



Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC)

MINUTES

Date:	October 7, 2021 (via Zoom)
Time:	12:00pm - 1:00pm (EDT) External Caucus (External Members Only) 1:00pm - 2:00pm (EDT) Orientation (All Members) 2:00pm - 4:00pm (EDT) OIEC Meeting (All Members)
Location:	Zoom Meeting

OIEC Members in Attendance: Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Charles Brown - Member At Large; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; 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); Valerie Stortini (Chair) - Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre; Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)

Not in Attendance: Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Alecia Boshcoff - Fort William First Nation; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University)

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

The meeting was called to order at 2:04pm

Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening prayer.

The Chair welcome the new members:

- Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)
- Ben Cousineau (Chippewas of Rama First Nation)
- Alecia Boshcoff (Fort William First Nation)

Item	Presenter
<p>1. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>The agenda was approved by consensus, as circulated.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<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>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>3. Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the May 17, 2021 meeting were approved by consensus, as circulated.</p> <p>There was no business arising from the minutes.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>4. Chair's Report</p> <p>The Chair provided a brief verbal report regarding streamlining OIEC meetings and current work of the OIEC Nominating Ad hoc Committee.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>5. OIEC Ad hoc Nominating Committee (OIEC-NC) Report</p> <p>A report of the August 30, 2021 OIEC-NC meeting was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. External Voting Member Appointments/Reappointments</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Ogemawahj Tribal Council: This item was postponed. It was reported that OIEC member Greer Atkinson resigned from the OIEC as of September 30, 2021.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Matawa First Nations: MOVE (A. Dumyn) that Paul Capon be re-appointed as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community</p>	<p>Ann Dumyn</p>

	<p>(Matawa First Nations), for a term commencing immediately, through to July 30, 2023. CARRIED</p> <p>Chippewas of Rama First Nation: MOVED (A. Dumyn) that Ben Cousineau be appointed as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community (Chippewas of Rama First Nation), for a term commencing immediately, through to July 2024. CARRIED</p> <p>Fort William First Nation: MOVED (A. Dumyn) that Alecia Boshcoff be appointed as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community (Fort William First Nation), for a term commencing immediately, through to June 30, 2024. CARRIED</p> <p>b. Internal Voting Member Appointments/Reappointments</p> <p>Indigenous Student Member (Internal): This item was postponed.</p> <p>c. Vice-Chair Call for Nominations <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> <p>The Chair of the OIEC-NC reported that no external members have expressed interest in the OIEC Vice-Chair role. The OIEC-NC plans to reassess its recruitment strategies.</p> <p>d. OIEC Member Appointment to the Board of Governors <i>For information - Murray Waboose resigned from the OIEC on May 13, 2021.</i></p> <p>This item was postponed. Any external member who is interested in serving on the Board of Governors was invited to contact Ann Dumyn or Dr. Moira McPherson.</p>	
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<p>6.</p>	<p>Bylaw Amendment Notice of Motion</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current OIEC Bylaws b. Proposed Amendment to the OIEC Bylaws <p><i>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>NOTICE that the following Motion will be brought forward at the next meeting of the OIEC: <i>MOVED to amend the OIEC Bylaws by deleting the following from paragraph 4.1.2(a): "North Superior Chiefs Groups;"</i></p>	<p>Valerie Stortini, Barbara Eccles</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>OIEC Advisors Committee</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. November 17, 2020 Approved Minutes b. April 13, 2021 Approved Minutes c. August 24, 2021 Approved Minutes <p>The OIEC Advisors Committee met on September 21, 2021.</p> <p>The Chair of the OIEC Advisors Committee highlighted some of the current topics that the Committee is working on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● establishment of an Ad hoc Committee to carry out a review of the OIEC Advisors Terms of Reference ● challenges in online and face-to-face learning for Indigenous students at Lakehead ● Student Emergency Fund (established and funded by the office of Indigenous Initiatives) 	<p>Dr. Anita Vaillancourt</p>

	<p>The OIEC Advisors Committee meets next on November 1, 2021.</p> <p>The OIEC Chair reported that the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre has consulted with the office of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead regarding delays with funding for Indigenous students. She indicated that the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre has set up a mechanism to assist Indigenous students at Lakehead who have been affected by the delays in funding. Indigenous Initiatives can now refer Indigenous students in need of funding directly to the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (807-345-5840) for assistance.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Joint SAC/OIEC Sub-Committee Update</p> <p>The Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives provided an update on the work of the Provost Task Force on Indigenous Content Requirement Consultation. Work is planned to be completed by early spring, and a report will be shared with the OIEC upon completion.</p>	<p>Denise Baxter</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Length of OIEC Meetings</p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance with the meeting materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Online Poll (was circulated June 15 and June 29, 2021) b. Summary Report <p>The Chair reported that following a review of the survey results, adjusting the length of OIEC meetings is not required at this time.</p>	<p>Valerie Stortini</p>
<p>10.</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) ● Nishnawbe Aski Nation (Kathy Beardy) ● Seven Generations Education Institute (Howard Twance) ● Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Valerie Stortini) 	

<p>11.</p>	<p>President’s Report</p> <p>The October 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>Highlights from the President's verbal report and discussions that followed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● announcement regarding Lakehead and Open Text MOU agreement and the positive opportunities this partnership will bring for Lakehead’s Indigenous students ● Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation initiatives - noting that this was the topic of discussion at today’s OIEC External Members Caucus, all members were invited to provide feedback regarding the events that Lakehead University held over the last two weeks ● announced that Lakehead had named a new Chancellor, Dr. Rita Deverall ● invited members to share ideas with her regarding new initiatives and supports/services that could help Indigenous students transition to Lakehead <p>Discussion ensued with regards to concerns with the shortage of certified Indigenous teachers and the lack of programming and opportunities available for Indigenous community members to become qualified teachers.</p> <p>Administration reported that Lakehead’s Chair of Aboriginal Education is working on initiatives to address similar issues and is working with smaller surrounding communities to develop programs. Administration agreed that this is a topic that should be further pursued and plans to connect with the Dean of Education at Lakehead to initiate the conversation, and will report back to the group.</p> <p>Administration announced that Thunder Bay has been appointed as the next site for the Indspire Teach for Tomorrow.</p>	<p>Dr. Moira McPherson</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Informational Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Governors Report (of the June 4, 2021 meeting) b. Senate Report (of the September 20, 2021 meeting) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">c. Office of Indigenous Initiatives Reportd. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reporte. 2020-21 OIEC Meeting Schedule: Next Meeting: November 15, 2021, 2:00pm-4:00pm (EDT) f. Year of Climate Action (YOCA) - The YOCA is an invitation, a call to action, and an opportunity for faculty, staff, administration, students, and our larger community to collectively join together to listen, learn, share, and most importantly act on climate change. Find out more at lakeheadu.ca/yoca.	
13.	<p>Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	Valerie Stortini
<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:36pm.</p> <p>Elder Gene Nowegejick shared a closing prayer.</p>		