

February 22, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

Present:

J. Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
P. Capon, Matawa First Nations
J. Flett, Board of Governors
K. Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Dr. F. Gilbert, President
Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
T. Pile, Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. P. Smith, Advisors Committee Chair
R. Wagner, Orillia Campus Advisory Committee

Advisors:

G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator
B. Johnson, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
O. McKenzie, Aboriginal Affairs, NOSM
D. McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Dr. S. Wolf, Research Ethics Committee

Deans:

Dr. P. Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. J. O'Meara, Education
Dr. G. Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities

Regrets:

Dr. P. Berger, Acting Chair, Aboriginal Education Department
N. Bouchard, Vice-Chair, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
S. Cornell, NNEP Manager
I. Green, Ontario Native Women's Association
D. L. Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator
W. Perrault, Seven Generation Education Institute
S. Nelson, Secretary, Lakehead University Native Student Association

Secretary:

K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Elder Ethel Sault led the opening prayer.

Introductions – Those in attendance introduced themselves around the table.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Sabourin/P. Capon) that the agenda for the February 22, 2010 meeting be approved with the following amendment:

- Add Item #7.12 – NLIP Update (J. O'Meara)

3. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (R. Wagner/J. Flett) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of January 25, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Business Arising**

5.1 Post Secondary Student Support Program Update from Deputy Grand Chief Terry Waboose, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

F. Gilbert noted that this was discussed at the COU Executive Heads Meeting and the AUCC representative noted that AUCC is working on this.

5.2 Revisions to AMC By-laws

- Article 3.0, Subsection 3.9 – Confidentiality
- Article 5.0, Subsection 5.1 – The Advisors Committee
- Appendix B – The Advisors Committee Terms of Reference

J. Beaver joined the meeting by teleconference.

MOVED (P. Smith/B. Sabourin) to accept the revisions to the AMC By-laws.

CARRIED

6. New Business

- 6.1 MOVED (P. Capon/J. Flett) that Kathy Beardy be appointed as the Alternate for Nishnawbe-Aski Nation and that the Alternate count toward quorum and be accorded the voting privileges in the absence of the regular Nishnawbe-Aski Nation Representative.
CARRIED

Section 3.8 of the AMC By-laws allows for the appointment of an Alternate as follows: Each Aboriginal organization with membership on the AMC shall appoint a primary member, and in the absence of the primary member, an alternate shall be granted the privileges of a member.

- 6.2 Advisors Report

P. Smith reported that the Advisors will be setting up a meeting date with Deans' Council to review the Advisors Committee and Gichi Ken-Daa-Si-Win Plan. The purpose of this session is to explain why it is important for the Deans to attend Advisors Committee meetings as well as to review the objectives of the AMC Strategic Plan.

A motion was passed at the Advisors Committee meeting supporting a dedicated space for cultural events and programs. The Aboriginal space needs will be forwarded to the Lakehead University Space Committee.

The Aboriginal Partnership Research Award will be presented to R. Koster and H. Lemelin for their research on tourism in the region.

The Advisors began discussions about recruitment and retention of Aboriginal faculty. A survey will be conducted and the Advisors will discuss the results of the survey prior to bringing a recommendation to AMC.

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Wagner) that AMC recommend that the ACSS space needs report be presented at the next Lakehead University Space Committee meeting with the recommendation that the Space Committee pursue a dedicated space for cultural programming.
CARRIED

The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2010 are available on the AMC website at <http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/meetings/?display=support&mid=80&did=25&unitid=2>.

7. Updates/Reports

7.1 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

B. Johnson noted that the Liaison Officer will be focussing on local community outreach. B. Johnson will be attending several local events.

7.2 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

L. Wabange updated the AMC on recent projects and events.

7.3 Aboriginal Education

J. O'Meara spoke to this report in the absence of P. Berger. Chief Louis will be speaking next fall at Lakehead University.

7.4 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

B. Sabourin noted that she had attended the COU Aboriginal Reference Group. It was noted at that meeting that Lakehead University is leading the way in Aboriginal cultural support and programming; Lakehead University will be hosting this group in June.

The Aboriginal Initiatives Report was distributed at the meeting. B. Sabourin reviewed the material distributed at the meeting.

B. Sabourin noted that a one-time grant may be available for revitalizing space for Aboriginal needs. B. Sabourin is looking into additional space to meet the demands for Elders in Residence and other space needs for Aboriginal cultural events. The grant proposal will be submitted this Friday.

7.5 Board of Governors' & Ad hoc Committee

T. Pile noted that Lakehead University appointed a new President on February 10th who will be starting on August 1, 2010. Dr. Brian Stevenson will be invited to meet with AMC.

7.6 Gichi Ken Daa Si Win Centre

B. Sabourin noted that a workshop has been planned to discuss the goals and visions for the Gichi Ken Daa Si Win Centre.

7.7 LUNSA Update

S. Nelson was not available.

7.8 Native Access Program

G. Hendrick-Laliberte noted that 13 students are in the Native Access Program and half of them are on probation. If in breach or warning usually the students improve or ask to drop out.

NAP has been working toward making students aware of University regulations.

NAP and NNEP work together on special events and often deal with similar issues.

Sandra Wolf joined the meeting.

7.9 Native Nurses Entry Program

S. Cornell had distributed a report with the meeting materials. G. Hendrick-Laliberte noted that this is the 25th year for intake into NNEP and consideration is being given to coordinating the opening of the new NNEP space this fall and the 25th Year Celebration.

7.10 Research Ethics Committee

The issue of bonus points for Psychology students participation in psychology research studies is still being discussed.

A response to the Tri-Council Policy on Research with Aboriginal Peoples is being prepared.

P. Capon left the meeting.

7.11 Senate

P. Smith summarized some of the action items from recent Senate meetings.

7.12 NLIP Update

J. O'Meara will be in discussions with the Orillia Campus Dean and the local community. Program funding is still being determined.

8. Information Items

- 8.1 An Evening of Theatre: Aboriginal Stories & Storytellers
Grandmothers of a Métis Nation: A film by Judy Iseke & Two One Act
Plays – Wednesday, February 24th, 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m., Faculty Lounge

9. Adjournment

MOVED (F. Gilbert/J. Flett) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED