



## Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

### MINUTES

<b>Date:</b>	December 5, 2022 (EDT)
<b>Time:</b>	1:00pm - 2:00pm External Caucus (External Members Only)  2:00pm - 4:00pm OIEC Meeting (All Members)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**OIEC Members in Attendance:** Brandon Amyot - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Denise Baxter (Acting Chair) - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; 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)

**Members not in Attendance:** Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Christopher Glover - Designate, Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); 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)

**Administrative Resources in Attendance:** Vanessa Franklin (Recorder) - Governance and Administrative Assistant

In the absence of the Chair the Secretary called the meeting to order at 2:01pm, and by consensus, Denise Baxter was appointed as acting chair for the meeting.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the opening prayer.

Item	Presenter
1. Approval of Agenda  The agenda was approved by consensus as amended.	Denise Baxter (Acting Chair)
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.	Denise Baxter (Acting Chair)
3. Previous Minutes  a. October 17, 2022 Minutes for Approval  The October 17, 2022 minutes were approved, as circulated.	Denise Baxter (Acting Chair)
4. Chair's Report - In the absence of the chair, this item was postponed.	
5. OIEC Nominating Committee Update  It was reported that the University Secretariat is working on scheduling the next meeting of the newly constituted OIEC Nominating Committee. In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee is seeking at least one external member of the OIEC, and other OIEC members who may be interested. An Interest to Serve email was circulated to all OIEC members on December 2, 2022.	Yvonne Roussel
6. OIEC Advisors Committee Update (OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting was on November 21, 2022)  • Approved Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Advisors Committee Meeting - for information	Denise Baxter (Acting Chair)

	<p>An overview of the Strategic Enrolment Management update, presented by the Vice-Provost, International and the Vice-Provost (Students) and Registrar, at the OIEC Advisors Committee on November 21, 2022 was provided, noting that the presentation spoke to the importance and focus on Lakehead’s Indigenous students having a sense of belonging and ongoing support.</p>	
7.	<p>Student Recruitment Update - This item was postponed.</p>	
8.	<p>Verbal Updates/Reports from External Members</p> <p>In advance of the meeting, it was suggested that members come prepared to share in a discussion focused on ways that Lakehead can engage students in their communities in preparation for university applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Matawa First Nations (Paul Capon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ working with Lakehead on cross collaborative education programs for students</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education &amp; Training Institute (Lorrie Dechamps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nursing students will be graduating in January 2023 from the Institutes and are being encouraged to get their degree at Lakehead. Indigenous Initiatives was encouraged to reach out to the graduating students in early January 2023. There will be a few charters in the new year if anyone is interested in purchasing a seat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education (Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggested the possibility of students maintaining relationships with their Recruiters once they arrive at Lakehead.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Métis Nation of Ontario (Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay)</li> <li>● Member-At-Large (Precious Anderson)</li> </ul>	
9.	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>The President’s online report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>In addition, the President provided a verbal update that included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● overview of the 2023-24 Integrated Planning and Budgeting Presentation that Administration recently shared with the University Community</li> <li>● acknowledgment of the Office of Indigenous Initiatives for its initiatives and opportunities at Lakehead this fall that</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Moira McPherson</p>

	<p>are bringing the Indigenous and non Indigenous communities together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● debrief on recent Indigenous initiatives hosted by Lakehead</li> <li>● update on the successful fundraiser for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre, noting that a presentation on the project will be provided at a future OIEC meeting</li> </ul> <p>Discussion ensued following the report.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Informational Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. September 29, 2022 Board of Governors Report             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In addition to the written Board of Governors update provided by Brandon Aymot, they verbally highlighted the Board’s approval of amendments to the following three policies which are available on the Lakehead University website:                 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Human Rights Policy</li> <li>2. Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Response Policy and Procedures</li> <li>3. Board Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy</li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> <li>b. October 24, 2022 Senate Report - The report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>c. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (for the period May 17, 2022-November 21, 2022) - The report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>d. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period October 14, 2022-November 21, 2022) - The report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</li> <li>e. 2022-23 OIEC Meeting Schedule - A link to the online schedule was provided.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next Meeting: January 30, 2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. Presidential Search Update - A search progress update was circulated in advance of the meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter (Acting Chair)</p>

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared the closing prayer.