



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### AGENDA

<b>Date:</b>	October 31, 2023
<b>Time:</b>	12:00pm - 1:00pm (ET) External Caucus (External Members Only)  1:00pm - 2:00pm (ET) Orientation/Refresher (New and Seasoned Members)  2:00pm - 4:00pm (ET) OIEC Meeting (All Members)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**OIEC Members:** Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter (Acting Chair) - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Tyler Goode (Indigenous Student Member); Lisa Harris (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair); Thomas Kehoe - Board of Governors (Lakehead University); Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Sharla Peltier - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Yvonne Roussel - Interim University Secretary (OIEC Secretary); Dr. Gillian Siddall - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay (Metis Nation of Ontario); Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

**Administrative Resources:** Marcie Morrison - Acting Associate University Secretary (Recorder)

#### Opening Prayer

#### Welcome and Introduction of New Members:

- Indigenous Student Member, Tyler Goode
- OIEC Advisors Committee Chair, Lisa Harris
- Indigenous Faculty Member, Dr. Sharla Peltier
- Board of Governors Member, Thomas Kehoe

Item	Presenter(s)
1. Approval of Agenda	Denise Baxter
2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest  Members are reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.	Denise Baxter
3. Previous Minutes  • <u>April 3, 2023 Minutes for Approval</u>	Denise Baxter
4. Policy Consultation: New Indigenous Verification Policy Presentation and Consultation	Denise Baxter
5. OIEC Nominating Committee Report  • <u>OIEC Bylaws - for information</u> <i>Excerpt from Bylaws: "Article 5.2 - The Officers of the OIEC shall be a Chair and Vice Chair chosen from the External Voting Members, and the Secretary. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected by the voting OIEC Members. Nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair shall be conducted no later than the final OIEC meeting of the OIEC Year. If there is more than one candidate standing to fill either of these positions, a secret ballot will be cast."</i>  a. Call for OIEC Chair Nominations <i>Recruitment efforts to date:</i> • <i>June 6, July 10 and September 6, 2023: OIEC Interest to Serve email circulated to all OIEC Members.</i>  b. Call for Vice-Chair Nominations <i>Recruitment efforts to date:</i> • <i>June 6, July 10 and September 6, 2023 : OIEC Interest to Serve email circulated to all OIEC Members.</i> • <i>December 2, 2022: University Secretariat circulated Interest to Serve to all OIEC members. No nominations were received.</i> • <i>Noted during the October 17, 2022 OIEC meeting.</i> • <i>January 31, 2022 OIEC Meeting: Discussion: What is the role of the OIEC Member on the Board of Governors and the Senate? Eligible members were encouraged to volunteer. No volunteers to date.</i> • <i>October 7, 2021 OIEC Meeting: verbal call for nominations. No nominations were received.</i> • <i>An Interest to Serve was circulated to all OIEC members on July 9, 2021 and August 16, 2021. No nominations were received.</i>	Yvonne Roussel

	<p>c. Call for Nominating Committee Members</p> <p><i>(Membership required by Terms of Reference: OIEC Chair, OIEC Vice-Chair, President and least one external member of the OIEC, other OIEC members who may be chosen by the OIEC, such as the Chair, OIEC Advisors Committee)</i></p> <p>Recruitment efforts to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● June 6, July 10 and September 6, 2023: OIEC Interest to Serve email circulated to all OIEC Members.</li> <li>● December 2, 2022: Interest to Serve email sent to all OIEC members.</li> </ul> <p>Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One nomination was received, Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay</li> <li>○ Current membership: Dr. Gillian Siddall, Denise Baxter, and Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay</li> </ul> <p>d. Current Vacant Seats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Indigenous Student Member (internal)</li> </ul> <p>The OIEC Bylaws require at least 6 from the list of external organizations, currently we have 5 from the list filled. The following seats are vacant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grand Council Treaty #3 (external)</li> <li>● Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (Simcoe County) (external)</li> <li>● Ontario Native Women’s Association (external)</li> <li>● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (external)</li> </ul> <p>e. New Nominations Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <u>Arlene Merkley, Métis Nation of Ontario, Simcoe (received May 30, 2023)</u></li> <li>ii. <u>Kevin Moreau, received February 15, 2023 (Member-At-Large, did not receive a letter of recommendation from the organization)</u></li> </ul>	
6.	OIEC Advisors Committee Update	Lisa Harris
7.	<u>SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee Update</u>	Denise Baxter
8.	Recruitment/Appointments Update	Yvonne Roussel

a. External

*Excerpt from April 3, 2023 OIEC Draft Minutes - "By consensus, the OIEC agreed to renew all of the above members for a 3 year term, contingent upon their acceptance."*

