



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

APPROVED MINUTES

Date:	October 17, 2022 (EDT)
Time:	12:00pm - 1:00pm External Caucus (External Members Only) 1:00pm - 2:00pm Orientation (existing and new members welcome) 2:00pm - 4:00pm OIEC Meeting (All Members)
Location:	Zoom Meeting

OIEC Members in Attendance: Brandon Amyot - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Dr. Moira McPherson - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); 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); Valerie Stortini (Chair) - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute

Members not in Attendance: Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)

Administrative Resources in Attendance: Marcie Morrison (Recorder) - Acting Associate University Secretary

The OIEC Bylaws require three Internal Members and four External Members for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm recognizing quorum was not achieved, with the intention of only addressing routine items of business and discussion that do not require a decision.

Dr. David Barnett joined the meeting.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

New members were welcomed and introduced to the group: Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe, Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay, Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey, Brandon Amyot, Dr. Linda Rodenburg and Yvonne Rousel.

Item	Presenter
<p>1. 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
<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>	Valerie Stortini
<p>3. Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. April 4, 2022 Minutes for Approval b. June 6, 2022 Minutes for Approval <p>Once a quorum was achieved, members approved the minutes, as circulated.</p>	Valerie Stortini
<p>4. Chair's Report</p> <p>The OIEC Chair serves on the Presidential Search Committee (PSC). She provided a public update on the PSC work to date.</p> <p>Paul Capon joined the meeting, and the Secretary announced that a quorum was present.</p>	Valerie Stortini

<p>5.</p>	<p>Format of Meetings Discussion</p> <p><i>For Information: From the June 6, 2022 meeting minutes: 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.</i></p> <p>The group did not come to a consensus with regards to the format of meetings. The remainder of the meetings for the term will be held virtually, via Zoom.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report</p> <p>The approved minutes of the May 9, 2022 OIEC Advisors Committee meeting were circulated in advance of the meeting for information.</p> <p>1. OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Terms of Reference Review</p> <p><i>For information: From the June 6, 2022 OIEC meeting minutes: 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.</i></p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current Terms of Reference b. Proposed Amendments <p>The Secretary provided background information and rationale for the proposed amendments.</p> <p>MOVED that the OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee be approved as an OIEC standing committee, and that the proposed amendments to the terms of reference be approved.</p> <p>CARRIED by consensus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Call for Nominating Committee Members (OIEC Chair, OIEC Vice-Chair, President and 	<p>Yvonne Roussel</p>

Vice-Chancellor, Vice-Provost Indigenous Initiatives, at least one external member of the OIEC, other OIEC members who may be chosen by the OIEC, such as the Chair, OIEC Advisors Committee)

The OIEC Chair called for volunteers and provided information regarding time commitment. The University Secretariat will send an Interest to Serve email seeking volunteers to serve on the Committee.

2. Notice of Expiring Terms - for information:

- Kathy Beardy (September 28, 2020 (Partial) - June 30, 2023)
- Valerie Stortini (September 28, 2020 (Partial) - June 30, 2023) (Current OIEC Chair)
- Paul Capon (October 7, 2021-June 30, 2023)
- Lorie Deschamps (September 28, 2020 (Partial) - June 30, 2023)
- Precious Anderson (September 28, 2020 (Partial) - June 30, 2023)
- Matthew Bombardier (September 28, 2020 (Partial) - June 30, 2023) - Recommended by LUSU
- Dr. Lana Ray (September 28, 2020 (Partial) - June 30, 2023) - Recommended by Senate
- Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (August 24, 2021-June 30, 2023) - OIEC Advisors Committee Chair

3. Report on Vacancies - for information:

a. OIEC Vacancies

The OIEC Bylaws require at least six individuals from the ten organizations listed. Currently seven of those positions are filled. There are no individuals currently appointment from the Grand Council Treaty #3, Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians or the Ontario Native Women's Association.

- One external member from Simcoe County
- Indigenous Student Member (from Thunder Bay)

b. OIEC Member on the Board of Governors Vacancy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The OIEC Member on the Board of Governors (vacant since May 14, 2021) ● Information regarding this role was provided during the OIEC Orientation. The University Secretariat will send an Interest to Serve email seeking volunteers to serve on the Board of Governors, and include information about the role. <p>c. Vice-Chair Vacancy/Nominations</p> <p><i>Recruitment efforts to date:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>January 31, 2022 OIEC Meeting: Discussion: What is the role of the OIEC Member on the Board of Governors and the Senate? Eligible members were encouraged to volunteer. No volunteers to date.</i> ● <i>October 7, 2021 OIEC Meeting: verbal call for nominations. No nominations were received.</i> ● <i>An Interest-to-Serve was circulated to all OIEC members on July 9, 2021 and August 16, 2021. No nominations were received.</i> <p>The Chair provided information about the time commitment, and the role of this position.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update (OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting was on October 14, 2022)</p> <p>An update on the OIEC Advisors Committee work was provided. The Committee is undergoing a Terms of Reference review and the focus of work this term is a sense of belonging and wellbeing, and retention of indigenous students.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>Senate Academic Committee (SAC) /OIEC Joint Subcommittee Update</p> <p>Denise Baxter provided an update on the work of the SAC /OIEC Joint Subcommittee.</p> <p>Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Update Presentation:</p> <p>Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● overview of the development of evaluation framework ● framework evaluation model ● ICR focus groups research ● collecting course ICR outlines <p>Discussion ensued following the presentation.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</p> <p>New members in attendance introduced themselves to the group.</p> <p>Members received updates/reports from the following External Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon) ● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini) 	
<p>10.</p>	<p>President's Report</p> <p>The President's October 2022 Online Report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p>The President provided a verbal update that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● an update on the work of academic and non academic support services (face to face and remote) ● Orillia Campus Crosswalk, raising of the Truth and Reconciliation flag event ● Institutional Campaign update, including an update on funding for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre, noting that a presentation on the project will be provided at a future OIEC meeting ● Orillia Campus infrastructure update ● update on Lakehead's veterinary program initiative <p>Discussion ensued following the report.</p>	<p>Dr. Moira McPherson</p>

<p>11.</p>	<p>Informational Items</p> <p>The following informational items were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Written Resolutions Approved Electronically on June 6, 2022 (re appointments and meeting schedule) b. Written Resolution Approved Electronically on July 20, 2022 (re Brandon Amyot appointment) c. Senate Report (of the April 4, 2022 meeting) d. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period May 17, 2022 to October 10, 2022) e. 2022-23 OIEC Meeting Schedule - A link to the online schedule was provided. Next Meeting: December 5, 2022, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (EST) 	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Presidential Search Update</p> <p>A search progress update was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:12pm.</p> <p>Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer.</p>		