



OGIMAAWIN INDIGENOUS EDUCATION COUNCIL (OIEC)

MINUTES

Date:	April 26, 2021
Time:	External Caucus (External Members Only) 1:00pm - 2:00pm OIEC Meeting (All Members) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
Join Remotely via Zoom:	Zoom Meeting Link: https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665 Meeting ID: 969 0157 7665 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For technical support phone 1-866-652-8657 or email multimed@lakeheadu.ca • To test ahead of time visit https://zoom.us/test • Please remember to mute yourself when possible
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OIEC Members in Attendance: Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Greer Atkinson - Ogemawahj Tribal Council; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Charles Brown - Member-At-Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ann Dumyn - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Barbara Eccles (Secretary, Non Voting) - General Counsel & University Secretary (Lakehead University); Christopher Glover - Orillia Principal Designate (Lakehead University); Carlene Keeshig - Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education; 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

OIEC Members Not in Attendance: Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Paul Cormier - OIEC Advisors Committee Chair (Lakehead University); Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Meghan Jourdain - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Murray Waboose - Anishinabek Nation

Administrative Resources: Marcie Morrison (Recorder) - Assistant University Secretary; Yvonne Roussel - Associate University Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 2:06pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening prayer.

	Item	
1.	Approval of Agenda The agenda was approved by consensus, with the addition of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other Business: 2020 Indigenous Student Success Fund (ISSF) Annual Report Update (Denise Baxter) 	Valerie Stortini
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 during the meeting.	Valerie Stortini
3.	Previous Minutes The minutes of the January 18, 2021 meeting were approved by consensus, as circulated.	Valerie Stortini
4.	Chair's Report There was no report from the Chair.	Valerie Stortini
5.	President's Report The April 2021 President's Report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and is available on the Lakehead website at www.lakeheadu.ca . In addition, the President reported on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> today's External Caucus Meeting, noting that the topic of discussion was university survey's success of new Global Indigenous Speakers Series initiative Lakeheads plans for face-to-face learning in the fall The Chair welcomed and introduced the two new OIEC members. Carlene Keeshig and Charles Brown.	Dr. Moira McPherson
6.	OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report A report of the April 21, 2021 OIEC Nominating Committee meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.	Ann Dumyn

	<p>The nominations and resumes/CV for the candidates mentioned below were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>By consensus, the OIEC approved the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member At Large #1: Alicia Cameron, for a 3 year term, commencing immediately through to June 30, 2024. b. Member At Large #2: Robert Atastise, for a 3 year term, commencing immediately through to June 30, 2024. <p>By consensus, the OIEC postponed the following recommendation until further background work has been completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Fort William First Nation: Alecia Boshcoff, for a 3 year term, commencing immediately through to June 30, 2024, conditional upon the official recommendation from Fort William First Nation. <p>Discussion ensued regarding the eligibility of Alecia Boshcoff, considering that her resume indicates that she is currently a student at Lakehead.</p> <p>The Secretary referred to the OIEC Bylaws and confirmed that there is no conflict.</p> <p>It was determined that when Fort William First Nation is approached to endorse this recommendation it will be clarified that Alicia Boshcoff is a student at Lakehead and that in accordance with the OIEC Bylaws, this does not affect the appointment.</p>	
7.	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>There was no report.</p>	Dr. Paul Cormier
8.	<p>Joint Senate Academic (SAC)/OIEC Committee Update</p> <p>A verbal report on the Indigenous Content Requirement Task Force work to date was provided.</p>	Dr. Lana Ray
9.	Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members	
10.	Informational Items	

	<p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Governors Report (of the March 26, 2021 meeting) b. Senate Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o November 23, 2021, December 14, 2020 and January 25, 2021 Meetings o March 1, 2021 Meeting o March 30, 2021 Meeting c. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o November 6, 2020 - December 14, 2020 o December 22, 2020 - April 13, 2021 d. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o November 1, 2020 - January 1, 2021 o January 1, 2021 - April 13, 2021 e. Faculty of Education Report f. 2020-21 OIEC Meeting Schedule (Next Meeting: May 17, 2021) 	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>2020 ISSF Annual Report Update (Denise Baxter):</p> <p>The Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives provided members with information about the data collected through the annual report, the format of the report, the reporting process and timelines.</p> <p>Members discussed the many support mechanisms in place for Indigenous students learning online during the pandemic, and for students who may be returning to in person learning in the fall. Kathy Beardy and Christopher Glover left the meeting during the discussion.</p> <p>At the request of a member, the Chair agreed to commit to a discussion on social responsibility at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>Elder Gene Nowegejick shared a closing prayer.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.</p>		
<p>All OIEC members were invited to participate in the Lakehead University's Sexual and Gender Based Violence Response Policy Consultation immediately following the meeting. The session was hosted by Dylan Mazur, Director, Human Rights and Equity, and George Drazenovich, Policy Advisor at Lakehead University.</p>		