



Report on the December 5, 2022 Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Meeting

From: Yvonne Roussel – Interim University Secretary

Subject: Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Report

OIEC Members: *Brandon Amyot - Board of Governor Member (Lakehead University); Precious Anderson - Member-At-Large; Robert Atastise - Member At Large; Greer Atkinson - Ogemawahj Tribal Council; Dr. David Barnett - Provost and Vice-President, Academic (Lakehead University); Denise Baxter - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (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; Paul Capon - Matawa First Nations; Ben Cousineau - Chippewas of Rama First Nation; Lorrie Deschamps - Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute; Christopher Glover - Designate, Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Dr. Moira McPherson - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Amy Nadjiwon-Tobey (Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education); Grand Council Chief Reg Niganobe (Anishinabek Nation); Elder Gene Nowegejick (Non Voting); Dr. Lana Ray - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); 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; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair)*

The OIEC met virtually on December 5, 2022. Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening and closing prayer.

The following items of business were on the agenda:

Format of Meetings

The group continues to discuss the format of future meetings. For now, meetings will be held virtually.

Report from the OIEC Ad Hoc Nominating Committee

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.

Round Table Discussion

The focus of the Round Table Discussion was to discuss ways that Lakehead can engage students in their communities in preparation for university applications. The group heard from Matawa First Nations, Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute, Chippewas of Nawash Unceded

First Nation Board of Education, Métis Nation of Ontario and Member-At-Large, Precious Anderson on this topic.

Other Reports and Updates Received

- OIEC Advisors Committee Update
- President's Report
 - President's December 2022 Online Report
 - overview of the 2023-24 Integrated Planning and Budgeting Presentation
 - debrief on recent Indigenous initiatives hosted by Lakehead
 - update on the successful fundraiser for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

Informational Items Received

- September 29, 2022 Board of Governors Report
- October 24, 2022 Senate Report
- Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report (for the period May 17 - November 21, 2022)
- Office of Indigenous Initiatives Report (for the period October 14 - November 21, 2022)
- 2022-23 OIEC Meeting Schedule
- Presidential Search Update

The next virtual OIEC meeting is scheduled to take place on January 30, 2023, 2:00pm to 4:00pm (EST).