

Aboriginal Management Council Meeting
April 28, 2008
ATAC 3004
2:00-4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

- Present:
- A. Boulet, Lakehead University Board of Governors
 - D. Burgart, LUNSA
 - 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, ARCO
 - T. Pile, Chair, M.N.O.
 - B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
 - J. Syrette, Orillia Campus
 - R. Wagner, Orillia Campus
- Advisors:
- C. Hartviksen, NNEP Coordinator
 - G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Lead Facilitator
 - D. McPherson, Indigenous Learning (Chair)
 - C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator
 - I. Peltier, NOSM, Aboriginal Affairs
 - L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
 - G. Wojda, Acting Vice-Provost Student Affairs
- Deans:
- Dr. I. Newhouse, Professional Schools
- Regrets:
- N. Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
 - M. Ettinger, Fort William First Nation
 - D. D. Frenette, NAN
 - Dr. P. Smith, Research Ethics, Advisors Committee Co-Chair
 - G. Wojda, Vice-Provost Student Affairs (Interim)
 - Dr. S. Wolf, Aboriginal Education
 - B. Johnson, LUNSA
- Guests:
- Eleanor Abaya, Communications
- Secretary:
- K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

G. Martin led the opening prayer.

2. Introductions

2.1 Welcome Aboriginal Representatives from Orillia Advisory Committee -
T. Pile introduced and welcomed Judy Syrette and Ruth Wagner participating
by teleconference from Orillia.

2.2 Aboriginal Initiatives Promotional Video –
B. Sabourin introduced Eleanor Abaya, Communications Director. The “Follow
Your Dreams” video was produced using a storytelling approach where
students discussed their experiences enrolling and attending Lakehead
University including the opportunities to ACSS and Aboriginal support. B.
Sabourin thanked L. Wabange for her assistance with the students in making
this video. It was noted that a Communications Bulletin would be sent out with
the web link accessing the video.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (C. Hartviksen/G. Martin) that the agenda be approved.
CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED (A. Boulet/L. Hayes) that the Minutes from the March 31, 2008 Aboriginal
Management Council Meeting be accepted with amendments.
CARRIED

6. Business Arising from Previous Meeting

6.1 MOVED (F. Gilbert/P. Capon) to accept Judy Syrette and Ruth Wagner as
new members of the Aboriginal Management Council.
CARRIED

6.2 Retreat 2008

The AMC discussed plans for a retreat in June to discuss the Terms of
Reference for AMC, review committee structure including roles and reporting
related to AMC, review the AMC Strategic Plan, and begin setting goals for

next year. Additionally, the retreat can serve as an orientation for new members. If possible arrangements will be made to include the Orillia representatives in person for this event.

Jackie Dojack had been asked to facilitate the retreat.

Members will be contacted by email to determine availability on June 5th and 6th or June 9th and 10th.

7. New Business

7.1 AMC representative to Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee– Nominations

The Secretary explained that R. Neckoway has been the AMC representative on the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee for several terms and that his term expires on June 30, 2008. Terms of Reference were included on the agenda for this meeting and the Secretary explained that the representative must be a faculty member. AMC members were asked to return to their academic units with this request for nominations to determine if anyone was interested. The Secretary was asked to contact R. Neckoway to ask if he was interested in continuing as the AMC representative on the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee.

8. Updates/Reports

8.1 Aboriginal Education – no report

8.2 Centre of Excellence of Aboriginal Teaching & Curriculum – no report

8.3 Native Nurses Entry Program

C. Hartviksen updated AMC on the review and revised selection and interview process for the NNEP.

8.4 ACSS

L. Wabange reported on the services that were offered to students and updated AMC members on the ACSS activities that were held during April. Self-declarations will be printed in a postcard format for distribution.

8.5 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

B. Sabourin distributed a report. She noted that she would be visiting northern communities in mid-May and will be showing the video "Follow Your Dreams" to promote post-secondary education.

The AMC Interim Steering Committee will be expanding its membership. The Committee will meet again to select a Chair, develop Terms of Reference, and develop a comprehensive plan for the Aboriginal Knowledge Centre. Judy Flett has joined the AMC Interim Steering Committee.

8.6 Native Access Program

G. Hendrick-Laliberte reported that 7 of the 9 NAP students have successfully completed the program. Offers of Admissions to next year's students will be sent out after April 30th.

8.7 Board of Governors & Ad Hoc Committee – no report

8.8 Senate

C. Hartviksen reviewed highlights from the meeting of Senate noting that Lakehead University's Law School proposal has been endorsed by the Law Society of Upper Canada. The proposal now requires approvals from the National Committee on Accreditation and MTCU. The Law School will have a focus on Aboriginal law and justice issues.

8.9 Senate Academic Committee

C. Hartviksen reported that the Joint SAC/AMC Committee has not met.

8.10 LUNSA Update - D. Burgart

D. Burgart reported on the LUNSA activities in the last month. An email mentoring program is being discussed that would partner potential students in their communities with LU students in Thunder Bay.

8.11 Research Ethics Committee – no report

8.12 Aboriginal Career Advisor – no report

8.13 NOSM Ian Peltier reported on the following NOSM activities:

NOSM donated \$6,000 to Lakehead University for the Annual Elders Gathering this year. In addition to the donation of the funds to the Elders Gathering, NOSM sponsored 44 community members to attend the gathering (Elder's and Elder helpers).

The Elders' Handbook has been finalized and is being distributed.

NOSM has begun another initiative called "Adopt a Faculty Program" to encourage faculty to live in an Aboriginal community and further their learning about Aboriginal culture.

\$76, 085 in funding has been received from MTCU to further develop the Elders' Program with NOSM.

A Regional Aboriginal Coordinator will be appointed on the West Campus shortly.

"Opportunities in Research" forum is being planned for early next September.

In addition to the Regional Aboriginal Community Coordinator, a Program Coordinator for Aboriginal Affairs began April 28, 2008.

9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Information Items

D. McPherson reported that Sara McRae and Leesa Wabasse will be giving Honours Thesis presentations on May 9th in the Little Dining Room. A flyer will be distributed to AMC members about this event.

11. Adjournment

MOVED (P. Capon/G. Martin) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Tim Pile, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary