

**ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
ADVISORS' COMMITTEE
Minutes of Wednesday November 12, 2008**

APPROVED Jan 14, 2010

Present: Dr. A.P. Dean, Science & Environmental Studies
J. Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, Native Access Program
D. McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
H. Moynihan, Dean's Alternate, Engineering
C. Neckoway, Native Language Instructors' Program
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. G. Siddall, Acting Dean, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. P. Smith, Chair, AMC Advisors Committee
L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

Regrets: L. Buker, Faculty of Education
Dr. J. Crossman, Acting Dean, Graduate Studies
Dr. Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. E. Gardner, Chair of Aboriginal Education
R. Neckoway, Social Work
Dr. J. O'Meara, Dean, Faculty of Education
I. Peltier, NOSM
Dr. R. Strasser, Dean, NOSM
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Dr. D. Tranter, Acting Dean, Health & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. S. Wolf, Faculty of Education

1. **Introductions:** Introductions were made.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** MOVED (D. McPherson/C. Neckoway) to approve the agenda. CARRIED
3. **Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2008**
MOVED (B. Sabourin/D. McPherson) that the minutes of February 13, 2008 be approved with amendments. CARRIED
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - a) **International Indigenous Learning Centre:**
J. Flett met with Dr. Gilbert to receive an update on the IILC. The IILC is listed in Year 5 of the Five-Year Capital Plan and the projected budget is ten million dollars. The IILC will be meeting on Thursday November 13th to determine the basic vision for the building.

5. **Selection of Chair:**

C. Hartviksen resigned as co-chair.

MOVED (D. McPherson/H. Moynihan) that Dr. P. Smith be appointed as the Chair of the AMC Advisors' Committee.

CARRIED

6. **Direction from AMC:**

Review Terms of Reference: AMC MOTION: (B. Sabourin/G. Martin) that the Advisors' Committee be asked to review their Terms of Reference and to prepare recommendations for revisions, and that the Advisors' Committee report back to AMC on its effectiveness and ability to fulfill its functions. CARRIED.

Dr. P. Smith discussed the function of the AMC Advisors' Committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference. There was much discussion to clarify that the main role of the Advisors Committee is to bring forward recommendations from within the University community to the AMC to improve Aboriginal services, programming and research at LU. The AMC Advisors' Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and made the following recommendations:

Under Terms of Reference: The Terms of Reference and functioning of the Advisors' Committee will be subject to review every second year by the AMC, including self-assessment by the Advisors' Committee, to ensure that it is operating effectively and fulfilling its functions.

Under Committee Composition: Membership on the AMC Advisors' Committee is based on the principle that the following Lakehead University positions/groups should be members of the Committee:

- Each Aboriginal-specific program, department or position (the 2003 list includes access programs, Native Language Instructors' Program, Native Teacher Education Program, Dept. of Indigenous Learning and Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services, plus the addition of new positions that have been approved, e.g., the Dept. of Aboriginal Education, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives), Faculty of Education's Elder-in-Residence, Canada Research Chair in Aboriginal Issues, plus any future positions as they are approved);
- Each faculty (the Dean or designate); and
- Key administration positions (Vice-Provost Student Affairs), Research Ethics Board).

Dr. P. Smith will review the membership of the Advisors Committee with Karen Roche and provide an update at our next meeting.

The membership of the Advisors' Committee as published in Appendix A of Bylaw #1 should be updated annually.

Under Governance: Chairmanship: The Committee will annually choose its leadership every second year.

Means to Communicate Meeting Discussions and Recommendations to the AMC: In addition to the Advisors' Committee meeting approved minutes that will be submitted to the AMC, the voting member representing the Advisors Committee on the AMC will bring forward the Committee's recommendations. The Advisors Committee voting representative will inform AMC of the range of opinion within the Advisors' Committee on issues.

Moved: (D. McPherson/H. Moynihan) to accept changes made to the AMC Advisors' Terms of Reference. CARRIED

a) Role of Advisors' Committee in supporting VP Aboriginal Initiatives

There was discussion about the role the Advisors' Committee should play in supporting the VP AI. B. Sabourin wants to create an internal management group consisting of all Aboriginal-specific program staff to help coordinate activities to avoid duplication of effort and better use resources. It was decided that this is not the Advisor's Committee's role, so the VP AI will set up a separate group.

b) Articulation Agreements with Aboriginal Organizations

AMC MOTION: (P. Capon/E. Sault) that AMC request that the AMC Advisory Committee prepare a summary of the articulation agreements that exist between Lakehead University, the Aboriginal communities and organizations and that this summary include where private institutions and/or Lakehead University may be suited to provide pre-university and pre-requisite courses on-line so that participants can remain in their communities. CARRIED

Please forward any articulation agreements to Dr. P. Smith.

c) Duty to Consult

AMC MOTION: MOVED (G. Martin/D. Burgart) that Dr. P. Smith, and Dr. L. Hayes, in consultation with experts in the area, promote the inclusion of the "Duty to Consult" in coursework particularly Forestry, Geology, Business Administration, Political Science, Engineering, Anthropology and other affected courses that this ad-hoc committee report their progress to AMC at the November 2008 AMC meeting. CARRIED

Dr. P. Smith will provide an update at the AMC Meeting on November 24th.

7. Research with Aboriginal Peoples:

- a) Research and Innovation Week: Planning an Aboriginal research component

P. Smith informed us there will be research displays at Intercity Mall as a component of Research and Innovation Week.

P. Smith suggested we feature a high profile Aboriginal researcher from outside the University community. H. Moynihan recommended we feature someone within Lakehead to raise the profile of research at the University. P. Smith recommended Dr. Judy Iseke-Barnes, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Education, as a high profile researcher from Lakehead University. In addition, D. McPherson recommended Dr. R. Farrell, as she has published several novels.

P. Smith is meeting with the Research and Innovation Committee later this week to discuss further ideas.

An inventory of Aboriginal Research Partners was completed by Andrew Hacquoil. An Aboriginal Faculty inventory needs to be completed and sent to the Joint SAC/AMC Sub-Committee.

- b) Report on the Northern Ontario School of Medicine conference

The NOSM Partnership Opportunities in Research Gathering took place from November 4-6, 2008. P. Smith & B. Sabourin presented at the Research Gathering. The discussions at the gathering were recorded and a report will be distributed by NOSM.

- c) Status of Aboriginal Research Protocol for Lakehead University

Dr. P. Smith will send out the Draft Aboriginal Research Protocol for your review and comment.

Next Meeting: Dr. P. Smith proposed we meet monthly on Tuesday's at 1:00p.m. She will send an email to confirm availability for Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

8. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m.