



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	May 17, 2021
<b>Time:</b>	External Caucus (External Members Only) 1:00pm - 2:00pm  OIEC Meeting (All Members) 2:00pm - 4:00pm
<b>Join Remotely via Zoom:</b>	Zoom Meeting Link (for both meetings): <a href="https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665">https://lakeheadu.zoom.us/j/96901577665</a> Meeting ID: 969 0157 7665  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For technical support phone 1-866-652-8657 or email <a href="mailto:multimed@lakeheadu.ca">multimed@lakeheadu.ca</a></li> <li>• To test ahead of time visit <a href="https://zoom.us/test">https://zoom.us/test</a></li> <li>• Please remember to mute yourself when possible</li> </ul>
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**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); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alicia Cameron - 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 - 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

**OIEC Members Not in Attendance:** Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Meghan Jourdain - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Greer Atkinson - Ogemawahj Tribal Council; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

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

*Secretaries Note: External member Murray Waboose resigned from the OIEC on May 14, 2021. Dr. Paul Cormier resigned from his ex officio position on the OIEC as OIEC Advisors Committee Chair on April 30, 2021.*

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening prayer.

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

New member Alicia Cameron was welcomed and introduced to the group.

Item		
1.	Approval of Agenda  The agenda was approved by consensus, as circulated.	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 April 26, 2021 meeting were approved, as circulated.  Discussion ensued regarding the possible opportunity for Lakehead to pick up specific programs from Laurentian University.	Valerie Stortini
4.	Chair's Report  There was no report from the Chair.	Valerie Stortini
5.	Approval of 2021-22 OIEC Meeting Schedule  The proposed 2021-22 meeting schedule was approved by consensus, as circulated.	Valerie Stortini
6.	SAC/OIEC Joint Sub Committee Update  The SAC/OIEC Joint Sub Committee has not met since the April 26, 2021 OIEC meeting. There was no report.	Dr. Lana Ray

<p>7.</p>	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</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>● Nishnawbe Aski Nation (Kathy Beardy)</li> <li>● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini)</li> <li>● Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education (Carlene Keeshig)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Precious Anderson)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Charles Brown)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Alicia Cameron)</li> </ul> <p>The Chair reported that External Member Murray Waboose has resigned from the OIEC and thanked him for his contributions.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>The May 2021 President’s Report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and is available on the Lakehead website at <a href="http://www.lakeheadu.ca">www.lakeheadu.ca</a>.</p> <p>In addition, the President reported that her main focus right now is on the Northern Ontario School of Medicine matter, and provided an update on plans for returning to face-to-face learning in the fall. Discussion ensued.</p> <p>Precious Anderson, Kathy Beardy and Christopher Glover left the meeting during the President’s report.</p>	<p>Dr. Moira McPherson</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Social Responsibility Discussion - Role of OIEC in Academic and External Community</p> <p>Guiding question: What does the OIEC relationship with Indigenous communities look like at Lakehead?</p> <p>Members had the opportunity to comment on what they think the OIEC’s relationship with the Indigenous communities looks like at Lakehead:</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● would like to see a connection/common goals between Indigenous communities and Lakehead with regards to language and culture</li> <li>● Indigenous peoples would prefer to remain close to Thunder Bay/Lakehead, integrating Indigenous pedagogy and traditions in education at Lakehead would attract Indigenous students</li> <li>● Lakehead has been proactive in embracing Truth and Reconciliation and is using education as the tool for social change.</li> </ul>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>OIEC Year In Review</p> <p>Guiding question: How have we done so far?</p> <p>Members had the opportunity to comment on the work of the OIEC over the past year, under its newly revised Bylaws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives noted how feedback from the External Members during meetings is crucial in assisting her department with begin proactive in supporting Indigenous students</li> <li>● the Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives discussed some of the work on the Anti-Racism Accord</li> <li>● Social Responsibility - What is Lakehead’s role? How can the OIEC contribute while working within its mandate?</li> <li>● it was noted that Lakehead is proactive in the community by promoting an incorporating Indigenous programming, training and learning (ie. for City of Thunder Bay employees, Global Speaker Series on Indigenous racism, hosting an exhibit for National Indigenous History Month, etc.)</li> </ul> <p>Members were invited to comment on the format and length of the OIEC External Member Caucus Meetings and OIEC meetings. The Secretary will circulate a poll over the summer to collect feedback on this topic.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>

11.	Informational Items	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Board of Governors Report (of the April 30, 2021 meeting)</li><li>b. Senate Report (of the March 30 and April 19, 2021 meetings)</li><li>c. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (for the period April 13 to May 4, 2021)</li><li>d. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period April 13 to May 4, 2021)</li><li>e. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 7, 2021</li></ul>		
12.	Other Business	Valerie Stortini
There was no other business.		
Elder Gene Nowegejick shared a closing prayer.  The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.		