropriately support Indigenous faculty and/or staff in ways that are aligned with traditional and cultural practices?</li> <li>3. Does the current policy conflict with Lakehead's commitment to truth and reconciliation in any way?</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Students at Risk Policy</u></li> <li>• <u>FEEDBACK DOCUMENT: Students at Risk Policy</u></li> </ul> <p>Members are encouraged to leave written comments directly in the feedback document linked above before and/or after the meeting. There will also be time during the meeting for discussion. All feedback is welcome and is shared directly with the policy leads during the scheduled review cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	Dr. Jason Lisi
11.	Reports and Informational Items	
11.1	<p>Notice of Reappointment (adopted by the Board of Governors on March 27, 2026)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>MOVED to re-elect Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay as the Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council Member, for a 3-year term, commencing at the close of the 2026 Annual Meeting.</i></li> </ul>	
11.2	<u>Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives</u>	
11.3	<p>Board of Governors Reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>March 31, 2026</u></li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>May 5, 2026</u></li> </ul>	
	11.4	<u>Senate Report</u>	
11.	Other Business		Precious Anderson
<b>Orientation for New and Current Members (2:15pm-3:00pm)</b>			
<p>We invite all members of the Indigenous Council—whether you are new to the Council or have been with us for some time—to join the upcoming orientation. This is a space to learn more about the Council’s work, connect with one another, and strengthen our shared understanding. Please come prepared with any questions you may have, as your voice and perspective are valued in shaping our path forward. Welcome to the OIEC!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Orientation Presentation</u></li> <li>• Resource Materials:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>OIEC Membership</u></li> <li>○ <u>OIEC Bylaws</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			Denise Baxter, Dr. Jason Lisi

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