



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

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Date:	April 4, 2022
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: Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; 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. Anita Vaillancourt - Chair, OIEC Advisors Committee

OIEC Members not in Attendance: Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Charles Brown - Member-At-Large; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Ann Dumyn - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Meghan Jourdain - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Valerie Stortini (Chair) - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

Administrative Resources in Attendance: Marcie Morrison (Recorder) - Assistant University Secretariat (Lakehead University)

Invited Guests in Attendance: Dr. Paul Cormier - Chair, Aboriginal Education/Associate Professor (Lakehead University); Vicki Monague - Graduate Student (Lakehead University)

Dr. Paul Cormier joined the meeting.

In absence of the OIEC Chair, by consensus, Dr. Moira McPherson assumed the role of Acting Chair for the meeting.

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

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

Item	Presenter
<p>1. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>The agenda was approved by consensus, as circulated.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<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>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>3. Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● January 31, 2022 Minutes for Approval: The January 31, 2022 minutes were approved, as circulated. ● Business Arising from the Minutes: There was no business arising from the minutes. 	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>4. Chair's Report</p> <p>There was no report from the Chair.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>5. Update on Teacher Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Indigenous Education: Language Programs and Initiatives <p>Highlights from Dr. Cormier's presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Violence and the Education System ○ The Approach ● The Role of Languages in Cultural Continuity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indigenous Activity Based Learning ● Strategic Intent ● In courses ● In program design ● Specific Programs and Initiatives <p>Discussion ensued following the presentation.</p>	<p>Dr. Paul Cormier</p>

	<p>Dr. Paul Cormier left the meeting.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>United Nations Decade of Indigenous Languages Update: Lakehead University 10-Year Language Revitalization Strategy</p> <p>Vicki Monague joined the meeting.</p> <p>Highlights from the presentation that was circulated with the meeting materials included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction - UNESCO has identified 2022-2032 as the Decade of Indigenous Languages. Indigenous Peoples have a right to freedom of expression and right to education in their mother tongue. ● Mission, Vision, Guiding Principle ● Why Lakehead University? ● Strategic Goals and Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Year One ○ Year Five ○ Year Ten <p>Discussion ensued following the presentation.</p> <p>Vicki Monague left the meeting.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter and Vicki Monague</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials, for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approved Minutes of the November 1, 2021 Advisors Committee Meeting b. Approved Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Advisors Committee Meeting <p>In addition, the OIEC Advisors Committee Chair reported that the review of the OIEC Advisors Committee’s terms of reference is underway and a questionnaire has been developed and circulated to Advisors Committee members to solicit feedback on the purpose and functionality of the Committee.</p>	<p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</p>

	<p>c. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Memo:</p> <p>It was reported that the OIEC Advisors Committee members discussed considerations for Lakehead’s commemoration of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at two meetings which took place on January 18, 2022 and through a sharing circle with Elder Gene on March 4, 2022. A summary of the discussions at those meetings were shared in the spirit of helping to inform the work of the OIEC. The Advisors Committee Chair provided a verbal overview of the summary, highlighting the top three key themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Canceling Classes and Closure or Non-Closure of the University in Observance of the Day 2. Concerns about non-Indigenous students and faculty not commemorating the Day 3. Issues around incentivizing or mandating participation to commemorate the Day <p>Discussion ensued. Paul Capon joined the meeting during the discussion.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Discussion: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Part One)</p> <p>The President invited members to share any additional comments and/or feedback on the topic, noting that this is only “Part One” of the discussion and that the council will continue the discussion at its next meeting.</p>	<p>Dr.Moira McPherson</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>SAC/OIEC Joint Sub Committee Update</p> <p>There was no update.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Every Child Matters Crosswalks at Lakehead</p> <p>Denise Baxter and Christopher Glover shared examples of similar Every Child Matters Crosswalks initiatives in other communities, explaining how Lakehead University could be involved in this step towards reconciliation. Renderings of the placement of the crosswalks on the Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses were shared with the group, and members had the opportunity to provide feedback on the project.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter and Christopher Glover</p>

	By consensus, the group agreed that Lakehead move forward with the proposed project on both campuses.	
11.	Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members (External Members will be invited to provide a verbal report, but are not required to) There were no updates or reports.	
12.	<p>President's Report</p> <p>The President's April 2022 online report was circulated in advance of the meeting and can be found at www.Lakeheadu.ca.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strategic Plan Year Three Implementation Report: Lakehead University Strategic Priorities-2020-21 Achievements and the Road Ahead <p>The report was circulated in advance of the meeting for information. The President invited members to reach out to her directly if they have questions.</p>	Dr. Moira McPherson
13.	<p>Next Meeting (last meeting of the 2021-22 term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● June 9, 2022, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (EDT) 	
14.	<p>Informational Items</p> <p>The following reports were circulated in advance with the meeting materials, for information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Governors Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 4, 2022 ○ March 24, 2022 b. Senate Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 14, 2022 ○ March 14, 2022 c. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (for the period January 18, 2022 to March 31, 2022) d. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period January 18, 2022 to March 21, 2022) 	

14.	Other Business There was no other business.	Valerie Stortini
<p>The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.</p> <p>Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer.</p>		