The following members accepted to serve for an additional 3 year term:

- Kathy Beardy (New Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026)
- Paul Capon (New Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026)
- Lorrie Deschamps (New Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026)
- Precious Anderson (New Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026)

b. Internal

- i. Indigenous Student Appointments - Recommended by LUSU
  - On June 8, 2023, the OIEC adopted a written resolution via email to appoint Tyler Goode, commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.
  - There is currently one more Indigenous Student Member vacancy on the OIEC. LUSU is working to fill the vacancy.
- ii. Board of Governors Member - Recommended by the Board
  - On October 18, 2023 the OIEC adopted a written resolution via email to appoint Thomas Kehoe, commencing immediately to July 1, 2024.
- iii. Indigenous Faculty Member - Recommended by Senate
  - Dr. Sharla Peltier was appointed by the Senate as the Indigenous Faculty Member, commencing July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026.
- iv. OIEC Advisors Committee Chair
  - Lisa Harris was appointed the Chair of the OIEC Advisors Committee, commencing July 1, 2023-June 30, 2025.

c. Senate Undergraduate Scholarships & Bursaries Committee (SUSBC) Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the SUSBC for one member of the OIEC recommended by the OIEC. The term commences July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

	An Interest-to-Serve was emailed to all members on May 31 and September 6, 2023. To date no eligible nominations have been received.	
9.	<p>Notice of Terms Expiring 2023-24</p> <p>External:  <i>Excerpt from OIEC Bylaws - "Article 4.2(a): OIEC member terms begin July 1 and end June 30, unless otherwise determined. Terms shall be up to three years.</i>  <i>"Article 4.2(c): All other voting OIEC Members may not serve more than nine consecutive years on the OIEC, unless otherwise determined on a case by case basis by the OIEC."</i></p> <p>All individuals listed below are eligible for 3 more, 3 years terms, in accordance with the OIEC Bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Current Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024): Eligible to serve up to 5 more years</li> <li>● Alecia Boshcoff (Current Term: October 7, 2021-June 30, 2024) - Eligible to serve up to 6 more years</li> <li>● Ben Cousineau (Current Term: October 7, 2021-June 30, 2024) - Eligible to serve up to 6 more years</li> <li>● Howard Twance (Current Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024): Eligible to serve up to 7 more years</li> <li>● Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Current Term: July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024) - Eligible to serve up to 7 more years</li> </ul>	Yvonne Roussel
10.	<p>Policy Consultation: Indigenous and Aboriginal Cultural Ceremonies Policy</p> <p>a. <u>Policy Governance Framework - for information</u>  b. <u>Current Policy</u>  c. <u>Opportunity to Provide Feedback</u>  Members are invited to leave comments directly in the Google Doc (Item "c" above) prior to and following the meeting, or can send comments directly to the University Secretariat. Please submit your comments no later than the end of the day on November 14, 2023. Feedback will be brought forward to Administration during the regular scheduled review of this policy.</p>	Yvonne Roussel
11.	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nishnawbe Aski Nation (Kathy Beardy)</li> <li>• Seven Generations Education Institute (Howard Twance)</li> <li>• Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education &amp; Training Institute (Lorrie Dechamps)</li> <li>• Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education (Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey)</li> <li>• Anishinabek Nation (Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe)</li> <li>• Metis Nation of Ontario (Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay)</li> <li>• Fort William First Nation (Alecia Boshcoff )</li> <li>• Member-At-Large (Precious Anderson)</li> <li>• Member-At-Large (Robert Atastise)</li> <li>• Member-At-Large (Charles Brown)</li> <li>• Member-At-Large (Alicia Cameron)</li> </ul>	
12.	<u>President's Report</u>	Dr. Gillian Siddall
13.	Reports and Informational Items	
13.1	<u>Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives</u>	
13.2	<u>Report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation</u>	
13.3	<u>Universities Canada's Commitments to Truth and Reconciliation</u>	
13.4	Board of Governors Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>May 4, 2023 Report</u></li> <li>b. <u>June 2, 2023 Report</u></li> <li>c. <u>October 12, 2023 Report</u></li> </ul>	
13.5	Senate Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>May 15, 2023 Meeting</u></li> <li>b. <u>September 18 and October 5, 2023 Meetings</u></li> </ul>	
13.6	<u>2023-24 Meeting Schedule</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next OIEC Meeting: December 4, 2023, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (ET)</li> <li>• Next External Caucus: December 4, 2023, 1:00pm - 2:00pm (ET)</li> </ul>	
14.	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honorary Degree Process (Denise Baxter)</li> </ul>	Denise Baxter

Adjournment