

Aboriginal Management Council  
Agenda – Monday, November 22, 2010  
2:00 – 4:00p.m.  
ATAC 3004

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

2. **Guest Presentation**

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

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED that the agenda for the November 22, 2010 meeting be approved as distributed.

4. **Conflict of Interest**

5. **Approval of Minutes – *attached***

MOVED that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of October 25, 2010 be approved.

6. **Business Arising**

6.1 Law School Update – Dr. B. Stevenson

6.2 Full-time Aboriginal Resource Person at the Orillia Campus – Dr. B. Stevenson

6.3 AMC Appointment to the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Search – Dr. B. Stevenson

7. **New Business**

7.1 Encouraging women to participate in politics – Dr. B. Stevenson

7.2 AMC Advisors Committee – L. Wabange – *attached*

8. **Updates/Reports**

8.1 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer – Y. Wanakamik – *attached*

8.2 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange – *attached*

- 8.3 Aboriginal Education – P. Berger – *attached*
- 8.4 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin – *attached*
- 8.5 Board of Governors' – N. Bouchard – *attached*
- 8.6 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre – J. Flett
- 8.7 LUNSA Update – A. Mekanek – *attached*
- 8.8 Native Access Program – G. Hendrick-Laliberte – *attached*
- 8.9 Native Nurses Entry Program – S. Cornell – *attached*
- 8.10 Orillia Campus – K. Fedderson – *attached*
- 8.11 Senate – S. Wolf – *attached*
- 8.12 Senate Research Ethics Board – S. Wolf – *attached*

**9. Information Items**

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

**Monday, October 25, 2010**

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

**ATAC 3004**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** J. Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council (via teleconference)  
K. Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation  
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  
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
L. Wabange, Advisors Committee Co-Chair & Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
R. Wagner, Orillia Campus Advisory Committee (via teleconference)

**Advisors:** B. Beardy, NLIP Coordinator  
Dr. J. Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education (via teleconference)  
Dr. S. Wolf, Advisors Committee Co-Chair & Research Ethics Committee

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

**Regrets:** Dr. P. Berger, Acting Chair, Aboriginal Education Department  
S. Cornell, NNEP Manager  
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator  
Dr. L. Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences  
H. Moynihan, Engineering  
T. Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario  
Dr. P. Smith, Advisors Committee Chair  
Dr. B. Stevenson, President

**Guests:** Dr. Mary Lou Kelley, Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (CERAH)  
Mrs. Holly Prince, Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (CERAH)  
Mr. Tom Grinnell, Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (CERAH)

**Secretary:** K. Roche, Secretary of the Aboriginal Management Council

**1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

The Chair welcomed everyone. Dr. Sandra Wolf led the opening prayer.

**2. Guest Presentation**

Dr. Mary Lou Kelley, Holly Prince, and Tom Grinnell from the Centre for Education and Research on Aging and Health (CERAH) summarized the recently funded SSHRC project "Improving End-of-Life Care in First Nations Communities: Generating a Theory of Change to Guide Program and Policy Development".

This project is a non-traditional community-based research project on Aging and Health designed to provide community education on healthy aging and to provide researchers working with community partners to develop programs of research.

These researchers are working within communities to collect palliative care data and to develop strategies that provide communities with options for palliative care. The research is based on the community needs and the final decisions on moving forward to provide palliative care are made by the community.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (J. Flett/B. Sabourin) that the agenda for the October 25, 2010 meeting be approved as amended.  
CARRIED

**4. Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (R. Wagner/J. Flett) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of September 27, 2010 be accepted as amended.  
CARRIED

**6. Business Arising**

6.1 The following motion was postponed at the last AMC meeting:

MOVED (P. Smith/B. Sabourin) that the Lakehead University Aboriginal Management Council consents to being a partner in a SSHRC Partnership Grant between researchers at University of Manitoba (Dr. Rainey Gaywish) and Lakehead University to move the inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge from awareness building to implementation in an action research study on the implementation of Aboriginal content and perspectives across the university's curriculum; and further, community

representatives of the AMC will solicit letters of support for the research project from their organizations; and will act as liaisons between AMC and their organizations for the research project.

Dr. Rhonda Koster recognized the concerns raised by AMC at its last meeting and will be approaching the research application in consultation with AMC at a later date with intentions of applying for the SSHRC grant next year.

B. Sabourin noted that sensitivity training will be provided through the Instructional Development Centre. Also, an Elder will come in to work with the Aboriginal students to help the students address racist comments. The awareness workshops will be continuing as planned.

- 6.2 Dr. B. Stevenson will provide an update on the Law School at the November AMC meeting.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.2 AMC Advisors Committee**

- 7.2.1 MOVED (L. Wabange/I. Green) that AMC include an Orillia Campus report in the Updates/Reports section on the AMC Agenda.  
CARRIED

- 7.2.2 MOVED (L. Wabange/B. Sabourin) that AMC requests that the President of Lakehead University include an AMC on the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Search Committee.

The Secretary noted that during the past three years all search committees for Senior Administration and all Presidential committees have included Aboriginal representation although none of the committees have listed Aboriginal representation in their terms of reference.

MOVED (L. Wabange/B. Sabourin) to amend the motion to read: that AMC requests that the President of Lakehead University include an AMC member or member of the Advisors Committee on the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Search Committee.

The Chair called the question.

Dr. Moira McPherson abstained from the motion.  
CARRIED

## **8. Updates/Reports**

### **8.1 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer**

B. Sabourin reviewed highlights of the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer report.

### **8.2 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services**

L. Wabange reviewed highlights of the Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services report.

### **8.3 Aboriginal Education**

P. Berger distributed a report with the meeting materials. It was noted that an offer has been made for the Chair of Aboriginal Education and the letter has been sent to the President's Office.

### **8.4 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)**

Bev Sabourin reviewed the recent work undertaken by the Aboriginal Initiatives Office.

### **8.5 Board of Governors**

Nancy Bouchard was recently added as a member of the Board of Governors. The next meeting will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **8.6 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre**

Judy Flett reported that the Draft Business Plan has been completed and that a Power Point presentation will be given to AMC in the future.

### **8.7 LUNSA Update**

The LUNSA report was distributed.

### **8.8 Native Access Program**

G. Hendrick-Laliberte was not available. She is going to provide a report at the next AMC meeting.

### **8.9 Native Nurses Entry Program**

The NNEP report was distributed with the meeting materials. The 25<sup>th</sup> intake has begun.

8.10 Senate

Reports were submitted to both Senate and the Board of Governors reviewing the highlights from the AMC last year.

8.11 Senate Research Ethics Board

S. Wolf reviewed the Senate Research Ethics Board report.

8.12 Orillia Campus Update – K. Fedderson

Clarification was provided that the request was made that the report from the Orillia Campus should be from the Dean of the Orillia Campus.

9. **Information Items**

9.1 Correspondence to Dr. Brian Stevenson, President regarding the telephones and microphones in ATAC 3004 was distributed.

9.2 Correspondence to Dr. Brian Stevenson, President regarding a Full-Time Staff Person for the Aboriginal Resource Centre at the Orillia Campus was distributed.

9.3 The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2010 are available on the AMC website at <http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/meetings/?display=support&mid=84&did=27&unitid=2>.

10. **Adjournment**

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

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Nancy Bouchard, Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary

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

**Submitted Friday, November 12, 2010, for AMC meeting scheduled Monday, November 22, 2010.**

**AMC Advisors Committee Meeting November 8, 2010**

**Next AMC Advisors Committee Meeting scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2010**

I am on travel, just returning from New Orleans. I have asked Lisa Wabange to respond to any questions arising from the AMC Advisors Committee meeting.

- Sandra Wolf chaired the meeting. She and Lisa Wabange are currently serving as Co-Chairs of the AMC Advisors Committee. She was assisted by Lisa Wabange and Peggy Smith.
- Orillia Campus members joining the AMC Advisors Committee meeting by teleconference included:
  - Dr. A. den Otter, Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
  - Dr. K. Fedderson, Orillia Campus
  - Dr. J. Anuik, Chair, Orillia Campus Ad Hoc Committee for Aboriginal Initiatives.This was Jon's first AMC Advisors Committee meeting and he was welcomed.
- Much of the discussion at the meeting involved the Aboriginal Faculty Recruitment and Retention Survey that has been developed by Peggy Smith. See the AMC Advisors Committee meeting minutes, included in this packet, for more information.
- Peggy Smith also reported briefly regarding the status of the search for the Aboriginal Research Facilitator position, which is an exciting initiative.
- Dr. Fedderson would like to visit the Thunder Bay campus in order to personally present information about ways that the Orillia campus is conducting outreach to Aboriginal communities in the Orillia area.
- Dr. Fedderson will be conferring with Dr. Stevenson regarding funding for a full-time person to manage Orillia campus Aboriginal concerns.
- The AMC Advisors Committee will not meet in December, but will meet again on January 10, 2010.

Submitted November 12, 2010

Sandra Wolf, Ph. D

Faculty of Education, Lakehead University



## **Aboriginal Management Council Meeting Report**

Respectfully submitted by Yolanda Wanakamik

### **Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer**

Period Covered: October 23, 2010 – November 15, 2010

#### **Recruitment:**

Continued participation in the Aboriginal Post Secondary Information Program (APSIP) tour;

##### *Week 6 – October 25-29 Georgian Bay*

*Peninsular Shores DS, Saugeen First Nation Community Centre, St. Mary's HS, Saugeen D.S.S., Chippewas of Nawash, Parry Sound HS, Twin Lakes SS and Midland HS.*

##### *Week 7 – November 1-5 Six Nations*

Six Nations Community Centre & GRPSEO Fair; in attendance Hagersville Secondary, Cayuga Secondary, McKinnon Park Secondary, Brantford Collegiate Vocational Institute, North Park Collegiate, Alternative Learning Six Nations, Assumption College, Pauline Johnson, Oliver M. Smith HS and JC Hill HS

##### *Week 8 – November 8-12 Sudbury/NorthBay*

West Ferris Secondary, Nippissing Secondary Desceney, North Bay Indian Friendship Centre, Widdefield Secondary, Northern Secondary, Sudbury Secondary, N'Swakamok Native Alternative School, St. Charles College

#### **Community Outreach:**

Prepare and coordinate Phil Fontaine speaking engagement in collaboration with the Office of Advancement, Royal Bank and St. Patrick Guidance Counsellor Vern Kimball.

Meeting with Jan Beaver of Rama Ojimah Tribal Council (Oct 28) to formally introduce Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer

#### **Meetings Attended:**

Meeting with Beverly Sabourin (Oct 13) to update on progress in APSIP tour, review of progress and challenges.

AMC Advisors Meeting (Oct 13)

Meeting with Jennifer Childs Office of Advancement (Oct 14) to review RBC and Lakehead Aboriginal Community Outreach Project

Attended presentation by Wawatay Native Communications Society (Oct 15)

Meeting with Ann Sullivan Manager of Best Western Mariposa (Oct 27) to book meeting for Aboriginal Post Secondary Education Directors Education Directors and Stakeholders Gathering event.

Meeting with Mike LaFontaine (Oct 29) in regard to the Aboriginal Post Secondary Education Directors Education Directors and Stakeholders Gathering event.

## **Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services**

### **Report for AMC Meeting for November 22, 2010**

**Submitted by Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Student Liaison/Advisor**

#### **November 2010**

Ongoing projects include: Assisting Aboriginal students in regards to academic, individual, funding, culture, and their transition to Lakehead University. This month is working with students dealing with family/relationship, lack of money, affordable housing, emergency loans, food banks, OSAP application and external bursary and awards. ACSS is very busy with one on one academic support with student in regards to essay, paper, computer technical support, tutoring referrals to Learning Assistance Centre and Math Centre, and organizing Peer Mentors schedule and students that need help. We also promoted the Lakehead University Aboriginal Student Bursary by communication bulletin, 5 class room presentation to over 100 students, mass emailed, and put posters up reminding students about deadline. ACSS conducted individual financial and budget workshops to 45 participants and provided resources and information to student to minimize their financial cost.

Elder-In- Residence – Elders are available to support students three to four times a week and hours are posted on the ACSS website. For month of November it is informal and drop in and students enjoy meeting with them and like the drop in system. Elder Gerry Martin attended a lecture and the Film called 3rd World Canada.

- October 25, 2010 Hired Nicole House Administrative Assistant for ACSS
- October 26, Aboriginal Student Bursary Application Workshop 11-12
- October 26, Fall Winter Bursary Application Online Bursary Workshop 1 -2
- October 28, Hired (3) Aboriginal Peer Mentors
- November 1, Student Affairs Meeting
- November 1, Sweat Lodge Teachings
- November 4, 5, Couchiching First Nation Education Counsellor visited with students
- November 7, Moose Cree Education Counsellor visited with students
- November 5, Deadline for Métis Nation of Ontario, Aboriginal Student Bursary
- November 8, AMC Advisor's Committee meeting Co-Chair with Dr. Sandra Wolf
- November 8, Housing Rights Information meeting at Métis Nation of Ontario
- November 10, Meeting with Bev and Elder – Sweat Lodge site projects
- November 10, NNEC Post Secondary visit with students
- November 12, Participated in 3rd World Canada Film

#### **Projects**

- Developed Volunteer Membership list - ongoing
- Medicine Garden Project – Cultural Tool – in progress
- Sweat Lodge Site all clean up, Tipi Set up and new gate- completed

Miigwech,

Lisa Wabange

Department of Aboriginal Education Report to the AMC  
November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dr. John Hodson will become Chair of Aboriginal Education on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Dr Hodson is a Mohawk scholar who grew up with Anishinabe people. He is currently at Brock University. We are very excited to welcome John to Lakehead University. We are seeking final approval for me to remain acting chair until John's arrival.

Judy Flett travelled to Eabametoong (Fort Hope) on Monday November 1<sup>st</sup> to support our HBEd students in a community in crisis. This trip gave much needed encouragement to students and helped to strategize about how to work with technology that is sometimes a barrier for online course delivery, with limited bandwidth and slow speeds.

Bruce Beardy visited Native Language instructors and school officials in the Northwest during the week of November 8th (Savant Lake, Pickle Lake, and Sioux Lookout) promoting the Native Language Instructors' Program and gathering feedback on educators' needs in the region.

Bruce Beardy attended a Native Language conference in St John's Newfoundland early in November as part of promotion of our programs and professional development, and took part in Ministry of Education consultations on the new Aboriginal Languages curriculum in Toronto.

In the week of November 15th Judy Flett attended a First Nations Education Conference in British Columbia for promotion and professional development. She will meet Dr. Marie Battiste, a keynote speaker. The University of Saskatchewan is setting up an Aboriginal teachers' program and, through Dr. Battiste, asked for the sharing of resources recently. We responded by sharing course outlines and an overview of our HBEd program, and by inviting Dr. Battiste to visit us here.

Education 4416 *Aboriginal Education* instructors were invited to continue discussions begun in August, sharing successes and challenges. We had an excellent meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> including a participant via video from Orillia. I believe we have all appreciated the chance to talk and share resources.

On December 8<sup>th</sup> Rachel Mishenene will lead a workshop at the Faculty of Education on *Embedding Aboriginal Perspectives into Instructional Practice*. Rachel teaches ED 4416 and coordinated the Urban Aboriginal Education Project which provided professional development to Lakehead District School Board teachers. She will be tailoring the workshop to the curriculum areas and needs of the instructors who RSVP.

Respectfully,  
Paul Berger

Acting Chair  
Department of Aboriginal Education

**Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO)**

Yolanda has been on the road with the APSIP tour and has prepared a report which is attached.

**Nanibojou Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (NAGE)**

The NAGE coordinator has been busy establishing connections and updating the current Aboriginal graduate student's list and data base.

Two sessions were organized; a "Meet and Greet" for current Aboriginal graduate students, the other was one was an information session on Graduate programs with Faculty of Graduate Studies for under grad students currently in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Joan has also been working with individual students interested in Graduate studies as well as assisting with some tutoring and mentoring.

Currently, she is planning regular meetings with Aboriginal grad students.

**Presidents' local Aboriginal community visits**

The following Aboriginal organizations were visited as a continuation of introducing the new President Brian Stevenson to the Aboriginal community and to discuss mutual areas of interest relating to Aboriginal education. Organizations visited were: Fort William First Nations, Nishnabe Aski Nation and Oshki Pimachi O Win. This completes the local visits. Plans are underway for regional and remote community visits over the next 6-8 months.

**Métis Nation of Ontario MOU**

Past Chair of the Aboriginal Management Council, Tim Pile and I met with Chris Paci, Education Director of the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) to discuss a MOU between the MNO and Lakehead University. A draft MOU was developed and is currently under consideration by the President's office. It is expected that the MOU will be signed before the end of December to mark the end of the year of the Métis.

**Lakehead University and Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Joint Aboriginal Outreach Initiative**

To launch this project, Phil Fontaine, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), was invited to speak to St. Patrick high school students in his current capacity as Special Advisor to RBC. In his talk, he addressed RBC's long history of service to the Aboriginal community. He also presented the organization's ongoing effort to build relationships and serve Aboriginal Peoples by: improving access to financial services; providing employment, training, and development, and procurement opportunities; and contributing to community and social development.

This event launched the *RBC – Lakehead University Joint Aboriginal Outreach Program*, a collaborative, one-year, four-stage pilot project between Lakehead University's Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and RBC.

The program will offer a series of events and activities to Aboriginal youth living in and around Thunder Bay over the upcoming year.

Elements comprising the joint project include:

***Aboriginal Discovery Day***

Aboriginal students age fifteen and older will have the opportunity to visit Lakehead's Thunder Bay campus and participate in a full day of interactive discussions, presentations, and tours. The event will take place in conjunction with *Aboriginal Awareness Week* in March 2011. Aboriginal students will also have the opportunity to discuss specific Lakehead programs with faculty and support services staff so they can become more confident in making educational decisions. Information relating to the employment opportunities that exist upon graduation will also be presented.

***Mentor Program***

From March to November 2011, participants will be matched with both a third-year Aboriginal student and a Lakehead faculty member who will provide ongoing support and resources including regularly scheduled meetings; guidance, knowledge, advice, and feedback relative to the mentors' area(s) of expertise, and a "learning partner" with whom the mentors can discuss additional recommendations to ensure the student's continued direction and support.

***Speaker Series***

Participants from *Aboriginal Discovery Day* and the *ACCESS* programs, as well as more than 700 self-identified Aboriginal students at Lakehead's Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses, are able to attend two *Speaker Series* presentations in November 2011.

***Wrap-Up Celebration***

Also in November 2011, participants involved in *Aboriginal Discovery Day* and/or the *Mentor Program* or *Speaker Series* will be recognized at a reception that celebrates the partnerships and friendships resulting from this joint initiative. Awards will be presented to *Mentor Program* participants.

**Presidents Installation**

Participated and attended all of the events around the President installation ceremonies, which included the following: Chancellor's dinner, Conference on Economic Development and the role of the University featuring Phil Fontaine as guest speaker, breakfast with Lloyd Axworthy, President of University of Winnipeg, sharing his perspective on reaching out to the Aboriginal community and finally concluding with the official installation ceremony at PACI.

**Manito Ahbee**

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives attended this annual cultural celebration and had an information booth set up during the three day event. The Aboriginal Peoples Choice Music Awards and Aboriginal were part of the Manito Ahbee. Two awards went to Thunder Bay's Shy Anne Harvoka for best female

artist of the year and best engineered DVD. Shy Anne is also a graduate of Lakehead University and a member of the Aboriginal Alumni. We are all so proud of her.

### **Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU)**

I have been invited to take part in the MTCU Steering Committee representing Council of Universities (COU) Reference Group on Aboriginal Education Aboriginal to assist with the development of a 2011 Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education (APSE) Gathering.

The objectives of the 2011 Aboriginal PSE Gathering will be to:

- Identify and share effective practices and emerging priorities to improve First Nation, Métis and Inuit student achievement and to close the postsecondary education gap.
- Address the importance of setting meaningful performance measures and effective data collection mechanisms.
- Foster better understanding of the needs, aspirations and perspectives of Aboriginal learners and provide vehicles for enhanced collaboration.

The two-day Aboriginal Postsecondary Education Gathering will bring together key Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal faculty, practitioners, administrators, educators and learners.

### **Aboriginal Research Facilitator**

Received 23 applications for this position. The interview committee reviewed and screened applicants down to six to interview with a couple extras as back up. Interviews will commence this Wednesday and completed by first week of December.

### **Aboriginal Counselor position**

The position had to be re advertised as the first round did not result in suitable applicants. It is hoped that a successful applicant will be found in this second round.

### **Aboriginal Liaison/Recruiter Intern position**

This intern position is a funded by NOHFC and supplemented by Office of Aboriginal Initiatives. It has been advertised for a second time and hope to have it filled before the end of December. The intern will assist with Aboriginal recruitment and outreach activities.

### **Community Education and Awareness**

In a joint collaboration Northern Studies Dept and Office of Aboriginal Initiatives presented two viewings and discussion on the film 3<sup>rd</sup> World Canada. This film features eight children and their community who are left behind to piece together the aftermath of a suicide and the legacy of impoverished 3<sup>rd</sup> world conditions bound by treaty laws signed by their non English speaking ancestors. Both sessions were well attended, over 250 at each viewing.

### **Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre**

The Kendaasiwin committee met with members of the local Aboriginal Cultural Centre project to compare project goals and objectives and to discuss how both projects could collaborate and support one another.

Respectively Submitted by:

Beverly Sabourin

Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – November 22, 2010**

October 1, 2010 Board of Governors' meeting minutes – Judy Flett was re-appointed as the BOG representative to the AMC for a one year period, effective immediately

Nov 3 – Attended Orientation for New Board of Governors, eight in attendance

Nov 5 – Participated in the Installation Breakfast/speaker event, President's Installation ceremony and reception

Nov 5 – Attended 1<sup>st</sup> Board of Governors' Meeting. Mr. Chris McLeod of MNO did a presentation on Metis culture and provided information on the local MNO office. The AMC report dealt with strategic planning, NAN Treaty 9 and Treaty 5 Symposium, and the Aboriginal Research Facilitator position.

Did not attend any Executive Committee meetings during this period.

Nancy Bouchard  
AMC Chairperson



LUNSA has confirm dates for Powwow March 18, 19, 20 2010, we are in a process of providing information for the poster, so we can advertise, as well, LUNSA will be distributing sponsorship letters asking Organizations and Businesses to donate.

LUNSA has new Cultural (Powwow) coordinator Cher Chapman, the previous one that was on the committee had other commitments and could not able to attend previous meetings. Setting up March Powwow seems like it is ways away but the event needs to be set up as soon as possible.

**LUNSA powwow update:**

- March Powwow 2011, fieldhouse has been booked
- Calvin Ottertail will be Powwow elder
- Clarence White will be Master of Ceremony
- Ralph Taylor is our Arena director
- President of LUNSA is in contact with them, they are anxious for this event to happen, which is good.
- Host Drum has not been decided as of yet.
- LUNSA will be looking for a Theme for the Powwow

LUNSA events and activities has been a success, great turn outs. LUNSA has held Halloween party and volleyball games.

Kim Mitichell concert fundraising event will go ahead, which will happen here at our Lakehead University Outpost.

Christmas dinner and year end gala is being planned.

November 1, 2010

For AMC Council & Advisors:

### **Native Access Program report**

The Native Access Program had 15 students enrolled in September and 1 student has officially withdrawn. Two returning students are completing the Math FA (Fall section) and one will complete the Math WA (winter section). Twelve of the fourteen current students are band sponsored and monthly reports have been sent to Education Authorities/Counsellors. These are to report on attendance and progress. On-going communication with Education counsellors is key to student support and success. The instructors meeting took place on October 27.

Some students are facing personal and medical situations and are dealing with these concerns. Students have completed their first major assignment, a Book Review in Indigenous Learning. Weekly seminars take place on Fridays in English and students have written their Math mid-term and two science tests. Overall, attendance as a group has been in the 70% range with a typical day having 10/14 students in class.

The students are busy with assignments, deadlines and becoming accustomed to life on campus.

Sincerely,

Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte  
Coordinator, Native Access Program

**THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM**  
**REPORT TO THE ABORIGINAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**November 25, 2010**

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the October 25, 2010 AMC meeting.

**Student Progress**

There is currently 22 students enrolled in the NNEP. The NNEP students have all been in for continuous checkpoints with the Counsellor/Liaison and the Manager as well. The 4 returning students currently academic probation continue to come in weekly to bi-weekly for checkpoints.

The NNEP Graduation Ceremony last year's NNEP 24th Intake was held on October 21, 2010. There were 6 of the 9 students in attendance. Each of the students was presented with a certificate of completion and a small gift on behalf of the program. (The NNEP staff had approached several of the Education Authorities for any donations of their promotional items i.e. Binders, USB ports, pens, pencils, water bottles, hats, mugs, etc)

**Program Update**

Elder, Gerry Martin has conducted an educational session for the students on October 26, 2010 on the "Medicine Wheel Teachings". This was open to all students & faculty, etc. to attend on campus. 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 second monthly Instructor's Meeting took place on October 30, 2010 to discuss the NNEP Student's progress and to share any best practices in preparations for conducting the checkpoints. The next Instructor's Meeting will take place on December 10, 2010. 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 is teaching the N1110 Communication Course this term with eighteen of the NNEP students. The NNEP Manager attends the Chemistry and Biology classes 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**

Sat. Oct 23, 2010	CSNA Presentation at Lakehead University	There were 11 students in attendance
Mon Oct 25 to 27, 2010	ANAC Conference, Toronto	There were a total of 55 individuals of all ages that stopped by the booth. The information displayed at the booth is from all the Lakehead Aboriginal Programs offered on campus.
Thur Nov 4 to 7, 2010	Manito Ahbee Pow Wow in Winnipeg, Manitoba	There were a total of 266 individuals of all ages that stopped by the booth. The information displayed at the booth is from all the Lakehead Aboriginal Programs offered on campus.
Tues Nov 16, 2010	Ginoogaming First Nation Health & Social Team National Aboriginal Addictions Awareness Week Health Career Fair at the Nimiki Migizi Secondary High School @	There were 52 students in attendance. This event was attended by the NNEP Administrative Assistant and the NAP Coordinator.

### **Advisory Committee Meeting**

The NNEP Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place on December 7, 2010.

### **Recruitment for the 26<sup>th</sup> Intake**

There is continuous recruitment and application packages distributed for the next intake of students. Approximately 13 application packages have been distributed via mail to individuals requesting the NNEP application. There has also been several applications packages distributed at the career fairs that have been attended on behalf of the NNEP

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Cornell, RN, HBScN  
Manager Native Nurses Entry Program

### **Orillia Campus report for the Aboriginal Management Council (Nov. 15, 2010)**

At the request of the Aboriginal Management Council, the Orillia campus will now be presenting reports to the Council. The following report is an update on recent initiatives.

The Elders-in-Residence program at Orillia, which was developed in conjunction with the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives during the spring of 2010, was launched this fall. Two elders willing to participate in the program have been identified and the first visits are now taking place. Posters have been displayed and Student Affairs is preparing online promotion to students.

Faculty and Staff at the Orillia campus working in conjunction with the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives are now planning, as a follow up to last year's outreach event to directors of education in neighbouring First Nations communities, for an Aboriginal Stakeholders Conference, to be held February 16 and 17, 2011. Student Affairs is assisting in setting up a panel discussion with members of the various Aboriginal communities

In addition to its current course offerings with an Aboriginal focus in the Honours Bachelor of Arts and Science, the Bachelor of Education and the Honours Bachelor of Education, the Orillia campus is planning to offer an Ojibwe language course in Orillia this summer.

Faculty at the Orillia campus are currently designing two new degree programs in Media Studies and Criminology, and the advisory committees overseeing the development of these programs is exploring the inclusion of Aboriginal content in the curriculum.

The Campus Dean has recommended to the Advisor's Committee that it might be helpful to provide members of the Aboriginal Management Council with a comprehensive overview of the University's plans for the development of the Orillia campus, and is seeking direction from the AMC concerning the scheduling of this presentation in the new year.

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

**Submitted Friday, November 12, 2010, for AMC meeting scheduled Monday, November 22, 2010.**

**Faculty Senate Meeting November 5, 2010**

**Next Faculty Senate meeting scheduled for Friday, December 3, 2010**

- November 5<sup>th</sup> was a busy day beginning with breakfast at 8:30 AM with a host of Ontario and Canadian politicians, as well as First Nations and Métis leaders. Breakfast in the Main Cafeteria of the University Center was followed by the Installation Ceremonies of President Brian Stevenson at the Prince Arthur Collegiate Institute building. A number of Aboriginal faculty and staff participated in both of these events.
- The meeting of the Faculty Senate involved, in large measure, routine matters related to calendar changes and adjunct faculty. The agenda is attached.
- The November AMC Report to Faculty Senate is attached.

Submitted November 12, 2010

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Faculty of Education, Lakehead University



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## **Agenda Lakehead University Senate's meeting November 05, 2010**

**November 05, 2010**

**4:30pm**

**Senate Chambers**

**Senate Meeting #7-2010**

**Friday, November 5, 2010**

**4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers**

**Present Presidential Awards – Dr. Brian Stevenson**

**Guest – Ms. Frances Picherack, Board of Governors**

1. Approval of Agenda  
MOVED that the agenda be approved.
2. Minutes of Senate Meeting # 6-2010 held on October 1, 2010  
MOVED that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #6-2010 of October 1, 2010 be approved.
3. Business Arising from the Minutes
4. Graduands  
Undergraduate degrees and diplomas (Ms. Brenda Winter)
  - 4.1 MOVED that the proposed list of individuals to receive undergraduate degrees be approved as presented.  
Graduate degrees (Dr. Philip Hicks)

MOVED that the proposed list of individuals to receive graduate degrees be approved as presented.

4.2

5. Proposed Calendar Changes for Referral

5.1 MOVED that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Minor Program in Mathematics
- Splitting Mathematics 1160 and 1180 into 2 - 0.5 FCE courses
- Renaming Mathematics 1210 and 1230
- Computer Science 3473
- Physics course title and description updates
- Computer Science 0314

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Philosophy
- English – Program Change to HBA English and French
- English - adding Area C – Diversity
- English – Young Adult Lit
- History – 3714 and Circumpolar North
- Sociology- prerequisites
- ORPT – OUTD 4732/5732

Faculty of Education

- Kindergarten
- Religious Educ Part II
- Ontario Regulation 176/10
- Specialist AQ
- Education 4667
- Education 4700

MOVED that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Masters of Public Health

5.2

- MPH

Faculty of Science and Environmental Sciences

- Chemistry: PhD in Chemistry and Materials Science

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- ORPT – OUTD 5515/4415
- ORPT – OUTD 5371/4371
- ORPT – OUTD 5555/4815
- ORPT – OUTD 4732/5732
- ORPT – OUTD 5734
- ORPT – OUTD 5735
- Women's Studies



Faculty of Natural Resources Management

- "Advisory Committee" changed to "Supervisory Committee"
- 6. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (Dr. Wayne Melville)
  - 6.1 MOVED that the Senate Academic Committee consider creating a policy governing when and how academic units should cross-list courses, such as for interdisciplinary programs.
  - 6.2 MOVED that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee report be approved.
- 7. Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (Dr. Philip Hicks)

MOVED that the following Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Natural Resources Management

  - Removal of MF Program
- 8. Proposed Change to Regulation VII (h) Special Examinations (Ms. Brenda Winter)

MOVED that the proposed change to Regulation VII (h) Special Examinations be referred to the Senate Academic Committee.
- 9. Definition of Full-time vs Part-time Status (Ms. Brenda Winter)

MOVED that the University regulations addressing the definition of full-time and part-time students be referred to the Senate Academic Committee.
- 10. Proposed 2011-2012 Academic Schedule (Ms. Brenda Winter)

MOVED that the proposed 2011-2012 Academic Schedule be approved.
- 11. Approval of Adjunct Professors

Faculty of Engineering

  - Dr. K. Scott Butcher be appointed as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Electrical Engineering for the term November 1, 2010 through October 31, 2014.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12. Senate Academic Committee Report (Dr. Gillian Siddall)
  13. Senate Budget Committee Report (Dr. Laure Paquette)
  14. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report (Dr. Craig MacKinnon)
  15. COU Academic Colleague Report (Dr. Mary Louise Hill)
  16. Adjunct Professor Renewals (Information Only)  
Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences
    - Dr. Neelam Khaper (NOSM) be renewed as an Adjunct Professor for the Master of Health Program for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.Faculty of Natural Resources Management
    - Dr. Mahadev Sharma be renewed as an External Adjunct Professor for the Faculty of Natural Resources Management for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
    - Dr. Jenny Roth be renewed as Internal Adjunct Professor for the term June 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.
  17. President's Report (Dr. Brian Stevenson)
  18. Report of the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost (Acting)- (Dr. Moira McPherson)
  19. Report of NOSM (Dr. William McCready)
  20. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus (Dr. Kim Fedderson)
  21. Aboriginal Management Council Report (Dr. Sandra Wolf)
  22. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Governors (Dr. Christine Gottardo)
- ADJOURN

MOVED that the meeting be adjourned.

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# **Aboriginal Management Council Report to Senate November 2010**

## **Strategic Planning**

The Aboriginal Management Council has formed a sub-committee that will assist with areas related to the Strategic Plan and report back to the AMC on Lakehead University's initiatives related to that Plan particularly those related to non-academic matters such as student satisfaction, support services, accessibility, research, and community involvement.

The Joint SAC/AMC subcommittee of the Senate Academic Committee will become involved in the Aboriginal academic matters related to the Strategic Plan.

## **NAN Treaty 9 and Treaty 5 Symposium**

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives is planning a partner symposium with NAN and Indian and Northern Affairs to host a two day Treaty 9 and Treaty 5 Symposium at Lakehead University on February 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the Symposium is to educate people on the Treaties.

## **Aboriginal Research Facilitator**

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives has created a position to hire on contract an Aboriginal research Facilitator. The Aboriginal Research Facilitator will be responsible for:

- Establishing and maintaining a liaison role with Aboriginal community in northwestern Ontario and the Orillia catchment area to assist with the identification of community research needs and to link communities with Lakehead researchers and vice versa.
- Promoting the value of pure and applied research in meeting the challenges faced by the Aboriginal communities the University serves.
- Encouraging the development and growth of Aboriginal research at the University
- Collaborating with individuals/groups across campus to explore opportunities for the advancement of research and scholarly work.

The position has been advertised and will begin as soon as a suitable candidate is found.

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

**Submitted Friday, November 12, 2010, for AMC meeting scheduled Monday, November 22, 2010.  
Senate Research Ethics Board Meeting - Friday, November 19, 2010  
(Next Research Ethics Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, December 17, 2010)**

**I am presently on travel. I'll report on Senate REB meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup> at next AMC meeting in January.**

**Review of Applications for REB Approval:**

During the period of time between October 20, 2010, and the present, I reviewed and acted upon the following REB applications.

Project #	Department	Date Approved	Title	Notes/Actions taken
011-10-11	Faculty of Education, Brock University	November 1, 2010	Faculty Involvement in Service Learning – A Case Study of a Canadian University	Note: The Lakehead University REB provides review services to Brock University.
013-10-11	NOSM CRaHNR CERAH	November 1, 2010	Continuing Education and Professional Development Needs Assessment Study	No questions or issues.
015-10-11	Education	Returned for revisions.	Teaching of Mathematics into the future: Rich Mathematics Experiences for All	This research involves First Nations people who have failed mathematics classes in high school. Several reviewers considered that the proposal for REB approval did not adequately protect participants.
019-10-11	Business	November 11, 2010	Building Trust in Organic Food Products: Crossing consumers, distribution, and certification organizations' perspectives	SSHRC funded, in cooperation with U of Ottawa
019-10-11	NOSM	November 1, 2010	Adjustment disorder in Lakehead University students living on campus and perceived barriers to accessing mental health supports	Study involves vulnerable persons, who are adults with adjustment disorder. Confidentiality and other issues resolved.

021-10 -11	NOSM	November 11, 2010	Paediatric Trauma in Combat Environments: Description of Injuries and Care Received in Austere Environments	Quantitative Research involves participants under the age of 18, but uses existing anonymized and abstracted data from Joint Theatre Trauma Registry data base collected at KAF (Kandahar Air Field).
023-10 -11	Outdoor Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	November 11, 2010	Recreation Specialization, Avalanche Training and Avalanche Safety Practices of Backcountry Skiers in the Canadian Mountain National Parks	Quantitative study of backcountry skiers in Banff, Yoho, and Glacier National Parks

Submitted November 12, 2010

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Faculty of Education, Lakehead University

November 15, 2010

Dr. Brian Stevenson  
President  
Lakehead University

Dear Dr. Stevenson,

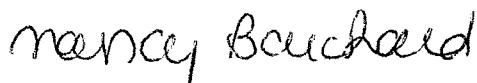
The Aboriginal Management Council at Lakehead University has discussed a recommendation that the Advisors Committee brought forward requesting that the President consider appointing an AMC member or member of the Advisors Committee be included on the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Search Committee.

At the regular meeting of the Aboriginal Management Council held on October 25, 2010, the following motion was passed:

**MOVED that AMC requests that the President of Lakehead University include an AMC member or member of the Advisors Committee on the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost Search Committee.**

The Aboriginal Management Council requests that consideration be given to this motion which would ensure Aboriginal representation on the Search Committee and would provide the Aboriginal academic units the opportunity to participate in this very important search for a Vice-President (Academic) & Provost.

Yours Sincerely,



Nancy Bouchard, Chair  
Aboriginal Management Council

cc: AMC Members