



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Monday, May 25 2020

2:00pm – 4:00pm

ZOOM MEETING ONLY

MINUTES

Voting Members in Attendance:

Kathy Beardy; Matthew Bombardier; Nancy Bouchard (Chair); Anna Fern Kakegamic (Alternate for Kathy Beardy); Dr. Rhonda Koster (Alternate for Dr. David Barnett); Dr. Paul Cormier; Ann Dumyn; Dr. Moira McPherson; Tim Pile

Non Voting Members in Attendance:

James Aldridge; Denise Baxter; Barbara Eccles (Secretary); Dr. Jula Hughes; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Dr. Lana Ray; Valerie Stortini (Vice-Chair); Robin Sutherland; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux

Regrets:

Dr. David Barnett; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Sarita Verma; Murray Waboose

Others in Attendance:

Marcie Morrison (Recorder); Dr. Heather Murchison; Yvonne Roussel

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.

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 April 29, 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

There was no report from the Chair.

6. President's Report

The President's May 2020 report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

The President provided a verbal report that included:

- update on how the University is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, including transitioning to online courses, 2020 convocation celebrations, enrolment projections and scenario planning
- update on the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre project

Paul Capon joined the meeting during the President's report.

Item 8 was discussed next. Dr. Heather Murchison left the meeting.

7. Indigenous Self-Identified Student Statistics Presentation

Dr. Heather Murchison joined the meeting

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Indigenous student stats – methodology
- Number of Indigenous students (estimates vs actuals; number and proportion)
- Actual number of self-declared students (identity type; by campus; academic level and study load; by faculty; graduates)
- Actual number of self-declared students - undergraduates by faculty
- Actual number of self-declared students - graduates by faculty

Discussion ensued following the presentation. The Secretary was instructed to email the presentation to all members.

Dr. Heather Murchison left the meeting.

Item 9 was discussed next.

8. Approval of O-AGC Bylaw Revisions

The revised O-AGC Bylaws were circulated in advance with the meeting materials. In accordance with the current O-AGC Bylaws, Article 6(a), a notice of motion was emailed to all O-AGC members on April 23, 2020. Discussion ensued.

MOVED (T. Pile/P. Cormier) that the attached revised Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Bylaws be approved effective July 1, 2020, including renaming the Council to the Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council.

The following amendments were suggested:

- Article 4.1.2(a): ~~the~~ Métis Nation of Ontario
- ~~Aboriginal~~ **Indigenous** ~~E~~employment ~~S~~services

CARRIED AS AMENDED

Item 7 was discussed next.

9. Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Nominations Committee

The draft OIEC Nominations Committee Terms of Reference was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Following a discussion, by consensus, members agreed that the Committee should have three main roles and that the following paragraph be inserted under the "Purpose" as the first main role:

Its ~~two~~ **three** main roles to that end are:

- 1. "To develop internal and external communications, in conjunction with the University's Media Relations department, to assist in the recruitment process."**

MOVED that the ad hoc OIEC Nominations Committee is hereby constituted, the Terms of Reference for such committee be approved, the committee exist until its final report is submitted to the O-AGC in Fall 2020,

and the following individuals are hereby appointed as members to the Committee:

The Chair called for volunteers.

- External Member - Paul Capon
- One Other - Ann Dumyn

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS AS AMENDED

The OIEC Nominations Committee plans to hold its first meeting over the summer.

10. Appointment(s)

At its April 29 meeting, it was determined that the following appointments would be deferred until the Bylaw review was completed. The newly established OIEC Nominations Committee will work on filling these vacancies over the summer:

- Member At Large (to replace Elizabeth Michano)
- Members to the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council
- Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee
- Member to the Lakehead University Senate
- Lakehead University Indigenous Faculty Member
- Members to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Indigenous Reference Group

11. O-AGC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Discussion

Discussion ensued regarding how the role of the Advisors Committee may need to be reviewed as a result of the significant revisions to the O-AGC Bylaws that come into effect July 1, 2020. It was suggested that a sub group, consisting of Dr. David Barnett, Paul Capon and Denise Baxter, meet over the summer to review the Advisors Committee Terms of Reference.

Paul Cormier reported that he plans to put his name forward for the OIEC Faculty Member position once his terms as the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee ends on July 1, 2020. Paul Cormier agreed to assist with the review of the Advisors Committee Terms of Reference after his term ends on July 1.

12. Proposed Amendments to the Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub Committee Terms of Reference

The proposed amendments to the SAC/O-AGC Sub Committee were circulated with the meeting materials.

MOVED to approve the proposed amendments to the Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub Committee Terms of Reference.

Discussion ensued and the following amendments were recommended:

Under "Terms of Reference" section:

1. To include ~~Aboriginal~~ **Indigenous** perspectives in relevant academic decision-making.
2. To identify common elements in the ~~O-AGC Strategic Plan and the Academic Plan.~~
3. To develop a plan to facilitate implementation of the common elements in the ~~O-AGC Strategic Plan and the Academic Plan.~~

CARRIED BY CONSENSUS WITH AMENDMENTS

The Senate Academic Committee is scheduled to approve the proposed amendments at its meeting on May 26, 2020.

13. Updates from Indigenous Organizations

Members received updates from:

- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
- Metis Nation of Ontario
Mr. Tim Pile announced that he will be stepping down from his position with the Metis Nation of Ontario.
- Matawa First Nations Management

14. O-AGC Advisors Committee Update

Dr. Paul Cormier reported that the Advisors Committee held its last meeting of the 2019-20 term on May 5, 2020. The group will continue the review of its Terms of Reference and researching and drafting a definition of "Indigenous Research" in alignment with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research

Council (SSHRC). The group plans to bring a recommendation to the O-AGC in the fall.

15. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

There was no update.

16. Informational Items

16.1 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports

Reports from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation for the months of April and May 2020 were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

16.2 Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (Ms. Denise Baxter)

A report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives dated April 22 – May 15, 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

16.3 Board of Governors Report

A report of the April 24, 2020 Board of Governors meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

16.4 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

A report from the Native Nurses Entry Program for the month of May, 2020 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

16.5 2020-21 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

The 2020-21 O-AGC meeting scheduled was circulated with the meeting materials.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 28, 2020

- External Member Caucus: 12:00pm - 1:00pm (Senate Chambers)

or Zoom)

- Orientation: 1:00pm - 2:00pm (Senate Chambers or Zoom)
- Meeting: 2:00pm - 4:00pm (Senate Chambers or Zoom)

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.