

January 25, 2010

2:00-4:00 p.m.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

- Present:
- J. Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
 - N. Bouchard, Vice-Chair, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
 - J. Flett, Board of Governors
 - D. D. Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
 - S. Nelson, Secretary, Lakehead University Native Student Association
 - Dr. F. Gilbert, President
 - I. Green, Ontario Native Women's Association
 - Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
 - W. Perrault, Seven Generation Education Institute
 - T. Pile, Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario
 - B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
 - Dr. P. Smith, Advisors Committee Chair
 - R. Wagner, Orillia Campus Advisory Committee
- Advisors:
- Dr. P. Berger, Acting Chair, Aboriginal Education Department
 - S. Cornell, NNEP Manager
 - B. Johnson, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
 - C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator
 - O. McKenzie, Aboriginal Affairs, NOSM
 - M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
 - L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
 - Dr. S. Wolf, Research Ethics Committee
- Deans:
- Dr. G. Siddall, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities
- Regrets:
- P. Capon, Matawa First Nations
 - G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Program Coordinator
 - Dr. P. Hicks, Graduate Studies
 - D. L. Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
 - E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
- Secretary:
- K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Introduction: Ingrid Green, William Perrault, Janet Beaver, Ruth Wagner

The annual photo of the members of AMC was taken.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Perrault/J. Flett) that the agenda for the January 25, 2010 meeting be approved with the following addition:

- Add: Item #6.3 – Discussion of smudging space

CARRIED

3. **Conflict of Interest**

No one declared a Conflict of Interest.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (R. Wagner/J. Beaver) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of November 23, 2009 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

Business Arising

D. D. Frenette will forward information to Dr. Gilbert on Post Secondary Student Support Program (PSSSP), so that Dr. Gilbert can bring this forward to the COU Executive Heads. It was noted that Lakehead University's AMC had responded earlier through the President as opposed to the proposed revisions to funding for Aboriginal communities' post-secondary education.

D. D. Frenette will update AMC on the status of the PSSSP at the next AMC meeting.

5. **Unfinished Business**

5.1 Advisors Committee Written Report on Self-Assessment

P. Smith reported on the Advisors Committee self-assessment noting that a new Chair will be elected by the Advisors. Dr. K. Fedderson or Dr. A. den Otter will represent the Orillia Campus on the Advisors Committee. The Advisors will be meeting with the Deans to discuss the functions of the AMC and the AMC Advisors Committee.

The Advisors Committee will prepare an assessment report every second year.

P. Smith noted that the AMC Advisors Committee requested that the Draft AMC Minutes be released to the Committee prior to AMC approval.

MOVED (J. Flett/D. Frenette) that the AMC Advisors Committee report be accepted.
CARRIED

5.2 Recommendations from the AMC Advisors Committee - Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty

The AMC Advisors Committee will discuss this at its next meeting.

5.3 Joint SAC/AMC Committee Member Appointment

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Wagner) that Judy Flett be appointed as one of the AMC members of the Joint SAC/AMC Committee.
CARRIED

5.4 Review of AMC By-laws – Sections related to open meetings and participation

- Section 3.9 Confidentiality

The AMC reviewed Section 3.9 of the AMC By-laws to determine whether meetings are open to anyone wishing to attend.

P. Smith noted that the Advisors Committee discussed open meetings and participation at its last meeting and recommends that AMC pass a motion with the same wording which would restrict meetings to “members and invited guests only.”

It was agreed that anyone having business with AMC can make a request through the Secretary.

It was noted that until the minutes have been approved, they are not public, but waiting to act on decisions until the AMC Minutes have been approved, could cause delays. It was decided that confidentiality must be maintained. Guests and members of AMC and the Advisors Committee must be informed that these meetings are considered confidential until the minutes are posted.

MOVED (P. Smith/D. Frenette) that the meetings of AMC and the Advisors Committee are open to members and invited guests, and that all other individuals must make a request the Secretary, and that this motion serves as Notice that a motion will come forward to the next meeting of AMC to add this requirement to Section 3.9 of the AMC By-laws.
CARRIED

6. **New Business**

6.1 Approval of amended Advisors Committee Terms of Reference

P. Smith reviewed the proposed changes to the AMC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference. Some minor editorial changes were suggested and will be forwarded to the Secretary.

MOVED (P. Smith/W. Perrault) that the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the AMC Advisors Committee be accepted and that this motion serves as Notice that a motion will come forward to the next meeting of AMC to replace the current Terms of Reference in the AMC By-laws with the proposed Terms of Reference.
CARRIED

6.2 AMC Advisors Committee Recommendations

P. Smith summarized the recommendations coming forward from the AMC Advisors Committee.

It was noted that the Advisors Committee would like the opportunity to move items forward that have been approved by AMC although the AMC meeting minutes may not have been approved.

6.2.1 AMC Advisors Committee Minutes of November 12, 2008 are available to AMC Members through the AMC website.

P. Smith reviewed the recommendations coming forward from the Advisors Committee.

6.2.2 Discussion of Smudging Space

MOVED (W. Perrault/J. Flett) to add the following to the Agenda – “6.2.3 -Distribution of Draft Minutes from AMC Meetings”
CARRIED

MOVED (W. Perrault/P. Smith) that the AMC draft minutes be made available to the AMC Advisors Committee prior to AMC approval.
CARRIED

6.3 Discussion of Smudging space

Lisa Wabange explained that the space being used by the Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services (ACSS) is not adequate for cultural activities and medicinal ceremonies involving smudging. L. Wabange is following procedures but needs dedicated space for smudging without having to cross the campus or smudge outside. Recently complaints related to allergies and objections to the smoke have been filed at Human Resources by employees working in the area.

Additionally, L. Wabange reported that the lounge area is crowded and the space available for cultural activities is too small to accommodate the numbers of participants. It was suggested that some of the needs could be met in the new NNEP facilities planned as part of the re-construction in the Braun Building.

AMC discussed the importance of the Aboriginal cultural areas such as smudging, elders in residence, key cultural activities. It was noted that these areas are important for recruitment and retention of Aboriginal students.

MOVED (D. Dawn/J. Beaver) that the Aboriginal Management Council requests that Lakehead University provide a dedicated space for smudging.
CARRIED - F. Gilbert abstained from the motion.

7. Updates/Reports

The reports as distributed were reviewed.

- 7.1 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer – B. Johnson reviewed his report as distributed with the meeting material.
- 7.2 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange reviewed her report as distributed with the meeting material.
- 7.3 Aboriginal Education – P. Berger reviewed his report as distributed with the meeting material.

- 7.4 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin reviewed her report as distributed with the meeting material.
- 7.5 Board of Governors' & Ad hoc Committee – T. Pile
- 7.6 International Indigenous Learning Centre – J. Flett reviewed her report as distributed with the meeting material.
- 7.7 Joint SAC/AMC Sub-Committee – G. Siddall reviewed her report as distributed with the meeting material.
- 7.8 LUNSA Update – S. Nelson reviewed the report prepared by Thomsa Grinnell, President of LUNSA as distributed with the meeting material.
- 7.9 Native Access Program – B. Sabourin reviewed highlights of G. Hendrick-Laliberte's program report.
- 7.10 Native Nurses Entry Program – S. Cornell reviewed highlights of her report as distributed.
- 7.11 Research Ethics Committee – S. Wolf reviewed highlights of her report as distributed.
- 7.12 Senate – P. Smith

8. **Information Items**

- 8.1 GICHI KEN-DAA-SI-WIN: Higher Learning, Higher Knowledge and Education at Lakehead University 2010-2013 electronic vote results were distributed.
- 8.2 Appointment of the new Ontario Native Women's Association Representative electronic vote results were distributed.
- 8.3 Effective December 15, 2009, Alec Oombash resigned as LUNSA President and from the Aboriginal Management Council.
- 8.4 The AMC Advisors Committee Membership List was distributed.
- 8.5 Update (January 15, 2010) on AMC Representative from the Northern Ontario Superior Chiefs:

The Regional Chiefs will select another representative at their next meeting. No date has been set for that meeting.

9. **Adjournment**

MOVED (B. Sabourin/J. Beaver) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Tim Pile, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary