



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	January 31, 2022
<b>Time (EST):</b>	1:00pm - 2:00pm External Caucus (External Members Only)  2:00pm - 4:00pm OIEC Meeting (All Members)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**OIEC Members in Attendance:** Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member-At-Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Ann Dumyn - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Barbara Eccles (Secretary, Non Voting) - General Counsel & University Secretary (Lakehead University); Christopher Glover - Designate, Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Dr. Moira McPherson - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Valerie Stortini (Chair) - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt - Chair, OIEC Advisors Committee

**OIEC Members not in Attendance:** Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member-At-Large; Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation

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

**Invited Guests:** Ledah McKellar - Sustainability Coordinator (Lakehead University); Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux - Chair on Truth & Reconciliation (Lakehead University)

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

Item	Presenter
<p>1. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>The agenda was approved by consensus with the following addition under Item 14 - Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● OIEC Participation in the OIEC NOSM Reference Group (Dr. Lana Ray)</li> </ul>	Valerie Stortini
<p>2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <p>Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time during the meeting.</p>	Valerie Stortini
<p>3. Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● November 15, 2021 Minutes for Approval</li> </ul> <p>The November 15, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus, as circulated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Business Arising from the Minutes</li> </ul> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>	Valerie Stortini
<p>4. OIEC Bylaw Amendment</p> <p><i>For information: Notice of Motion was presented to the OIEC at the October 7, 2021 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>OIEC Bylaws: 9.1 Amendment</i>  <i>Any proposal to amend or repeal these Bylaws or any portion thereof shall be effective only if enacted at a meeting of the OIEC at which at least two-thirds of the voting OIEC Members are present, with two-thirds of those present voting in favour, provided due notice of such amendment or repeal shall have been given at the previous meeting of the OIEC. Any amendment or repeal of the Bylaws or any section thereof, shall be effective as of the date of the approval of the resolution to amend or repeal unless otherwise determined.</i></p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Current OIEC Bylaws</li> </ul>	Valerie Stortini, Barbara Eccles

	<p>b. Proposed Amendment to the OIEC Bylaws</p> <p>The Secretary confirmed that the required quorum to pass a Bylaw amendment was present.</p> <p>MOVED (A. Dumyn) to amend the OIEC Bylaws by deleting the following from paragraph 4.1.2(a): “North Superior Chiefs Groups;”.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Chair’s Report</p> <p>There was no report from the Chair.</p> <p>Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux joined the meeting.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>The approved minutes of the September 21, 2021 Advisors Committee meeting were circulated with the meeting materials for information.</p> <p>It was noted that the Committee met in November and January. The minutes of these meetings will be shared with the OIEC once they have been approved. The Chair of the OIEC Advisors Committee provided a verbal overview of the recent meetings, highlighting these key items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● OIEC Advisors Ad hoc Committee was established to review the Committee’s Terms of Reference. The Ad hoc Committee held its first meeting on January 18, 2022. Membership consists of: Lisa Harris (Ad hoc Committee Chair); Dr. Anita Vaillancourt; Denise Baxter; James Aldridge; Barbara Eccles (non voting) and Marcie Morrison (non voting).</li> <li>● report on Indigenous Student Emergency Fund services and initiatives</li> <li>● Planning for the Next National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - a discussion took place at the January OIEC Advisors Committee meeting, the Committee plans to further discuss at a special meeting/sharing circle</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</p>

## 7. National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Observance

Council members were asked to share their thoughts on what September 30, the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, might look like for Lakehead University moving forward. Administration has begun conversations with the University community following the Federal Government's announcement declaring this day a federal statutory holiday. Members shared their comments and suggestions on how Lakehead could observe and honour the day. Highlights from the conversation included:

- format and events that took place on September 30, 2021 at Lakehead
- Planning and programming puts a high demand on Indigenous scholars, and staff - what does this mean for them?
- Is it possible for the OIEC and the Advisors Committee to have this conversation together?
- Can mechanisms be put in place (e.g. modified work day) to give those who need it a chance to participate?
- Is Ontario planning to declare the day a statutory holiday? What are other provinces doing?
- How do we build this into our academic calendars as other universities have?
- it's important for Lakehead to stimulate the discussion across the country
- survivors should be invited to come and tell their story
- The demands are placed on the academic people - do they actually get to observe this day like everyone else?
- Indigenous faculty and staff have personal connections with this day, thinking about the importance for Indigenous faculty and staff to have self determination on this day is important
- Is there an opportunity to have the departments, units take responsibility, to think through what this day looks like?
- we need to continue doing whatever we can to commemorate this day, we don't need to wait for the government to say we have a holiday

