



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### AGENDA

<b>Date:</b>	February 3, 2026
<b>Time:</b>	2:00pm - 4:00pm (ET)
<b>Join Remotely:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**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; 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:** Dr. Jason Lisi - Secretary; 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. Conflict of Interest <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>November 25, 2025 Minutes</u></li> </ul>	Precious Anderson
4.	<p>Sharing Circle</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.	Update from the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives	Denise Baxter
6.	<p>Reappointment to the Board of Governors Recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>Letter from the Board Governance and Nominating Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryanna has confirmed her willingness for reappointment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>b. MOVED to reappoint Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay to the Board of Governors for a 3-year term.</li> </ul>	Precious Anderson
7.	<p>Notice of Expiring Terms and Update on Current Vacancies - For Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Internal Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Michael Nitz</b>, Board of Governors Member, recommended by the Board (Term: July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026, eligible for 8 more years)</li> <li>• <b>Tyler Good</b>, Indigenous Student Member, recommended by LUSU (Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026, eligible for 6 more years)</li> <li>• <b>Tami Chamberlain</b>, Indigenous Student Member, recommended by LUSU (Term: November 12, 2023-June 30, 2026, eligible for 6 more years)</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Sharla Peltier</b>, Indigenous Faculty Member, recommended by the Senate (Term: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026, eligible for 6 more years)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. External Members NOT Required by the Bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Paul Capon</b> (Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026, eligible for 3 more years)</li> <li>• <b>Arlene Merkley</b> (Term: October 31, 2023 - June 30, 2026, eligible for 6 more years)</li> <li>• <b>Precious Anderson</b> (Term: July 1, 2023-June 30, 2026, eligible for 3 more years)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Precious Anderson

	<p>3. Current Vacancies Required by the Bylaws - For Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN)</li> <li>● Grand Council Treaty #3</li> <li>● Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (Simcoe County)</li> <li>● Fort William First Nation</li> <li>● Chippewas of Rama First Nation</li> <li>● Ontario Native Women’s Association</li> </ul>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Traditional Land Acknowledgement Review: Addition of Simcoe County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Lakehead University Acknowledgement</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">Simcoe County Acknowledgement</a></li> <li>● Discussion</li> </ul>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Policy Review Engagement</p> <p>In alignment with the University's Policy Governance Framework, 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>● <a href="#">Contribution to Teaching Award Policy</a></li> <li>● <a href="#">FEEDBACK DOCUMENT: Contribution to Teaching Award Policy</a></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</p>	<p>Precious Anderson</p>

	<p>review cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion</li> </ul>	
10.	Reports and Informational Items	
10.1	<u>President's Report</u>	
10.2	<u>Ojimaawin Committee-Internal (September 22, 2025)</u>	
10.3	<u>Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives</u>	
10.4	<u>Report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation</u>	
10.5	<u>Report from the Board of Governors (December 5, 2025)</u>	
10.6	<p>Reports from the Senate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <u>November 3, 2025</u></li> <li>b. <u>December 1, 2025</u></li> </ul>	
10.7	<u>Report from the Joint SAC/OIEC Sub-committee</u>	
10.8	<p><u>2025-2026 OIEC Meeting Schedule</u></p> <p>Next Meeting: March 31, 2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External Member Caucus - 1:00pm-2:00pm (ET)</li> <li>• OIEC Meeting - 2:00pm-4:00pm (ET)</li> </ul>	
11.	Other Business	Precious Anderson

*Closing words will be offered by Elder Grant.*