



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

MINUTES

Date:	June 6, 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: Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ann Dumyn - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Barbara Eccles (Secretary, Non Voting) - General Counsel & University Secretary (Lakehead University); Dr. Moira McPherson - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Valerie Stortini (Chair) - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt - Chair, OIEC Advisors Committee

Not in Attendance: Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member-At-Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Christopher Glover - Designate, Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Meghan Jourdain - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University)

Administrative Resources in Attendance: Marcie Morrison (Recorder)

The OIEC Bylaws require three Internal Members and four External Members for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:13pm recognizing quorum was not achieved, with the intention of only addressing routine items of business and discussion that do not require a decision.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

Item		
1.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Due to the absence of a quorum, the agenda was not approved. There were no amendments suggested to the agenda that was circulated.</p>	Valerie Stortini
2.	<p>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
3.	<p>Approval of the April 4, 2022 Minutes</p> <p>Due to the absence of a quorum, the minutes were not approved. There were no amendments suggested to the draft minutes that were circulated in advance with the meeting materials. The minutes will be presented at the next meeting for approval.</p>	Valerie Stortini
4.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>There was no report from the Chair.</p>	Valerie Stortini
5.	<p>Approval of 2022-23 Meeting Schedule</p> <p>Members reviewed the proposed meeting scheduled for the upcoming term (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) that was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. Due to the absence of a quorum, the schedule will be presented to the OIEC as a written resolution, circulated via email, over the summer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED VIA EMAIL: MOVED to approve the 2022-23 meeting schedule, as presented. <i>[SECRETARY'S NOTE: MOTION PASSED WITHOUT A MEETING PURSUANT TO THE OIEC BYLAWS ON JUNE 16, 2022, VIA EMAIL]</i> 	Valerie Stortini
6.	<p>OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report (of the May 9, 2022 meeting)</p> <p>The following resources documents were circulated in advance for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. OIEC Bylaws 	Ann Dumyn

ii. Annual Attendance Report

The OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee met on May 9, 2022. A report of the meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

The Committee reviewed and discussed each of the recommendations below. Due to the absence of a quorum, the appointment recommendations will be presented to the OIEC as written resolutions, circulated via email, over the summer to ensure that vacancies are filled prior to the new term that begins on July 1, 2022.

1. Recommendations for External Voting Members from the Indigenous Community (Bylaws, Article 4.1.2):

a. Anishinabek Nation:

The nomination submitted by Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

- WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED VIA EMAIL: MOVED to appoint Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community (Anishinabek Nation), for a term commencing July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024, and that a delegate of his choice be entitled to attend OIEC meetings in his absence. *[SECRETARY'S NOTE: MOTION PASSED WITHOUT A MEETING PURSUANT TO THE OIEC BYLAWS ON JUNE 16, 2022, VIA EMAIL]*

Discussion ensued about the qualifications of the nominee.

b. Metis Nation of Ontario:

The nomination submitted by Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

- WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED VIA EMAIL: MOVED to appoint Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community (Metis Nation of Ontario), for a term commencing July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. *[SECRETARY'S NOTE: MOTION PASSED WITHOUT A MEETING PURSUANT TO THE OIEC BYLAWS ON JUNE 16, 2022, VIA EMAIL]*

Discussion ensued about the qualifications of the nominee.

- c. Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education:

The recommendation letter submitted for Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

- WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED VIA EMAIL: MOVED to appoint Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education), for a term commencing July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. *[SECRETARY'S NOTE: MOTION PASSED WITHOUT A MEETING PURSUANT TO THE OIEC BYLAWS ON JUNE 16, 2022, VIA EMAIL]*

Discussion ensued about the qualifications of the nominee.

- 2. Recommendations for Internal Voting Members from the University Community (Bylaws, Article 4.1.1):

- a. Indigenous Student Member (recommended by LUSU):

It was reported that LUSU had recommended Meghan Jourdain for reappointment. Meghan's current term is January 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

The Secretary reported that she has recently connected with LUSU and had been informed that they plan to reconsider their recommendation after reviewing attendance records for OIEC meetings over the past two years. It was determined that a decision on this recommendation would be postponed until LUSU confirms their recommendation comes forward.

3. OIEC Appointments to Other Organizations

a. Senate Undergraduate Scholarships & Bursaries Committee (SUSBC) Vacancy

There is a vacancy on the SUSBC for one member of the OIEC recommended by the OIEC. The term commences immediately to June 30, 2023.

The nomination submitted by Ben Cousineau was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

- WRITTEN RESOLUTION TO BE CIRCULATED VIA EMAIL: MOVED to appoint Ben Cousineau to the SUSBC for a term commencing immediately, to June 30, 2023. *[SECRETARY'S NOTE: MOTION PASSED WITHOUT A MEETING PURSUANT TO THE OIEC BYLAWS ON JUNE 16, 2022, VIA EMAIL]*

4. OIEC Nominating Committee Structure/Composition

a. Discussion: Establishment of the OIEC Nominating Ad Hoc Committee to Standing Committee

b. Composition for the 2022-23 Term

It was determined that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee is ongoing and it was recommended that the Ad Hoc Committee be re-constituted as a Standing Committee of the OIEC. The Secretary was delegated with the task of amending the Ad Hoc Committee's Terms of Reference so that a draft and recommendation can be presented to the OIEC in the fall 2022.

7.	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>The approved minutes of the March 21, 2022 OIEC Advisors Committee meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials, for information.</p> <p>The Chair of the Advisors Committee provided a verbal report of the meeting that was held on May 17, 2022, highlighting some of the ongoing work of the Advisors Committee, such as the Terms of Reference review.</p>	Dr. Anita Vaillancourt
8.	<p>National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Update</p> <p><i>For Information: From the draft minutes of the April 4, 2022 OIEC meeting: 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.</i></p> <p>It was reported that on May 12, 2022, the Senate approved that classes be canceled on September 30th, extending the fall semester by one day into December, to accommodate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30. Discussion ensued.</p>	Dr. Moira McPherson
9.	<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"> ● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon) ● Seven Generations Education Institute (Howard Twance) ● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini) 	
10.	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>The President's June 2022 online report was circulated in advance of the meeting and can be found at www.Lakeheadu.ca. The President highlighted some of the items in her written report.</p>	Dr. Moira McPherson
11.	<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 Report (of the May 4, 2022 meeting) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Senate Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o April 11, 2022 Meeting o May 12, 2022 Meeting c. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (for the period April 1 to May 20, 2022) d. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period March 21 to May 17, 2022) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Indigenous Graduate Celebration - June 15, 2022 at 6-7:30 pm via Zoom - more information forthcoming o Teepee Raising - June 16, 2022 at 1pm in Thunder Bay and June 18, 2022 in Orillia at 1pm - attachment forthcoming e. Next Meeting (pending approval of the 2022-23 meeting schedule): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, October 17, 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o External Caucus: 12:00pm-1:00pm (EST) o Orientation: 1:00pm-2:00pm (EST) o Meeting: 2:00pm-4:00pm (EST) 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>The group shared their thoughts about the format/structure of meetings moving forward, now that in person meetings are allowed. This topic will be further discussed at the next meeting in the fall.</p> <p>Ann Dumyn announced that her term on the OIEC ends June 30, 2022 and that the Board of Governors plans to appoint a suitable individual for the 2022-23 OIEC term that begins on July 1, 2022.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 3:23pm.</p> <p>Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer.</p>		