



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

MINUTES

Date:	November 15, 2021
Time:	1:00pm - 2:00pm (EST) External Caucus (External Members Only) 2:00pm - 4:00pm (EST) OIEC Meeting (All Members)
Location:	Zoom Meeting

OIEC Members In Attendance: Charles Brown - Member-At-Large; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; 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; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)

Regrets: Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Robert Atastise - Member At Large;

Absent: Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large

Administrative Resources In Attendance: Marcie Morrison (Recorder) - Assistant University Secretary; Debra Bevan (Recorder) - Governance and Legal Assistant

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Dr. Moira McPherson called the meeting to order at 2:06pm and assumed the role of Acting Chair, temporarily with the consent of the members.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

Item		Presenter
1.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>MOVED (P. Capon) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED</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>Previous Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 7, 2021 Minutes for Approval: The October 7, 2021 minutes were approved by consensus, as circulated. ● Business Arising from the Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update on Teacher Education: The Secretary reported that work is proceeding in this area and that OIEC may wish to invite Dr. Paul Cormier to provide further details on this initiative at a future meeting. 	
4.	<p>Presentation from Lakehead University's Indigenous Research Chair in Decolonial Futures</p> <p>Dr. Lana Ray, Assistant Professor in Indigenous Learning, began her appointment as Lakehead University's Indigenous Research Chair in Decolonial Futures on July 1, 2021.</p> <p>The presentation was circulated in advance with the meeting materials. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● overview of the four main points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Research 2. Service 3. Knowledge Exchange & Relationship 4. AKI ● list of Committee participation <p>Members had the opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.</p>	

	Valerie Stortini joined the meeting and assumed her role as Chair.	
5.	<p>OIEC Bylaw Amendment</p> <p><i>For information: Notice of Motion was presented to the OIEC at the October 7, 2021 meeting.</i></p> <p><i>OIEC Bylaws: 9.1 Amendment</i> <i>Any proposal to amend or repeal these Bylaws or any portion thereof shall be effective only if enacted at a meeting of the OIEC at which at least two-thirds of the voting OIEC Members are present, with two-thirds of those present voting in favour, provided due notice of such amendment or repeal shall have been given at the previous meeting of the OIEC. Any amendment or repeal of the Bylaws or any section thereof, shall be effective as of the date of the approval of the resolution to amend or repeal unless otherwise determined.</i></p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current OIEC Bylaws b. Proposed Amendment to the OIEC Bylaws <p>The Secretary indicated that the Bylaws require twelve voting members to be in attendance to adopt a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. As only nine voting members were in attendance, the motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws was postponed to the next meeting.</p>	Valerie Stortini, Barbara Eccles
6.	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The OIEC Chair reported on the success of the funding initiative that had recently been set up by the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre to assist Indigenous students at Lakehead who have been affected by the delays in funding. Many Indigenous students have received funding as a result of the initiative.</p>	Valerie Stortini
7.	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee Update</p> <p>The approved minutes of the September 21, 2021 OIEC Advisors committee meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.</p> <p>The OIEC Advisors Committee met on November 1, 2021.</p>	Dr. Anita Vaillancourt

	<p>The Chair of the OIEC Advisors Committee highlighted some of the ongoing work that the Committee is currently focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ad hoc Committee to carry out a review of the OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference ● discussions around setting up a student emergency fund, and scholarships and bursaries <p>The OIEC Advisors Committee meets next on January 18, 2022.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members (External Members will be Invited to provide a verbal report, but are not required to)</p> <p>Members received updates/reports from the following external members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chippewas of Rama First Nation (Ben Cousineau) ● Member-At-Large (Charles Brown) ● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon). ● Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute (Lorrie Dechamps) ● Seven Generations Education Institute (Howard Twance) ● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini) 	
<p>9.</p>	<p>President's Report</p> <p>The November 2021 President's Report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials and is available on the Lakehead website at www.lakeheadu.ca.</p> <p>In addition, the President reported on the recent Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Treaties Recognition Week display that was located on the Thunder Bay campus, work with Indigenous organizations (Seven Generations Education Institute), and government funding initiatives.</p>	<p>Dr. Moira McPherson</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Informational Items</p> <p>The following items were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Governors Report (of the October 1, 2021 meeting) b. Senate Report (of the October 18, 2021 meeting) c. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period September 21, 2021 to November 1, 2021) 	

	d. 2020-21 OIEC Meeting Schedule Next Meeting: January 31, 2022, 2:00pm-4:00pm (EST)	
11.	Other Business There was no other business.	Valerie Stortini
The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm. Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer.		