



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

2:00pm – 4:00pm

ZOOM MEETING ONLY

MINUTES

Voting Members in Attendance:

Dr. David Barnett; Denise Baxter; Kathy Beardy; Nancy Bouchard (Chair); Paul Capon; Dr. Paul Cormier; Ann Dumyn; Dr. Moira McPherson; Gene Nowegejick; Valerie Sortini; Murray Waboose

Non Voting Members in Attendance:

James Aldridge; Anna Chief; Barbara Eccles (Secretary); Sharon Goertzen; Dr. Joseph LeBlanc; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Dr. David Richards; Bryanna Scott; Robin Sutherland; Dr. Sarita Verma; Allysha Wassejjig; Yolanda Twance

Regrets:

Matthew Bombardier; Dr. Rhonda Koster

Others in Attendance:

Marcie Morrison (Recorder)

The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick gave the opening prayer.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by consensus.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time in the meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 10, 2020 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials and were approved by consensus.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes (not on the Agenda elsewhere)

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair provided an overview of her report that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

- O-AGC Bylaw Amendment Update

In accordance with the O-AGC Bylaws, Article 6(a), a notice of motion was emailed to all O-AGC members on April 23, 2020. The proposed bylaw revisions are scheduled to come to the May 25, 2020 meeting for approval.

6. President's Report

The President's April Report to the O-AGC was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

The President and members of her Executive Team reported on Lakehead's response to COVID-19 and referred members to the COVID-19 website for current information. She also reported on the success of the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund that was launched internally in April 2020.

7. Member At large Vacancy

Elizabeth Michano's resignation letter received by the O-AGC Chair was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. The Member at Large seat has been vacant as of March 6, 2020.

By consensus, members agreed that filling this vacancy be deferred and that upon completion of the O-AGC Bylaws review, a nominations committee will be established to work on filling all existing vacancies and new positions created by the revised Bylaws over the summer.

It was noted a draft Terms of Reference for a nominations committee will be presented to the O-AGC at its May 2020 meeting.

8. Appointments

8.1 Appointments to the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council

By consensus, members agreed that filling this vacancy be deferred and dealt with by the new nominations committee once established.

8.2 Appointment of the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee

By consensus, members agreed that filling this vacancy be deferred and dealt with by the new nominations committee once established. It was suggested that the previous chair be contacted to see if he is interested in the role once his sabbatical is completed.

8.3 O-AGC Member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors

Murray Waboose confirmed his interest in the renewal of his term and declared a conflict of interest.

MOVED (A. Dumyn) that Murray Waboose be recommended to the Board of Governors as the O-AGC member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors, for a term commencing at the close of the Board's Annual Meeting in 2020 through to the close of the Board of Governors Annual Meeting 2021.

It was noted that the term of the O-AGC Member position on the Board of Governors may change as a result of the O-AGC comprehensive bylaw review and also the ongoing Board of Governors comprehensive bylaw review.

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8.4 O-AGC Member on the Lakehead University Senate

By consensus, members agreed that filling this vacancy be deferred and dealt with by the new nominations committee once established.

8.5 Lakehead University Indigenous Faculty Member Appointment

By consensus, members agreed that filling this vacancy be deferred and dealt with by the new nominations committee once established.

Dr. Paul Cormier expressed interest in being nominated to fill this vacancy once he becomes eligible.

9. Appointment of O-AGC Member to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Indigenous Reference Group (IRG)

Dr. Sarita Verma and Dr. Joseph LeBlanc shared a presentation about NOSM'S Indigenous Reference Group. Highlight's from the presentation included:

- Social accountability mandate
- History of Indigenous collaboration
- Membership overview and Terms of Reference
- Time commitment
- Stats on NOSM Indigenous students/graduates

Kathy Beardy joined the meeting during the presentation.

The Chair called for volunteers/nominations to fill one O-AGC Member vacancy and one alternate O-AGC Member vacancy on the IRG. There were none.

By consensus, members agreed that filling this vacancy be deferred and dealt with by the new nominations committee once established.

10. 2020-2021 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

The 2020-21 proposed meeting schedule was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and was approved by consensus.

11. Updates from Indigenous Organizations

Members received updates from:

- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
- Anishinabek Nation
- Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation

Paul Capon joined the meeting.

- Matawa First Nations Management

12. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update

There was no report. The Advisors Committee meets next on May 5, 2020.

13. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Denise Baxter provided an update on the Joint SAC/O-AGC work to date, noting that the Provost Task Force has been established to conduct a comprehensive review of the Indigenous Content Requirement implementation and that the O-AGC will be consulted as part of the review process.

There was a discussion about filling the O-AGC vacancies on the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council. By consensus, it was agreed that filling these vacancies be deferred until after the O-AGC bylaw review is completed.

14. Informational Items

14.1 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports

This report was inadvertently not attached to the meeting package and will be circulated with the April 2020 meeting materials.

14.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

A report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for the period of January 11, 2020 to April 21, 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14.3 Board of Governors Reports

Reports of the January 31, 2020 and March 12, 2020 Board of Governors meetings were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14.4 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

A report from the Native Nurses Entry Program dated April 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

14.5 2019-20 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

The 2019-20 meeting scheduled was circulated with the meeting materials. Members were reminded of the next online meeting on Monday, May 25, 2020 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

14.6 2019-20 O-AGC Membership List

The 2019-20 O-AGC membership list was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

15. Other Business

The Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiates reported that the University has begun implementing department and services names changes to replace the word “Aboriginal” with “Indigenous”. Background information and a list of departments and services effected was included in the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives report (item 14.2). Internal communications announcing the changes have been scheduled.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18pm.