



OIEC Summary Report

From: Barbara Eccles – General Counsel and University Secretariat

Subject: Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Report

OIEC Members: *Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans - Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Matthew Bombardier - Indigenous Student Member (Lakehead University); Alecia Boshcoff (Fort William First Nation); Alicia Cameron - Member-At-Large; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; 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); 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)*

- *External member Carlene Keeshig resigned from the OIEC as of September 26, 2021.*
- *External member Greer Atkinson resigned from the OIEC as of September 30, 2021.*
- *External members Ben Cousineau and Alecia Boshcoff were appointed during the meeting.*
- *Exofficio member Dr. Anita Vaillancourt's term commenced on August 24, 2021.*

The OIEC met on October 7, 2021. Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening and closing prayer. New members Dr. Anita Vaillancourt, Ben Cousineau and Alecia Boshcoff were welcomed and introduced to the group.

The following items of business were on the agenda:

Bylaw Amendment Notice of Motion

In accordance with the OIEC Bylaws (Article 9.1) notice was given that the following motion will be brought forward at the next meeting of the OIEC:

MOVED to amend the OIEC Bylaws by deleting the following from paragraph 4.1.2(a): "North Superior Chiefs Groups;"

Length of OIEC Meetings

An online survey was circulated to OIEC members in June 2021 with regards to the length of meetings. The Chair reported that following a review of the survey results, adjusting the length of OIEC meetings is not required at this time.

Reports and Updates Received

- Report from the OIEC Chair
- OIEC Ad hoc Nominating Committee Report (of the August 30, 2021 meeting)

- OIEC Advisors Committee Report (of the September 21, 2021 meeting)
- Joint SAC/OIEC Sub-Committee Update
- President's October 2021 Online Report and update on relevant University matters
- Updates/Reports from External Members

Informational Items Received

- Board of Governors Report (of the June 4, 2021 meeting)
- Senate Report (of the September 20, 2021 meeting)
- Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Reports
- Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report
- Year of Climate Action (YOCA) invitation

The following motions were adopted by the OIEC on October 7, 2021:

- MOVE that Paul Capon be re-appointed as an External Voting Member from the Indigenous Community (Matawa First Nations), for a term commencing immediately, through to July 30, 2023.
- MOVED 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.
- MOVED 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.

The next OIEC meeting is scheduled to take place on November 15, 2021, 2:00pm - 4:00pm (EDT).