

Aboriginal Management Council Meeting
September 22, 2008
ATAC 3004
2:00-4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Present: D. Burgart, Lakehead University Native Student Association
P. Capon, Co-Chair, Matawa First Nations
Dr. F. Gilbert, President
Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President
B. Johnson, President, Lakehead University Native Student Association
G. Martin, Member at Large
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. P. Smith, Research Ethics, Advisors Committee Co-Chair
R. Wagner, Orillia Campus
- Advisors: D. McPherson, Indigenous Learning (Chair)
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost Student Affairs
L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
- Deans: Dr. J. Crossman, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Dr. A. P. Dean, Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies
Dr. J. O'Meara, Faculty of Education
Dr. G. Siddall, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities
- Regrets: N. Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
A. Boulet, Board of Governors
D. D. Frenette, NAN
C. Hartviksen, NNEP Coordinator
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Program Coordinator
I. Peltier, NOSM, Aboriginal Affairs
T. Pile, Chair, M.N.O.
- Guests: Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
- Secretary: K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council



1. **Welcome** - Mr. Gerry Martin chaired the meeting. Elder Ethel Sault led with an Opening Prayer.

2. **Introductions**

2.1 LUNSA Representatives – B. Johnson reported that Mr. Michael Maracle has been elected as the 2008-09 LUNSA President and will represent LUNSA on AMC.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Johnson/F. Gilbert) that the agenda for the September 22, 2008 meeting be approved with the following amendments
CARRIED

7.3 Law School

7.4 AMC Annual Report 2007- 2008

4. **Conflict of Interest** - none

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (P. Capon/F. Gilbert) that the minutes of the AMC meeting of April 28, 2008 be approved.
CARRIED

6. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

6.1 MOVED (B. Johnson/P. Smith) that Ethel Sault, be appointed as the representative for the Thunder Bay Friendship Centre on the Aboriginal Management Council.
CARRIED

6.2 AMC Representative on Senate Undergraduate Scholarship and Bursaries Committee

MOVED (B. Sabourin/D. Burgart) that Dr. Ruby Farrell be appointed to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarship and Bursaries Committee as the AMC representative.

CARRIED

6.3 Summary of Retreat 2008 – *Determining Priorities*

- 6.3.1 MOVED (P. Capon/ E. Sault) that AMC requests that the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives work with LUNSA, AMC, and Lakehead University Recruitment Office toward a goal of enrolling 15 new Aboriginal students at Lakehead University in Orillia in 2009.

TABLED

A question was raised about how many Aboriginal students attend Lakehead University Orillia Campus. Beverly Sabourin will look into this and report back to AMC. A post card will be sent to the students attending the Orillia campus emphasizing the importance of self-declaration.

- 6.3.2 MOVED (B. Johnson/ P. Capon) that the Chair of AMC send a letter to the Lakehead University President asking for an appointment of a full-time Aboriginal Recruitment Officer in Orillia.

MOVED (P. Smith/D. Burgart) to table the motion.

CARRIED

A revised motion will come forward at the next AMC Meeting

- 6.3.3 MOVED Admissions and Recruitment be sent a letter from AMC indicating that AMC would like to see Lakehead University represented in northern communities during university fairs and that students are recruited for Additional Qualifications (AQ) courses.

MOVED (P. Smith/D. Burgart) that the motion be tabled.

CARRIED

- 6.3.4 MOVED (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

G. Martin stepped down as Acting Chair. P. Capon presided over the remainder of the meeting.

- 6.3.5 MOVED (G. Martin/D. Burgart) that Dr. Peggy Smith, and Dr. L. Hayes, in consultation with experts in the area to 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.

Dr. P. Smith explained that the “Duty to Consult” legislation is intended to provide consultation with Aboriginal communities when activities impact on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. It was noted that there is no consistent agreement on what the “Duty to Consult” means. This motion would encourage the development of course content which would provide information on the types of activities that would impact on Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. It was noted that experts in law could be consulted while developing this course content.

CARRIED

- 6.3.6 MOVED (G. Martin/E. Sault) that the AMC notice of meetings include all voting members and that Official Advisors be invited to meetings on an “as need be” basis.

DEFEATED

It was noted that the contributions of the Official Advisors was an asset to the decision-making process at AMC meetings.

- 6.3.7 MOVED (D. Burgart/B. Johnson) that Lakehead University work with Aboriginal communities to develop partnerships with the mining and forestry industries and other emerging industries to improve communications about the impacts on the environment and on Aboriginal communities and to solicit funding for bursaries, scholarships and events at Lakehead University.

TABLED

- 6.3.8 MOVED (D. Burgart/P. Smith) that Brendon Johnson and Paul Capon meet with Dean Dadgostar, Faculty of Business Administration, to discuss how Lakehead University could meet the needs for Business Administration training in Aboriginal communities, recognizing the on-going discussions with Oshki and other groups, and report back to AMC.

CARRIED

- 6.3.9 MOVED that Dobi-Dawn Frenette meet with The Scholarships and Bursaries Committee of the Board of Governors to establish a new

Animki bursary.

MOVED (P. Smith/B. Sabourin) that the proposed motion be tabled.

CARRIED

AMC requested that, in the future, a committee be struck to develop the resolutions coming out of the discussions at the retreat that will be going forward to the next AMC meeting.

6.3.10 MOVED (B. Johnson/D. Burgart) that AMC's Research Ethics Sub-Committee, established at the April 23, 2007 AMC Meeting, and consisting of Peggy Smith, Gerry Martin, Lisa Wabange and Robin Ranger finalize an Aboriginal Research Ethics Policy as laid out in Strategic Goal 1, Recommended Action 2 of the AMC's Strategic Plan 2005-2010.

CARRIED

6.4 The current approved Advisors' Committee Terms of Reference #2 (vi) states that "These Terms of Reference and the functioning of the Advisors' Committee will be subject to annual review by the AMC, including self-assessment by the Advisors' Committee, to ensure that it is operating effectively and fulfilling its functions."

MOVED (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

In the future a sub-committee of AMC will develop the resolutions coming forward to AMC from the AMC Retreat.

7. **New Business**

7.1 Revisions to By-laws

7.1.1 MOVED (P. Smith/G. Martin) that the following be appointed to an ad-hoc committee of AMC to review the current by-laws and prepare a draft of any necessary changes to the by-laws: Brendon Johnson, Deanna Burgart, Lisa Wabange and Tim Pile with his approval.

CARRIED

7.2 Joint SAC/AMC Committee – one year renewable terms to be appointed for

2008/09

MOVED (P. Smith/B. Sabourin) that the following AMC members be appointed to the Joint SAC/AMC Committee for a one year renewable term for 2008/09: Mrs. C. Hartviksen, Mr. T. Pile, and Ms. D. Frenette.
CARRIED

7.3 Law School – Dr. F. Gilbert updated AMC on the current status of the Lakehead University Law School.

The proposal had received a favourable review from The Upper Canada Law Society but was tabled by the National Committee on Accreditation with the explanation that a full program review of the law program will be undertaken in the future and therefore no new proposals will be considered at this time.

Additionally, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities announced that it is not approving funding for any new law schools at this time.

Lakehead University is continuing to seek approval for the Law School proposal. The focus of this law program is Aboriginal and Natural Resources law. Letters of support and/or resolutions have been obtained from NAN and the City of Thunder Bay. Lakehead University has requested support for this proposal from the Métis Nation of Ontario as well.

Dr. Gilbert asked that the AMC consider if they support this proposal. He suggested that if AMC supports this proposal, then the appropriate wording would be forwarded to AMC.

MOVED (P. Smith/G. Martin) that AMC supports in principle, the establishment of a law school at Lakehead University with an Aboriginal focus and at a future meeting of AMC, a formal resolution of support will be discussed.
CARRIED

The AMC Secretary will circulate the Lakehead University Law School Proposal to AMC members.

7.4 AMC Annual Report 2007-2008

The Secretary distributed the draft AMC Annual Report. A final version will be circulated to AMC members for approval by electronic vote within the next two weeks.

8. Updates/Reports

8.1 Research Ethics Committee update – P. Smith

Dr. Peggy Smith reported that the Research Ethics Committee met with the Research Ethics Board in March. The Tri-Council has a policy statement under review which will include a revised Section 6 which addresses research with Aboriginals.

The AMC Secretariat will circulate the drafted guidelines developed for Lakehead University. The Research Ethics Committee will seek discussion from the Lakehead University community regarding these guidelines.

8.2 Secretary of AMC Report

AMC responded to the request for direction on Elders attendance at AMC meetings noting that at this time there are two Elders on the AMC, Gerry Martin and Ethel Sault who would serve as Elders during meetings when needed.

G. Martin left the meeting for another engagement.

9. Other Business

9.1 Election of Chair & Vice-Chair of AMC 2008-2009 – BYLAW#1 (1.6)

9.1.1 MOVED (B. Johnson/F. Gilbert) that Tim Pile be appointed as the Aboriginal Management Council Chair for 2008-2009.
CARRIED

9.1.2 MOVED (P. Smith/D. Burgart) that Gerry Martin be appointed as the Aboriginal Management Council Vice-Chair for 2008 – 2009
CARRIED

Dr. F. Gilbert left the meeting for another engagement.

10. Information Items

10.1 2008-2009 AMC Members List

The updated membership list will be distributed electronically.

Dr. F. Gilbert left the meeting.

Michael Maracle, the new LUNSA President, and the new LUNSA representative on AMC, was introduced by B. Johnson, the out-going

LUNSA President.

P. Capon thanked Brendon Johnson for his contributions to the AMC and welcomed Mike Maracle as the new LUSU President and representative on AMC.

D. Burgart announced that she will be working with the Engineering Society on developing a \$50,000 scholarship to assist Aboriginal students pursuing an Engineering degree.

B. Sabourin announced that tickets will be available in the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives, Lakehead University Bookstore, and Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services office for the upcoming Tomson Highway Cabaret. Information is available on the Aboriginal Initiatives website.

The next AMC meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2008.

11. **Adjournment** - MOVED (B. Johnson/D. Burgart) that the meeting adjourn.
CARRIED

Tim Pile, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary