



Report on the December 4, 2023 Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Meeting

From: Marcie Morrison – Acting University Secretary

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 (Acting Chair) - Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives (Lakehead University); Kathy Beardy - Nishnawbe Aski Nation; 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; Tyler Goode (Indigenous Student Member); Lisa Harris (OIEC Advisors Committee Chair); Thomas Kehoe - Board of Governors (Lakehead University); Arlene Merkley (Barrie South Simcoe Métis Council); 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. Sharla Peltier - Indigenous Faculty Member (Lakehead University); Dr. Linda Rodenburg - Interim Orillia Principal (Lakehead University); Yvonne Roussel - Interim University Secretary (OIEC Secretary); Dr. Gillian Siddall - President and Vice-Chancellor (Lakehead University, Non Voting); Dr. Bryanna Scott-Kay, Vice-Chair (Metis Nation of Ontario); Howard Twance - Seven Generations Education Institute*

The OIEC met virtually on December 4, 2023. Elder Gene Nowegejick shared an opening and closing prayer.

The following items of business were on the agenda:

OIEC Chair Appointment

The OIEC approved the appointment of Precious Anderson as the OIEC Chair, for a term commencing February 26, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Policy Consultations

In alignment with the University's Policy Governance Framework, as part of the policy review process for University wide policies, the OIEC and the OIEC Advisors Committee will be consulted during the review process, with the intention of decolonizing University policies and procedures by having them reviewed through an Indigenous lens. The following policies were brought to the OIEC for consultation:

- Gifts-in-Kind Policy
- Reappraisal and Academic Appeals Policy

Administration was on hand to answer questions. In addition, following the meeting, members sent an invitation to provide written feedback on the policies. All recommendations will go forward to Administration during the regular scheduled review of these policies, for consideration.

Research Study: Governing for Self-Determination: Aboriginal Education Councils (AEC) and University Governance in Ontario

The OIEC received information about this research study and were invited to participate.

Other Reports and Updates Received

- OIEC Advisors Committee Update
- SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee Update
- President's Report
- Matawa First Nations Update
- Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation Board of Education Update

Informational Items Received

- Appointment of OIEC Indigenous Student Member (documentation supporting the electronic vote that was conducted)
- Report from the Office of Indigenous Initiatives
- Report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation
- Senate Report
- 2023-24 Meeting Schedule

The next virtual OIEC meeting is scheduled to take place on February 26, 2024, 2:00pm to 4:00pm (ET).