The following website link was shared during the meeting:

<https://indigenouswatchdog.org/call-to-action-80>

Moira McPherson,  
Denise Baxter,  
Cynthia  
Wesley-Esquimaux

8.	<p><b>OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report</b></p> <p>A report of the January 26, 2022 OIEC Ad hoc Nominating Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>The Chair of the Ad hoc Committee provided an overview of the report and highlighted some work that the Committee is currently working on.</p> <p>a. Discussion: What is the role of the OIEC Member on the Board of Governors and the Senate?</p> <p>OIEC members who previously served in these roles provided information about the OIEC Members role on the Board of Governors and the Senate, how important it is to have Indigenous representation serving on these bodies, and to discuss the time commitment and flexibility of these roles. Eligible members were encouraged to volunteer and can connect directly with Ann Dumyn, Paul Capon and/or Dr. McPherson with further questions.</p> <p>b. Appointment/Re-Appointment Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Indigenous Student Member (Internal):                     <p>MOVED (A. Dumyn) to approve that Meghan Jourdain be re-appointed as the Indigenous Student Member for a term commencing immediately, through to June 30, 2022. AD explained the short term. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p> </li> <li>o OIEC Member on the Senate:                     <p>MOVED (A. Dumyn) to approve that Valerie Stortini be appointed as the OIEC Member on Senate for a term commencing immediately, through to June 30, 2023.</p> </li> </ul>	Ann Dumyn
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	<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Seven Generations Education Institute (External):</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">MOVED (A. Dumyn) to approve that Howard Twance be re-appointed as an External Member of the OIEC for an additional two year term, commencing July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPROVED BY CONSENSUS</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Joint SAC/OIEC Sub Committee Update</p> <p>It was reported that Dr. Kristen Barnett has been appointed as the Joint SAC/OIEC Committee Chair for the remainder of the 2021-22 term. An update on the Sub Committee’s recent work was provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Joint Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin Indigneous Education Council Sub Committee Terms of Reference (amendments approved by the Senate Academic Committee on October 4, 2021) - for information</li> <li>b. Chair of Sub Committee and Membership on OIEC</li> </ul> <p>The Vice-Provost Indigenous Initiatives indicated that in the past the Chair of the Joint SAC/OIEC Sub Committee was also a member of SAC and a member of OIEC. Recently, the Sub Committee chose a Chair who is not a member of OIEC or SAC. The Chair of the OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee suggested that the matter be referred to the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee for further discussion, and asked the Secretary to ensure it is added to the next Ad Hoc Nominating Committee agenda.</p> <p>Ledah McKellar joined the meeting.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Year of Climate Action (YOCA) (Sept 2021 - June 22) Presentation</p>	<p>Ledah McKellar</p>

	<p>The OIEC participated in the development of Lakehead's Sustainability Action Plan in 2019. Ledah McKellar provided an update on how feedback from the OIEC's consultation session has been incorporated into the Sustainability Action Plan and the Year of Climate Action.</p> <p>Ledah McKellar left the meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members (External Members will be invited to provide a verbal report, but are not required to)</p> <p>Members received updates/reports from the following External Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon)</li> <li>● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Charles Brown)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Alicia Cameron)</li> </ul>	
12.	<p>President's Report</p> <p>The President's January 2022 report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. In addition, the President reported that a Lakehead Strategic Plan progress report will be circulated to the University community tomorrow and the OIEC may want to discuss the progress report at its next meeting.</p>	Dr. Moira McPherson
13.	<p>Informational Items</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Board of Governors Report (of the November 25, 2021 meeting)</li> <li>b. Senate Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ November 29, 2021</li> <li>○ January 17, 2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (for the period October 4, 2021 - January 18, 2022)</li> <li>d. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period November 1, 2021 - January 18, 2022)</li> <li>e. 2021-22 OIEC Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Next Meeting: April 4, 2022, 2:00pm-4:00pm EDT</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
14.	Other Business	Valerie Stortini

- OIEC Participation in the Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Reference Group (Lana Ray):

Dr. Ray reported that she has resigned from NOSM Reference Group and provided rationale.

- NOSM Update:  
At the request of a member, Dr. McPherson provided a verbal update on the NOSM matter.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer.