

# Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

## **Aboriginal Management Council Meeting**

**October 26, 2009**

**ATAC 3004**

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

### **MINUTES**

- Present: N. Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services  
P. Capon, Matawa First Nations  
Dr. F. Gilbert, President  
M. Morris, Vice-President, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
Dr. P. Smith, Advisors Committee Chair  
R. Wagner, Orillia Campus  
J. Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
- Advisors: O. McKenzie, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator  
L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
Dr. S. Wolf, Senate Research Ethics Board
- Deans: Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioral Sciences
- Regrets: D. Burgart, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
S. Cornell, NNEP Manager  
D. D. Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
J. Flett, Board of Governors  
Dr. E. Gardner, Chair, Aboriginal Education Department  
Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President  
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator  
Dr. P. Hicks, Graduate Studies  
H. Moynihan, Faculty of Engineering  
T. Pile, Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario  
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
Dr. G. Siddall, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities  
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
- Guests: Brendon Johnson, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer  
Alec Oombash, New President, Lakehead University Native Student Association
- Secretary: K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Charlotte Neckoway led the opening prayer and introductions were made.

2. **Election of Chair & Vice-Chair of AMC September 2009 – August 2010**

P. Capon noted that T. Pile had agreed to be the Chair of AMC for one year if elected.

MOVED (P. Smith/N. Bouchard) that Tim Pile be appointed as Chair of AMC.  
CARRIED

MOVED (P. Smith/M. Morris) that Nancy Bouchard be appointed as Vice-Chair of AMC.  
CARRIED

MOVED (F. Gilbert/P. Smith) that Paul Capon will be the Acting Chair for this meeting of AMC.  
CARRIED

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (N. Bouchard/P. Smith) that the agenda for the October 26, 2009 meeting be approved with the following amendments:

- Add #7.9 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Report (B. Johnson)
  - #6.1 Report of the AMC Advisors – postponed to the next meeting of AMC
- CARRIED

4. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (F. Gilbert/P. Smith) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of September 28, 2009 be approved.  
CARRIED

6. **Business Arising**

6.1 Nominations for the Member at Large:

The Secretary noted that notices had been sent and posted to the following locations:

- Métis Nation of Ontario

- KNET - posted on their website
- Communications Bulletin (Thunder Bay & Orillia)
- AMC website

Grand Council Treaty #3 and Union of Ontario Indians were asked to post the AMC Member-at-Large advertisement to their websites. Unfortunately, Grand Council Treaty #3 did not respond to our request and there was a fee to post advertisements on the Union of Ontario Indians website.

Only one response had been received to date from William Perrault. His résumé was circulated for review. P. Smith noted that William Perrault is a member of Treaty #3 and it has been a very long time since a representative from Treaty #3 has been on AMC. Additionally his background indicated his long standing interest and involvement in post-secondary Aboriginal education. He is currently employed with the Seven Generations Education Institute.

The Secretary noted that the AMC By-laws require 30 days notice prior to voting on a new member.

MOVED (P. Smith/M. Morris) that AMC vote on appointing William Perrault as the new Member at Large at the next meeting of AMC if no other nominations are received by the deadline in the notice for a Member at Large.

CARRIED

## 6.2 Aboriginal Faculty Members Recruitment and Retention

The Secretary had responded to the letter from Rosie Mosquito indicating the motions passed at the last meeting. The AMC Advisors have not met yet to discuss recommendations on how recruitment and retention of Aboriginal faculty could be improved. Charlotte Neckoway noted that the Rosie Mosquito had not received the letter of response from AMC prior to their meeting on Friday.

The Secretary will invite Jonathan Anuik, recently appointed Aboriginal faculty member from the Orillia Campus to join the AMC Advisory Committee.

## 6.3 Strategic Plan Input from the Joint SAC/AMC Committee Representative

P. Smith reported that she had given the input previously discussed at AMC to the Strategic Planning Committee. It was noted that the revised draft Strategic Plan had been posted to the Senate website.

## 7. Unfinished Business

- 7.1 **Advisors Committee Written Report on Self-Assessment**  
The Advisors Committee Written Report on Self-Assessment was postponed to the November AMC Meeting.
- 7.2 **Recommendations from the Advisory Committee**  
The Advisory Committee has not met. Recruitment and retention of Aboriginal faculty will be addressed at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

## 8. **Updates/Reports**

### **The following reports were submitted and reviewed:**

- 8.1 **Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange reviewed her report as distributed.**
- 8.2 **Aboriginal Education – C. Neckoway reported for E. Gardner**
- 8.3 **Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)**

Dr. Gilbert noted that B. Sabourin is attending a meeting in Atikokan where discussions pertaining to transferring the Quetico Centre to the First Nations are taking place.

- 8.4 **International Indigenous Learning Centre – A written report was distributed by J. Flett.**
- 8.5 **LUNSA Update**

The new President of the Lakehead University Native Student Association, Alec Oombash was introduced. He reported that LUNSA is focussed on enhancing the Aboriginal students and the community of Thunder Bay.

The LUNSA website will keep everyone updated on events. One of the goals of LUNSA is working to broaden awareness. LUNSA's vision is to strengthen links with the City and student associations.

- 8.6 **Native Access Program**

A written report was distributed by G. Hendrick-Laliberte.

- 8.7 **Native Nurses Entry Program**

A written report was submitted with the meeting materials. The AMC Members were asked to contact Sandra Cornell with any questions.

8.8 Research Ethics Committee

The Research Ethics Board (REB) met on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> and discussed the same issues as in their previous meeting: bonus points for participation in experiments in Psychology; and what actions to take when unplanned or unsolicited suicide or potential harm to self and others. "At Risk" continues to be discussed. The message from AMC has been transferred that disclosure is imperative if the individual or others are at risk of harm.

Jurisdictional issues still need to be resolved. Assessment of risk for participation is important particularly high school students.

A number of research applications have been submitted and are being reviewed by the Committee. S. Wolf summarized some of the studies recently approved by the REB.

A question was raised about whether the Aboriginal member receives all of the Aboriginal studies for approval. S. Wolf said she will ask if all Aboriginal studies are reviewed by her.

AMC discussed the need for coordination of Aboriginal Research in communities to ensure that research projects do not become a burden to some communities when they are subjects for repeated studies.

8.9 Aboriginal Post-Secondary Recruitment

B. Johnson noted that a northern tour of schools will likely occur late in February. If APSET is not organizing the tour, B. Johnson and NOSM will be organizing this tour.

Janet Beaver requested a copy of B. Johnson's report.

9. **Adjournment**

MOVED (P. Smith) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Paul Capon, Acting Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary