



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

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| Date: | April 3, 2023 |
| Time: | 1:00pm - 2:00pm External Caucus (External Members Only) 2:00pm - 4:00pm OIEC Meeting (All Members) |
| Location: | Zoom Meeting |

OIEC Members in Attendance: Brandon Amyot - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Charles Brown - Member At Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Dr. Moira McPherson - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Yvonne Roussel - Interim University Secretary (OIEC Secretary); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay (Metis Nation of Ontario); Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)

Members not in Attendance: Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Greer Atkinson - Ogemawahj Tribal Council; Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Christopher Glover - Designate, Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

Administrative Resources: Vanessa Franklin (Recorder) - Governance and Administrative Assistant

Invited Guest: Dr. Heather Murchison - Vice-Provost, Institutional Planning & Analysis (Lakehead University)

In the absence of a Chair, Denise Baxter assumed the role of Acting Chair for the April 3, 2023 meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

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| <p>1. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>The agenda was approved by consensus.</p> | Denise Baxter |
| <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> | Denise Baxter |
| <p>3. OIEC Chair and Vice-Chair</p> <p>a. OIEC Bylaws - for information <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></p> <p>b. Resignation of Valerie Stortini (as of March 2, 2023)</p> <p>c. A call out for Chair and Vice Chair will be taking place prior to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Secretary spoke to the OIEC Chair vacancy and future arrangements that will be made to honour the previous Chair for their contributions. The OIEC will be accepting nominations for Chair and Vice Chair roles and the Secretariat office will send out communication.</p> | Denise Baxter |
| <p>4. Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 30, 2023 Minutes for Approval | Denise Baxter |

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| | <p>The January 30, 2023 minutes were approved, as circulated.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Diverse Scholarship Committee Update</p> <p>The Chair provided a verbal update on the Diverse Scholarship Committee, and noted that they are looking for ways to include community involvement in addition to professional achievements and recognizing the scholarship in a different way.</p> | Denise Baxter |
| 6. | <p>OIEC Nominating Committee Report</p> <p>The Secretary provided an update on the status of the OIEC Nominating Committee, and noted that time sensitive recommendations have been brought forward to the OIEC in the next agenda item.</p> | Yvonne Roussel |
| 7. | <p>Recruitment/Appointments</p> <p>1. Notice of Terms Expiring 2022-23</p> <p>External: <i>Excerpt from OIEC Bylaws -</i> <i>"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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kathy Beardy (September 28, 2020 - June 30, 2023) (Partial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider renewal, eligible for nine more consecutive years ○ Determine 1, 2 or 3 year term ● Paul Capon (October 7, 2021-June 30, 2023) (Partial) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider renewal, eligible for nine more consecutive years ○ Determine 1, 2 or 3 year term ● Lorie Deschamps (September 28, 2020 - June 30, 2023) (Partial) | Yvonne Roussel |

- Consider renewal, eligible for nine more consecutive years
- Determine 1, 2 or 3 year term
- Precious Anderson (September 28, 2020 - June 30, 2023) (Partial)
 - Consider renewal, eligible for nine more consecutive years
 - Determine 1, 2 or 3 year term

By consensus, the OIEC agreed to renew all of the above members for a 3 year term, contingent upon their acceptance.

Internal (for information):

- Matthew Bombardier (September 28, 2020 - June 30, 2023) (Partial)
 - Matthew confirmed that he is graduating this year and will not be returning. LUSU is in the process of making a recommendation for this upcoming vacancy.
- Dr. Lana Ray (September 28, 2020 - June 30, 2023) (Partial) - Recommended by Senate
 - Consider renewal, eligible for nine more consecutive years
 - Determine 1, 2 or 3 year term
 - The Senate nominations process has been initiated to fill this upcoming vacancy.
- Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (August 24, 2021-June 30, 2023) - OIEC Advisors Committee Chair (Advisors Committee will be appointing next year's Chair at its April 20, 2023 meeting)

2. Appointments to Other Organizations

- OIEC Member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors Update (*vacant since May 14, 2021*)

The Secretary provided an update, noting that Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay has been appointed to the Board of Governors until 2026

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senate Undergraduate Scholarships & Bursaries Committee (SUSBC) Vacancy <p>There is a vacancy on the SUSBC for one member of the OIEC recommended by the OIEC. The term commences June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025.</p> <p>An Interest-to-Serve was emailed to all members on March 14, 2023. To date no eligible nominations have been received.</p> <p>The Secretariat office will extend the deadline and re-circulate the Interest-to-Serve to all members.</p> <p>3. Review of New Nomination(s) Received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Moreau, received February 15, 2023 (Member-At-Large, did not receive a letter of recommendation from the organization) <p>By consensus, it was agreed that the new nomination should be reviewed by the OIEC Nominating Committee.</p> <p>Following a verbal call for interest to serve on the OIEC Nominating Committee, Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay was acclaimed. The Secretariat office will email the OIEC to see if any other members are interested in serving on the OIEC Nominating Committee.</p> | |
| <p>8.</p> | <p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>The Chair provided a verbal update which included the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 20, 2023 is the final OIEC Advisors Committee meeting Lisa Harris is the incoming Chair for the OIEC Advisors Committee | <p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</p> |
| <p>9.</p> | <p>SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee Update</p> | <p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</p> |

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| | A verbal update on the SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee was provided. There is a current call out for Faculty members for the SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee. | (Chair, SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee) |
| 10. | <p>Approval of 2023-24 Meeting Schedule</p> <p>By consensus, the 2023-24 OIEC meeting schedule was approved, as circulated.</p> | Yvonne Roussel |
| 11. | <p>Student Recruitment Update</p> <p>The Chair provided an update on Student Recruitment which included the following topics;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Able to engage with students out in the region again post pandemic ● Hiring university and senior highschool students for summer employment with the grants received this year ● Indigenous Preview Day at the end of April is bringing 300 students to campus for tours, presentations and a lunch ● Event on the Orillia campus in June, Tipi raising and sharing of knowledge with high school students ● March Break Open House ● Access Coordinators are heading out to the surrounding regions in May to speak with students ● Year End Celebration for students who are on track to graduate ● Anna Chief has been speaking with students at Confederation College who have intentions to attend Lakehead University ● High schools from Nunavut will be visiting Orillia soon ● Urging students to get their funding applications in | Denise Baxter |
| 12. | <p>Indigenous Content Requirement Evaluation Framework Update</p> <p>The Indigenous Content Requirement Evaluation Framework Update was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair provided an update and discussion ensued about completing volume 1 of the Policy Framework, and the expected completion of volume 2 by June 2023. The committee will be collecting the data and presenting the findings to the Senate.</p> | Denise Baxter, Dr. Anita Vaillancourt |
| 13. | <p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</p> <p>Members received updates/reports from the following External Members:</p> | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Metis Nation of Ontario (Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MNO hired two Indigenous Education Specialists ○ Changes to the bursaries and endowments process, recipients have to be a verified registered Metis citizen ○ Infinite Reach Facilitators training in August for two days in Ottawa. ● Member-At-Large (Precious Anderson) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 12's received acceptance letters for University ○ Planning Powwow for highschool graduates ○ Preparing for the summer program ● Member-At-Large (Charles Brown) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brought in Elders from up North to interview them to collect local content for the curriculum ○ Attended a teacher's conference in Winnipeg for 1 week which had presenters from all over Canada on different subjects ○ Brought in the Grade 8's from surrounding communities to Sioux Lookout and toured the highschool ○ Sponsored a career fair ○ Next meeting is in August in Thunder Bay for the teacher orientation program | |
| <p>14.</p> | <p>President's Report</p> <p>The President's Report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan - Year Four Highlights <p>The President provided a verbal overview of the Strategic Plan, year four highlights.</p> <p>The President also provided a verbal update on some of the Indigenous events on campus, and the status of the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre.</p> | <p>Dr. Moira McPherson, Dr. Heather Murchison</p> |
| <p>15.</p> | <p>Informational Items</p> <p>The following reports were circulated in advance of the meeting, for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Governors Report (of the February 10, 2023 meeting) b. Senate Report (of the March 13, 2023 meeting) | |
| <p>16.</p> | <p>Other Business</p> | <p>Acting Chair</p> |

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| | There was no other business. | |
| Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 3:51pm. | | |