

**Monday, January 24, 2011**

**2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**ATAC 3004**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

N. Bouchard, Chair, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services  
J. Flett, Board of Governors  
I. Green, Ontario Native Women's Association  
Dr. M. McPherson, Acting Vice-President (Academic) & Provost  
A. Mekanek, Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA)  
B. Perrault, Member-at-Large (via teleconference)  
T. Pile, Vice-Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario  
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
Dr. B. Stevenson, President  
L. Wabange, Advisors Committee Co-Chair & Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
R. Wagner, Orillia Region Representative (via teleconference)

**Advisors:**

Dr. P. Berger, Acting Chair, Aboriginal Education Department  
B. Beardy, NLIP Coordinator  
S. Cornell, NNEP Manager  
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator  
H. Moynihan, Engineering  
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)

**Deans:**

Dr. A. P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies  
Dr. K. Feddersen, Orillia Campus (via teleconference)  
Dr. P. Hicks, Graduate Studies  
Dr. J. O'Meara, Education  
Dr. G. Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities

**Regrets:**

J. Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council  
K. Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
D. D. Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
Dr. P. Hicks, Graduate Studies  
Dr. L. Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences  
E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
N. Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus  
Y. Wanakamik, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer  
Dr. S. Wolf, Advisors Committee Co-Chair & Research Ethics Board

**Secretary:**

K. Roche, Secretary of the Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Senator Ruth Wagner led the opening prayer.

Everyone introduced themselves around the table.

2. **Presentation – Dr. K. Fedderson, Dean, Orillia Campus**

K. Fedderson presented a history of the Lakehead University Orillia Campus including its history, enrolment, and governance model.  
(P. Capon joined the meeting)

K. Fedderson explained how the historical and projected revenues and expenditures demonstrate that the Orillia Campus has become a revenue generator for the university. The original \$2M expenditure for the development of the new campus and the LEED building has been repaid earlier than anticipated through the revenues from increased enrolment.

The Orillia Campus Plan is being developed with Aboriginal communities within Simcoe County and is expected to be completed by the Fall 2011. LU has been consulting with local Aboriginal communities to determine what these groups have identified as needs for programming and education.

Courses are being offered with Aboriginal content in many areas including Education. Although Indigenous Learning has been promoted as an elective, it has not been attracting students. Consideration was given to offering the Native Languages course but Lakehead would be duplicating this program since Nippissing and Georgian College are currently offering a Native Language Instructors course.

An Elder in Residence program has been set up on the Orillia Campus with the assistance from the Aboriginal Initiatives office in Thunder Bay.

Currently, three new programs are being developed at the Orillia Campus- Environmental Sustainability; Media Studies; and Criminology. Consideration is being given to expand graduate programming in Orillia.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (T. Pile/L. Wabange) that the agenda for the January 24, 2011 meeting be approved as distributed.  
CARRIED

4. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of Interest declared.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (M. McPherson/L. Wabange) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of November 22, 2010 be approved.  
CARRIED

6. **Business Arising**

6.1 Aboriginal Peoples' involvement in politics – B. Sabourin

B. Sabourin and K. Roche will be working on planning a discussion forum to include prominent Aboriginal MPP's and politicians to look at barriers to Aboriginals in running for office and how to engage Aboriginal peoples in politics.

K. Roche and B. Sabourin participated in a discussion group offered through the Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) and Leadership Thunder Bay. This project is examining Aboriginal involvement in politics with a particular emphasis on voting in elections.

6.2 AMC member appointment on the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee

MOVED (P. Capon/T. Pile) that Judy Flett be appointed at the AMC member on the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee.

Dr. M. McPherson abstained from the motion.  
CARRIED

7. **New Business**

7.1 MOVED (L. Wabange/B. Sabourin) that James Mishquart be appointed as the Northern Superior representative on the Aboriginal Management Council (AMC).  
CARRIED

Mr. Mishquart was unable to attend due to weather conditions.

7.2 Changing the name of the Aboriginal Management Council (AMC)

K. Roche introduced this item explaining that the President had asked for consideration of new name indicative of governance rather than management. This item will be added to the next agenda.

### 7.3 Advisors Report

L. Wabange summarized highlights of the AMC Advisors report. She noted that the Advisors are currently working on the Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty survey.

### 7.4 Nominations for an AMC representative on the Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair Nominations commencing January 2011 through June 30, 2013.

Notices were sent out to members and to the university community through the Communications Bulletin. Since no Interest to Serve nominations were received, this item was postponed until the next meeting. The Secretary will send out another notice.

## 8. Updates/Reports

### 8.1 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

L. Wabange reported that ACSS has been assisting students with housing, food and financial matters such as electrical arrears. Technology workshops were held to assist students with PowerPoint presentations and tour of the Library. A dinner was held serving partridge soup and bannock. Eighty students were fed.

### 8.2 Aboriginal Education

J. Flett and B. Beardy are working on recruitment and retention of students.

Aboriginal content being pursued to ensure content is included in courses.

### 8.3 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

B. Sabourin reviewed highlights of the Aboriginal Initiatives report. She noted that Y. Wanakamik is preparing for Aboriginal Preview Day which will showcase Lakehead University to Aboriginal high school students.

A mentor program and speaker series is being worked on with the Royal Bank of Canada. High profile speakers will be invited to Lakehead University to speak to students.

The Lakehead University Aboriginal Alumni Chapter work continues. A meeting was held last month.

Several Aboriginal graduate students will be participating in Research and

## Innovation Week.

### 8.4 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Y. Wanakamik distributed a report with the meeting materials and B. Sabourin spoke to highlights of her report.

### 8.5 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

The presentation on the proposed Kendaasiwin Centre is being updated and will be presented to AMC at a meeting this spring.

### 8.6 Lakehead University Native Student Association

A. Mekanek summarized the activities that LUNSA has been involved in. A meeting will be held this week to finalize the plans for the Pow Wow which will be held on March 18, 19, 20, 2011.

### 8.7 Native Access Program

G. Hendrick-Laliberte noted that attendance statistics for the NAP program were at 70% and that it has dropped since the holiday break. She is working with students to ensure retention is maintained.

### 8.8 Native Nurses Entry Program

S. Cornell spoke to highlights of her report. Lakehead University's Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and NAN Healthy Lifestyles Program in partnership with NAP, NNEP, and Dept. of Aboriginal Education present Guest Speaker Jessica Yee. On Tuesday, February 15, 2011, Jessica Yee will be on Lakehead University's Thunder Bay Campus speaking to students and staff.

### 8.9 Senate

S. Wolf distributed a report with the meeting materials.

### 8.10 Senate Research Ethics Board

S. Wolf distributed a report with the meeting materials.

## 9. Information Items

- 9.1 Correspondence from Regional Chief Peter Collins regarding the appointment of Mr. James Mishquart as the Northern Superior representative on AMC was distributed.

- 9.2 The letter sent to Mr. James Mishquart re membership was distributed.
- 9.3 The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2010 are available on the AMC website at <http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/meetings/?display=support&mid=86&did=29&unitid=2>.
- 9.4 Janet Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council has informed AMC of her resignation. A formal written letter will be forthcoming.
- 9.5 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services will be hosting a Métis 101 session with President Wendy Landry of the Thunder Bay Métis Council on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00p.m.

## 10. **Adjournment**

MOVED (B. Sabourin/T. Pile) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Nancy Bouchard, Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary