

Aboriginal Management Council Meeting

April 27, 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
 - D. D. Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
 - Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President
 - Dr. J. Leggatt, Board of Governors
 - G. Martin, Vice-Chair, Member-at-Large
 - T. Pile, Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario
 - B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
 - Dr. P. Smith, Research Ethics, Advisors Committee Chair
 - R. Wagner, Orillia Campus
- Advisors:**
- S. Cornell, NNEP Manager
 - D. McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
 - H. Moynihan, Faculty of Engineering
 - I. Peltier, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
 - Dr. G. Siddall, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities
 - L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
- Regrets:**
- D. Burgart, Lakehead University Native Student Association
 - Dr. J. Crossman, Graduate Studies
 - J. Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
 - Dr. E. Gardner, Chair, Aboriginal Education Department
 - G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator
 - M. Morris, Vice-President, Lakehead University Native Student Association
 - C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator
 - M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
 - E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
- Guests:**
- Michael Maracle, Lakehead University Native Student Association
 - Leisa Desmoulins, Nanibijou Project Presentation
 - Brendon Johnson, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
- Secretary:**
- K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – L. Wabange led the opening prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Sabourin/R. Wagner) that the agenda for the April 27, 2009 meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3. **Conflict of Interest** – There were no declared conflicts of interest.

4. **Approval of Minutes** – MOVED (J. Leggatt/P. Smith) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of February 23, 2009 be approved with the following amendments:

On page 2 number 4 replace “their band” with “the Métis Nation of Ontario”.

On page 3, number 7.1, second paragraph, delete the last sentence and change to “Deputy Chief Terry Waboose will be asked to provide informational materials on INAC.”

CARRIED

5. **New Business**

5.1 Nanibijou Project Presentation – Leisa Desmoulins

The Aboriginal Initiatives unit at Lakehead University leads the *Nanibijou Project: A transition and success program for Aboriginal Graduates*. The project, through funding from the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities, seeks to develop a transition model to grow and support Aboriginal graduate students at Lakehead University.

Laura Rovere is doing the implementation phase and Gillian Siddall is a member of the Reference Group.

5.2 AMC Representative on Research Ethic Ethics Board – One 3-year appointment

Peggy Smith noted she has been on the Research Ethics Board for three 3-year terms. Peggy summarized the work the REB has been doing noting that the REB is working on a section related to Aboriginal Research.

It was noted, the Tri-Council has recently come out with new guidelines for research.

Aboriginal faculty will be contacted first. The Secretary was asked to contact faculty to see if anyone was interested.

5.3 Joint Sub-committee SAC/AMC Two 1 year appointments

MOVED (D. Frenette/J. Leggatt) that Peggy Smith and Michael Maracle be appointed as the AMC Representatives to the Joint Sub-Committee of SAC/AMC for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
CARRIED

6. **Unfinished Business**

- 6.1 Advisors Committee Self-Assessment – P. Smith will bring this report forward to the next AMC meeting
- 6.2 AMC Strategic Plan 2010-2013 Update – The committee has not had the opportunity to meet.

7. **Updates/Reports**

- 7.1 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange reviewed the results of the survey conducted by Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – A written report will be distributed to AMC at the next meeting.
- 7.2 Aboriginal Education – Dr. E. Gardner – A written report was submitted.
- 7.3 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin reviewed the report as distributed.

The Terms of Reference for the Elders' Council have been revised and will come forward to the next AMC meeting.

John Ralston Saul agreed to a video taping of his public education event in Thunder Bay. B. Sabourin is obtaining his permission to distribute the video.

The new Post-secondary guidelines are expected within the next few months. A post secondary education plan must be developed prior to December to ensure funding. Consideration should be given to a retreat to develop a plan. It was noted that there is a need to have success measurements and to show the difference that the AETS funding has made. Although Lakehead doesn't have the statistical data at present, we will have the ability to analyze the statistics in 6 years. B. Sabourin would like a committee to work together to develop this plan. Bev Sabourin, Tim Pile, Lisa Wabange, Dobi Dawn Frenette, and Sandra Cornell are willing to serve on this committee.

- 7.4 Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer – B. Johnson

B. Johnson went to 26 First Nations Communities each visit about 1 hour. B. Johnson asked for demographic material from these communities.

Some communities did not welcome Lakehead University due to unfavourable first impressions from many years ago.

There were many requests for the Native Language Instructors' Program (NLIP) in Orillia.

Language conservation was important to the more northern communities. There may be potential for Aboriginal language programming in Orillia.

Lakehead University should start to participate on the Aboriginal Post-Secondary Information Program tour through Northern Ontario with Aboriginal recruiters that travel across the province. LU should start to participate on the whole tour.

Brendon noted that communities are supportive of student support services and encourage students to attend universities with those services.

Many more students are attending university directly after high school.

Distance Education is provided by other universities as well. Partnerships with Aboriginal communities would require that we provide something that is not currently available. Many felt the LEED designation was important.

Brendon will circulate a final report.

MOVED (D. Frenette/M. Maracle) that following the report by Brendon Johnson, Lakehead University should have an Aboriginal Recruitment Officer or Community Liaison person.
CARRIED

B. Sabourin noted that a proposal was submitted for a language program. Dr. Ethel Gardner has met with Ogemahwaj Tribal Council to discuss the possible delivery the Native Language Instructors' Program in Orillia.

- 7.5 Board of Governors & Ad hoc Committee – T. Pile has been unable to attend Board meetings due to other commitments out of town.
- 7.6 International Indigenous Learning Centre – A written report was submitted by J. Flett.
- 7.7 LUNSA Update – No report was given.
- 7.8 Native Access Program — A written report was submitted by G. Hendrick-Laliberte.
- 7.9 Native Nurses Entry Program – Report distributed. S. Cornell reviewed the report.
- 7.10 Research Ethics Committee – P. Smith addressed this item in section 5.2.

8. Information Items

- 8.1 AMC Membership List – The AMC Membership list was distributed as an information item.

9. Adjournment

MOVED (P. Capon/J. Leggatt) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Tim Pile, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary