

Aboriginal Management Council
Agenda – Monday, January 24, 2011
2:00 – 4:00p.m.
ATAC 3004

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**
2. **Presentation – Dr. K. Fedderson, Dean, Orillia Campus**
3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED that the agenda for the January 24, 2011 meeting be approved as distributed.

4. **Conflict of Interest**
5. **Approval of Minutes – attached**

MOVED that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of November 22, 2010 be approved.

6. **Business Arising**

- 6.1 Aboriginal Peoples' involvement in politics – B. Sabourin
- 6.2 AMC member appointment on the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee

MOVED that _____ be appointed at the AMC member on the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee.

7. **New Business**

- 7.1 MOVED that James Mishquart be appointed as the Northern Superior representative on the Aboriginal Management Council (AMC).
- 7.2 Changing the name of the Aboriginal Management Council (AMC) to Aboriginal Governance Circle (AGC)
- 7.3 Advisors Report – S. Wolf – *attached*
- 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.

MOVED that _____ be appointed at the AMC Representative on the Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair Nominations commencing January 2011 through June 30, 2013.

8. Updates/Reports

- 8.1 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange – *attached*
- 8.2 Aboriginal Education – P. Berger – *attached*
- 8.3 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin
- 8.4 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer – Y. Wanakamik – *attached*
- 8.5 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre – J. Flett
- 8.6 Lakehead University Native Student Association – A. Mekanek – *attached*
- 8.7 Native Access Program – G. Hendrick-Laliberte – *attached*
- 8.8 Native Nurses Entry Program – S. Cornell – *attached*
- 8.9 Senate – S. Wolf – *attached*
- 8.10 Senate Research Ethics Board – S. Wolf – *attached*

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 – *attached*
- 9.2 AMC membership letter sent to Mr. James Mishquart – *attached*
- 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 Notice of resignation – Janet Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council

10. Adjournment

Monday, November 22, 2010

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

Present:

K. Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Dr. P. Berger, Acting Chair, Aboriginal Education Department
N. Bouchard, Chair, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Dr. M. McPherson, Acting Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
A. Mekanek, Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA)
T. Pile, Vice-Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario
Dr. B. Stevenson, President
L. Wabange, Advisors Committee Co-Chair & Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
R. Wagner, Orillia Region Representative (via teleconference)

Advisors:

J. Anuik, Chair, Orillia Ad hoc Comm. for Aboriginal Initiatives (via teleconference)
S. Cornell, NNEP Manager
H. Moyinihan, Engineering
I. Peltier, NOSM (via teleconference)
Y. Wanakamik, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Deans:

Dr. A. P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Dr. K. Fedderson, Orillia Campus (via teleconference)

Regrets:

J. Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
J. Flett, Board of Governors
I. Green, Ontario Native Women's Association
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator
Dr. P. Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. J. Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
N. Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. G. Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. S. Wolf, Advisors Committee Co-Chair & Research Ethics Committee

Guests:

Mr. Greg Lowan, Contract Lecturer & PhD Candidate in the Faculty of Education

Secretary:

K. Roche, Secretary of the Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

The Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table. Ruth Wagner led the opening prayer.

2. **Guest Presentation**

Mr. Greg Lowan (gelowan @lakeheadu.ca), Contract Lecturer at Lakehead University & PhD Candidate in the Faculty of Education at the University of Calgary presented an overview of his thesis entitled "Ecological Metissage as an Emerging Vision for Environmental Education in Canada". He discussed the motivating concepts and trends involved in blending two or more cultures ecologically.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (T. Pile/L. Wabange) that the agenda for the November 22, 2010 meeting be approved as distributed.
CARRIED

4. **Conflict of Interest**

No one declared a conflict of interest.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (K. Beardy/R. Wagner) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of October 25, 2010 be approved.
CARRIED

Dr. Brian Stevenson had not yet arrived at the meeting. By consensus, the AMC postponed Sections 6.1 through 7.1 until Dr. Stevenson's arrival.

6. **Business Arising**

6.1 Law School Update

Dr. Stevenson updated the AMC on the status of the proposed Law School. Lakehead University is still in the process of obtaining approval from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. A subcommittee of the Federation has referred this to the Council. It is expected that announcement will be made within the next few weeks. Dr. Stevenson has been speaking to government emphasizing our commitment to this program. Lakehead University will follow the institutional process for the review and approval of the new degree program. Following Senate approval, the Faculty of Law proposal will be submitted to the Ministry of

Training, Colleges, and Universities (MTCU).

Dr. Stevenson will come back to AMC to announce how we will move forward to obtain funding approval from the province after the accreditation approval is received.

6.2 Full-time Aboriginal Resource Person at the Orillia Campus

Dr. Stevenson explained to the AMC that it is too soon to have a full-time Aboriginal Resource person at the Orillia Campus. He suggested that due to the low numbers of enrolled Aboriginal students in Orillia, developing a strategy to recruit Aboriginal students to the Orillia Campus should be the first step. As the enrolment numbers increase, we will work on the how to enhance the experience for the students.

At some point, the support systems will be instituted but at present, the resources will be focussed on recruitment and retention. Brian will work to develop a strategy to have the recruitment and support services work in parallel.

The Orillia Campus staff will be working to develop a relationship with the Métis communities in the Simcoe area.

6.3 AMC Appointment to the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Search

The Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Search committee has not yet been established. A formal call for search committee members has not been sent out yet. A consultant has been hired to assist the University in filling this position.

An AMC member will participate in this search. The AMC Secretary will send out an email requesting AMC voting member's nominations interested in serving on this search committee.

7. **New Business**

7.1 Encouraging women to participate in politics

President Brian Stevenson and Rebecca Johnson, Councillor for the City of Thunder Bay, discussed a shared interest in encouraging women to participate in politics as part of the follow up from the "The Role of the University in Economic Development" conference hosted by Lakehead University on November 4th. Rebecca Johnson expressed interest in setting up a seminar to encourage women to become involved in politics. Dr. Stevenson asked AMC if there was interest in pursuing a seminar/discussion forum to encourage Aboriginal peoples to run for

political office and to examine some of the issues and barriers to Aboriginal involvement in politics. Consideration could be given to bringing in prominent Aboriginal politicians to speak at a forum. Dr. Stevenson sees a role for Lakehead University to help individuals overcome challenges and barriers.

AMC will have this discussion at the next meeting and begin plans to have high profile speakers come to the University.

B. Sabourin will come forward with a proposal.

7.2 AMC Advisors Committee

L. Wabange summarized the Advisors report on the meeting on November 8, 2010. No action from AMC was needed.

The survey will be examined by the Advisors at their upcoming meeting on January 10, 2011.

8. Updates/Reports

The following reports were reviewed:

8.1 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

L. Wabange reported on the needs of students and will be working toward a food drive in January.

8.2 Aboriginal Education

P. Berger will be Acting Chair until March 2011 when the new Chair of Aboriginal Education, Dr. John Hodson arrives.

8.3 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

L. Wabange reviewed highlights from the report submitted by Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives).

Y. Wanakamik has been hired as the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer.

A. P. Dean arrived at the meeting.

Dr. Stevenson noted that there will be another Aboriginal and economic conference and invitations will be extended to students and those who were not able to attend the first conferences.

It was noted that Dr. Stevenson visited the Métis Nation of Ontario.

8.4 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Y. Wanakamik summarized the value of the support services offered at Lakehead University. In her report, she noted the connection with Aboriginal communities and schools during the APSIP tour.

Stakeholders meeting will be held in Orillia to determine the needs in that area.

8.5 Board of Governors' Report

N. Bouchard noted that the Board of Governors Orientation was extremely helpful.

8.6 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

J. Flett submitted a report with the meeting materials.

8.7 LUNSA Update

A. Mekanek reviewed highlights of the LUNSA report.

8.8 Native Access Program

G. Hendrick-Laliberte distributed a report with the meeting materials.

8.9 Native Nurses Entry Program

S. Cornell reviewed highlights of the NNEP report.

8.10 Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson will attend the AMC meeting in person in January and plans to give a full overview of what is happening in Orillia.

Central Ontario is under-served by university programs although it has been served by colleges. Governance relations have been established with R. Wagner and J. Beaver, who are both AMC members and on the Advisory Committee in Orillia.

Policies, including smudging policies, that are established for the university are applicable to both campuses although they may need to be adapted to meet certain differing circumstances.

R. Wagner noted that no posters were visible for the Elder and asked that the Elder program be given a higher profile.

8.11 Senate

S. Wolf distributed a report with the meeting materials.

8.12 Senate Research Ethics Board

S. Wolf distributed a report with the meeting materials.

9. **Information Items**

9.1 Correspondence to Dr. Stevenson regarding an AMC appointment to the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee was distributed.

9.2 The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2010 are available on the AMC website at <http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/meetings/?display=support&mid=85&did=28&unitid=2>.

10. **Adjournment**

MOVED (K. Beardy/A. Mekanek) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary

REPORT TO THE ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FROM
AMC Advisors Committee

Submitted Monday, January 18, 2011, for AMC meeting scheduled Monday, January 24, 2011.

AMC Advisors Committee Meeting January 10, 2011

Next AMC Advisors Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 14, 2011

Dr. Sandra Wolf chaired the meeting. Sandra and Lisa Wabange are currently serving as Co-Chairs of the AMC Advisors Committee.

- Members present reviewed and approved the Agenda for the meeting,
- Members present reviewed and approved the minutes of the last AMC Advisor's meeting held November 15, 2010.
- Members reviewed the minutes of the last AMC meeting held November 22, 2010.
- Members reviewed the draft agenda for the forthcoming AMC meeting scheduled for January 24, 2011.
- Much of the discussion at the meeting involved the Aboriginal Faculty Recruitment and Retention Survey, that has been developed by Dr. Peggy Smith. See the AMC Advisors Committee meeting minutes, included in this packet, for more information.
- Members present reviewed and discussed the purpose, direction, content and desired outcomes of the Aboriginal Faculty Recruitment and Retention Survey originally developed by Dr. Peggy Smith.
 - Appreciation was expressed for the extensive work that has already been done to develop the survey.
 - It was agreed to remove the sections of the survey in regards to publishing the results in an academic, peer-reviewed journal.
 - Concerns about the privacy of respondents to the survey have been expressed. Dr. S. Wolf pointed out that we can assure respondents "confidentiality," but we cannot assure "anonymity." Anonymity is rarely an assurance in qualitative research.
 - Several of the questions were modified so that the survey begins to function more as an interview than a survey, with more open-ended questions than closed questions.
 - There were several other revisions made to the survey questions. Dr. P. Berger has volunteered to make these revisions. Dr. G. Siddall was also asked to review the survey prior to returning the survey to the membership in general.
 - L. Wabange will follow up with B. Sabourin to see if there is a budget to hire a consultant to conduct the survey. That suggestion came out of a meeting between P. Smith and S. Browne of LU Institutional Analysis.
- Planning for future meetings:
 - Review and approval of the Aboriginal Faculty Recruitment and Retention Survey
 - Review of the Terms of Reference for the AMC Advisors Committee.
 - Introduction to the new Aboriginal Research Facilitator.
 - Renewing the work to organize Research Ethics procedures unique to Lakehead University pursuant to passage of the revised Tri-Council Policy Statement, Chapter 9, "Research Involving Aboriginal Peoples in Canada."

Submitted January 18, 2011

Lisa Wabange, Co-Chair, Aboriginal Initiatives

Sandra Wolf, Co-Chair, Faculty of Education, Lakehead University

Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

Report for AMC Meeting for January 2011

Submitted by Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Student Liaison/Advisor

Ongoing projects include: Assisting Aboriginal students in regards to academic, individual, funding, culture, and their transition to Lakehead University. This month is registering students, professional School and graduating for spring 2011. Also working with student's lack of money, housing arrears, affordable housing, employment, emergency loans, and food banks. Updated scholarship external lists on ACSS website. **Elder-In- Residence** – Elders are available to support students is available two to three times a week and hours are posted on the ACSS website. For month of January it is informal and drop in and students enjoy meeting with them and like the drop in.

- January 4 to 14th, Worked with Lakehead University Orientation
- January 10, 12th – ACSS Guided Tour
- January 11, 14th - ACSS and Learning Assistance Centre (Technology Workshop)
- January 14th, Attended LUNSA Pow Wow meeting
- January 11th and 18th - Aboriginal student focus group – challenges in the classroom
- January 17th – Indigenous Learning presentation to Orillia and Thunder Bay

Upcoming Workshops

- January 19th, Miichim Nonkom (Food Today)
- January 25th, Traditional Sharing Circle (Elder Sara Sabourin)
- January 25th, Meet Elder Ernie Sandy (Orillia Campus)

Initiatives and Projects

- Worked with AI and Orillia Campus in regards to ACSS and Cultural Programming
- Aboriginal Student Counsellor, Carrienne Agawa
- AMC Advisor Co-Chair with Dr. Sandra Wolf
- Conducted two focus groups (Safe Classrooms)- working with AI, IDC, Joan Linklater and Dr. Wolf
- Coordination of Peer Mentor Program – in process
- Risk Management (Survey/Forms)- in process
- Assisting with Pow Wow, Treaty Symposium, Research Innovation Week, Education Day, etc.

Miigwech,

Lisa Wabange

Department of Aboriginal Education Report to the AMC
January 17th, 2011

1) We are arranging for on-site tutors in Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal P/J) students' home communities to support them through the online course ED 4412 Educational Law. We expect this will make the distance format much easier for many students.

2) Plans are underway for the next Aboriginal Discovery Day, tentatively scheduled for early March.

3) Judy Flett and Bruce Beardy, Coordinator of Aboriginal Programming and Native Language Instructors' Program Coordinator were active in the fall attending conferences and promoting Lakehead programs. This activity continues in 2011.

4) On Wednesday December 8th Rachel Mishenene facilitated a workshop called *Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives in Instructional Practice*. This was attended by faculty and graduate students. We are working to further the process of moving Aboriginal awareness into all courses at the Faculty of Education. Our big thanks to Rachel.

5) On Wednesday December 12th we met with folks from *Admissions* to discuss admission to the Native Language Instructors' Program. Our past practices are changing to harmonize with other units and we are working with *Admissions* to make sure the transition is smooth.

6) Dr John Hodson is taking over as Chair of Aboriginal Education on March 1st, 2011. We are looking forward to welcoming John and are working on making his arrival seamless.

Respectfully submitted by
Paul Berger

Acting Chair
Department of Aboriginal Education

Aboriginal Management Council Meeting Report

Respectfully submitted by Yolanda Wanakamik

Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

Period Covered: December, 2010

Recruitment:

- Continued participation in the Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program (APSIP) tour;
 - *Final Week #9 - 17th Annual Canadian Aboriginal Festival (Hamilton, ON) – November 26-28*
 - The Festival was staged in Hamilton. Organizers estimated that there were more than 40,000 visitors taking in the festival. The festival had something for everyone; a Pow-Wow, Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards, Education Day, music, performing arts venues, fashion shows, traditional foods, shopping, traditional teachings, workshops, etc. Of notable interest several primary and local high school students attended the APSIP fair.
- Assisted with Denis Franklin Cromarty High School Lakehead Campus Tour – November 19, 2010
- Guidance Counsellor Seminar Presentation on behalf of Aboriginal Initiatives– November 22, 2010

Community Outreach:

- *Aboriginal Alumni Chapter*
 - Ongoing development of work plan for the group
- *Lakehead University Alumni Association*
 - Strategic Planning session scheduled with Gerald Munt January 29th.
- *Hammarskjold High School Friendship Circle Lunch*
 - Mentorship pilot project from February to June where one professional is coming to the school to share their educational story with students from grade 9-12
- *Orillia Stakeholders Day*
 - The meeting will occur on February 17th. The meeting will focus on inviting Aboriginal First Nations, Education Authorities, High School Guidance Departments, Aboriginal Liaison support staff (school and community centres), Friendship Centres, Adult Education Centres, etc from the and any other relevant organizations that are necessary from the surrounding area. Presentations to occur with Presentations and welcome by Dean Fedderson (review of campus plan), Presentation by Beverly Sabourin (review of Aboriginal Initiatives), Presentation by Recruitment Danielle Poetta and or Neil Quinn. Tours of the new campus will also be available during the session.
- *Aboriginal Education Day "Follow Your Dreams"*
 - The date has been set for March 7, 2010 in conjunction with Aboriginal Awareness Week.
 - The agenda for the day will be drafted very soon and any comments, suggestions are welcome by email. We will follow the same format as last year.

- *Aboriginal Mentorship Program*
 - National Level 1 Peer Mentor Program- 2nd and 3rd year students will be matched up with grade 11 and or 12 students from local high schools to become peer mentors. Training to occur at Lakehead February 4, 5 & 6th. Certification through Peer Resource Canada.
- *Speaker Series*
 - Any interesting speakers that you would like to see at Lakehead please contact Yolanda with background information and contact information on the potential candidate.
- *Royal Bank and Lakehead University Wrap Up Celebration – November 2010*
 - Dates are being considered for the event at this time.
- *Ontario Native Education Counsellor Conference*
 - Attending in Toronto May 17, 18 & 19
 - AI brochure will be brought along with brochures, etc. If you have any small, light weight promotional material you would like distributed please let me know. Keep in mind I am flying commercially.

Meetings Attended:

- President Stevenson's Town Hall Meeting – December 10, 2010
- President Stevenson's Community Breakfast – December 13, 2010

Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA)

Booshoo, This LUNSA report is to update the AMC.

LUNSA is one of the two active clubs at the Lakehead University campus according to Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU).

Some LUNSA members are having difficult time performing their duties, but LUNSA members that are in a committee are way too understanding for each other, which they help one another.

LUNSA has been coordinating events, volleyball, Halloween, Christmas potluck, and LUNSA members have been involved with other events.

LUNSA has upcoming events:

- Powwow March 18, 19, and 20
- Powwow Meeting
Our first Powwow meeting was on January 13, 2011, it was just to brainstorm what is expected and the ideas that need to be worked on.
- April Wine Fundraiser
The tickets are on sale at the outpost \$25/per person

Miigwetch niin,

Archie Mekanak
President




Native Access Program Update
January 10, 2011

Fall 2010

- 1 official withdrawal since September
- 2 at-risk (incomplete in Math & English)
- Attendance stats Sept. – Dec. 70% range overall
- Academic, financial personal challenges
- Application for bursary/scholarship through Office of Financial Services
- Winter gathering at Fort William Curling Club with students & faculty (9 in attendance)
- Instructors meeting, ONECA District & Steering Committee Meetings held in December
- Met with previous NAP students about personal & academic concerns
- Returning NAP students registered Math 1130FA successful

January 2011

- Very low attendance
- Serious personal & health issues over holidays
- Indigenous Learning Mid-Term on Wed. Jan. 5: 50% absent (3 contacted staff to let us know they would be absent)
- Media projector in classroom stolen (in communication with AV supervisor)
- Lock to be changed/repared in RB2025
- One returning NAP student in Math1131WA


G. Hendrick-Laliberte
Coordinator, Native Access Program

THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM
REPORT TO THE ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

January 24, 2011

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the November 22, 2010 AMC meeting.

Student Progress

There is currently 21 students enrolled in the NNEP. One student has withdrawn from NNEP due to medical requirements and one student has been counseled to withdraw due to academic concerns. NNEP has accepted one student from the 2005 Intake, who requires 2 of the NNEP courses to complete along with the field placement to graduate. The NNEP students have all been in for continuous checkpoints with the Counsellor/Liaison.

Program Update

The Elder conducted an opening prayer and smudge for the Holiday on Feast November 30, 2010, as well as at the NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting on December 13, 2010. The Elder will continue to be available to provide ongoing support to the students as well. Gerry also has provided on site one-on-one sessions with the NNEP students on October 28, 2010 in the Aboriginal Initiatives Student Lounge.

The "Checkpoints" of the year for the new NNEP students have been carried out with the present NNEP students. This involved discussion of academic and personal progress in the program.

The first monthly Instructor's Meeting of the winter term is scheduled to take place on January 20, 2011. The Instructor's Meetings are very beneficial to both NNEP staff as well as for NNEP Instructors, it gives the Manager and Counsellor/Liaison Worker a real picture of how each of the students are progressing.

The NNEP Manager attends continues to attend the Biology class along with the students to assist as much as possible tutoring when required. Some of the common issues brought forth from the student checkpoints are as follows: issues of alcohol abuse in families, stress related to assignments and time management, health issues, and racism throughout the city. Each of the courses has had assignments and tests so far which have given the NNEP Manager an idea of the progress of the students to date. So far several students in each of the courses are struggling academically. Each of these students are accessing the use of the tutors in the Learning Assistance Center, Aboriginal Initiatives Peer Mentors, and the several of the Instructor's have offered extra assistance to these students as well.

Conferences/Recruitment Fairs

Fall Preview Day December 7, 2011

Attendance at Christmas Luncheon Seven Generations & Oshki Pimache-O-Win Education & Training Institute on Dec 8, 2010

Advisory Committee Meeting

The NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting took place on December 13, 2011 in the Innovations Boardroom.

Recruitment for the 26th Intake

The complete NNEP application package has gone on-line. It is difficult to provide a number of requests for applications.

The NNEP manager and staff will start the process of attending any career fairs and health conferences to promote the NNEP in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cornell, RN, HBScN
Manager Native Nurses Entry Program

**REPORT TO THE ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FROM
LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY FACULTY SENATE**

Submitted Monday, January 17, 2011, for AMC meeting scheduled Monday, January 24, 2011.

Faculty Senate Meeting Friday, December 3, 2010

Next Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2011

My December 3, 2010, report to the Faculty Senate included the following:

- **The Aboriginal Management Council of Lakehead University met on November 22, 2010, at 2:00 PM in the ATAC building.**
- **Guest Presentation**
 - Greg Lowan, a Métis scholar and PhD student at the University of Calgary and sessional lecturer in the Faculty of Education at Lakehead University presented a brief overview of his ongoing research to members of the Aboriginal Management Council. Greg's research is in the area of place-based ways of knowing.
- **Reactivation of the Joint Policy Committee of the Aboriginal Management Council and Research Ethics Board**
 - The revised Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS) was approved by the presidents of the three agencies on November 29, 2010. Revised guidelines are expected to be issued on Tuesday, December 7, 2010.
 - Chapter 9 of the new Policy Statement related to research with Aboriginal persons and communities. The Aboriginal Management Council is expected to play a significant role in implementation of revised Tri-Council Policy and specific Lakehead University policy.
 - The work of the Joint Policy Committee of the Aboriginal Management Council and Research Ethics Board has been on hold in recent months while the new Tri-Council Policy Statement was under revision.
- **Aboriginal Research Facilitator Search Near Completion**
 - The Search Committee for the Aboriginal Research Facilitator is in the late stages of interviews. The Committee, made up of representatives of the Research Office, Aboriginal Initiatives, and Aboriginal faculty, expects to name the successful candidate late next week. The position will be funded for two years by Aboriginal Initiatives and will be located in the Research Office. The successful candidate will be expected to facilitate research with Aboriginal peoples and research by Aboriginal persons at Lakehead University. Beverly Sabourin, the Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives announced this initiative at the October meeting. This is an update.
- **Memorandum of Understanding – Lakehead University and the Métis Nation of Ontario**
 - Lakehead University will be signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Métis Nation of Ontario on December 16th at 2 pm. Mr. Gary Lipinski, President of MNO will be on campus at Lakehead University that day, for

the signing. Dr. Brian Stevenson will be signing in agreement for Lakehead University.

- This Memorandum of Understanding with the Métis Nation of Ontario is significant in importance for several reasons. First, it initiates a positive working relationship between Lakehead University and the Métis Nation of Ontario that is expected to result in collaborative partnerships in research and other projects.
- Second, the Memorandum of Understanding establishes a relationship between the University and the Métis Nation that is equivalent to the relationship previously only held by First Nations and their representatives. While the Métis Nation has long asserted nationhood status, and there is cultural, historical and legal basis for that, the status of Métis people as citizens of a Métis Nation has not always been recognized by other entities.
- **Kendaasiwin Centre Plans are Moving Forward**
 - The Aboriginal Management Council committee working on planning for the Kendaasiwin Centre met with Dr. Brian Stevenson on November 25, 2010, to discuss the draft business plan for this project. A PowerPoint presentation has been prepared and will be used to promote the project for fundraising and other purposes. University Advancement will be working with the committee to prepare a fund-raising and marketing plan.
- **Upcoming**
 - Aboriginal Management Council initiatives moving forward include:
 - Continuing to be involved in the plans for a Lakehead University Law School
 - Encouraging women to become involved in politics.
 - Working on ways to increase Aboriginal enrolment at the Orillia Campus

I informed the Faculty Senate that the next scheduled meeting of the Aboriginal Management Council was January 24, 2011, and invited the membership of Faculty Senate to attend this or future meetings, as guests of the AMC. I suggested that members contact Ms. Karen Roche if they were interesting in attending a meeting.

Submitted January 17, 2011
Sandra Wolf, Ph. D
Faculty of Education, Lakehead University

**REPORT TO THE ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FROM
LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SENATE RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD**

Submitted Monday, January 17, 2011, for AMC meeting scheduled Monday, January 24, 2011.

**Senate Research Ethics Board Meeting - Friday, December 17, 2010
(Next Research Ethics Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 21, 2011)**

At the December 17, 2010, meeting of the Senate Research Ethics Board, the following items of business were discussed:

- The new Tri-Council Policy Statement places greater emphasis on the responsibility of Research Ethics Boards to evaluate not only risk to participants, but also some elements of research design. The policy has, thus, expanded the responsibility of the REBs, which prior to the new policy did not consider research design to be the purview of ethics.
- Since ineffective or poorly designed research is less likely to have a beneficial effect, but places participants in the position of having allowed themselves to be vulnerable to some risk for the sake of negligible results, REBs are now asked to evaluate research design, to some extent.

The Psychology Department has continued to induce participation in research activities by awarding bonus points. The REB continues to be uncomfortable with this practice, but has declined to enter too deeply into interference with internal departmental **curriculum decisions**.

Review of Applications for REB Approval:

During the period of time between November 12, 2010, and the present, I reviewed and acted upon the following REB applications.

Project #	Department	Date Approved	Title	Notes/Actions taken
009-10-11	Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus	November 26, 2010	Communicating Social Change: Changing Communication Forms in Quebec, Anti-Authoritarian Feminist Groups and Coalitions, 1999 - 2009	Collaborative research with Concordia University.
025-10-11	Psychology	November 23, 2010	Dating Anxiety and the Dispositional Avoidance of Rejection Cues	I approved the application, but requested discussion in January. This is risk-laden research with potential harm to vulnerable young people. Full REB evaluation has taken place. Researchers have

				been asked to revise protocol.
027-10-11	Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism	Returned for revisions.	Hungry for Change – Increasing the Relevancy of Fort Langley Historic Site to Visible Minority New Canadians	I requested clarification of title of project, and the reason for selection of Fort Langley, a former Hudson Bay fur post. Subsequently, a name change occurred. Clarifications were submitted, and I approved the application at the December 17 th REB meeting.
029-10-11	Psychology	November 26, 2010	Community Supervision of Adolescents who Commit a Sexual Offense: An Evaluation of Risk Appraisal and Rehabilitation Strategies by Probation Officers	Participants in this research were Probation Officers, not adolescents. Approval was expedited.
031-10-11	Education	December 7, 2010	Professional Year Students' Experiences with the Individual Education Plan	Well defined research design.
035-10-11	Psychology	January 5, 2011	Exercise and Anxiety: Does expectant or perceived effort moderate the effects of exercise on anxiety sensitivity?	No questions, issues, or comments.
039-10-11	Education	January 5, 2011	Deconstructing my role: Exploring the storied potential within Physical Education Teacher Education.	No questions, issues, or comments.
039-10-11	Education	January 5, 2011, pending assurance that consultation with urban Aboriginal population, as a "community" is secured.	Culturally Responsive Urban Aboriginal Teacher Education	T This application raises a question: Are urban Aboriginal populations NOT Aboriginal communities? In what ways does the new Tri-Council Policy apply to urban Aboriginal people? There is no evidence that consultation with

				urban Aboriginal community representatives has taken place.
041-10-11	NOSM	January 17, 2011	Views from the Field: Medical Learners' Perspectives of Interprofessional Collaborations in Rural Communities.	Well organized research design.

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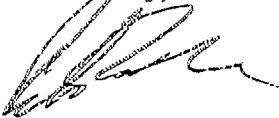
Dear Council:

At the Northern Superior Chiefs meeting held over October 13th and 14th, 2010, the appointment of a Northern Superior representative for the Lakehead University Aboriginal Council was brought forward. During this meeting, information was provided and James Mishquart from Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek has since volunteered to assume the representative position.

The appointment of this representative is fully endorsed by the Northern Superior Chiefs.

The Northern Superior Chiefs appreciates the commitment and effort put forth by these representatives and wishes success in future initiatives and planning.

Sincerely,



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December 17, 2010

Mr. James Mishquart
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Dear Mr. Mishquart,

On November 19, 2010, I had received correspondence from Regional Chief Peter Collins of the Northern Superior Chiefs regarding your appointment as the Northern Superior representative on the Aboriginal Management Council (AMC) at Lakehead University.

The Aboriginal Management Council (AMC) membership, who sit in an advisory capacity to the President's Office at Lakehead University, consists of organizations from the surrounding Aboriginal community, as well as members from the Orillia region. The AMC also has representation on the Lakehead University Board of Governors, the Lakehead University Senate, and the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Aboriginal Management Council. Members of the AMC will have an opportunity to participate and provide input on issues concerning the educational aspirations of Aboriginal communities.

By sitting on this committee, you are able to provide input and discuss Aboriginal issues and initiatives from your area. The Aboriginal Management Council believes that your representation and participation will be an asset to the council, by providing valuable and important input.

Please find enclosed the AMC Bylaws as well as the 2010/11 AMC Meeting Schedule for your review. If you could please send me your contact information, including telephone, fax and email address, it would be greatly appreciated. Since you currently reside in Biinjitiwaabik Zaaging Anishinaabek First Nation, would you please let me know if you will be participating by teleconference or attending meetings in person?

Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Mrs. Karen Roche, Secretary of the Aboriginal Management Council (AMC) at (807) 343-8577.

Sincerely,

Nancy Bouchard

Nancy Bouchard, Chair
Aboriginal Management Council

cc: AMC Members