



## **Aboriginal Management Council Meeting**

**March 31, 2008**

**ATAC 3004**

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

### **MINUTES**

- Present:**
- N. Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
  - P. Capon, Co-Chair, Matawa First Nations
  - D. D. Frenette, NAN
  - Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President
  - B. Johnson, President, Lakehead University Native Student Association
  - T. Pile, Chair, M.N.O.
  - B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
  - Dr. P. Smith, Research Ethics, Advisors Committee Co-Chair
- Advisors:**
- S. Bebonang, NTEP Coordinator
  - G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Lead Facilitator
  - D. McPherson, Indigenous Learning (Chair)
- Deans:**
- Dr. I. Newhouse, Professional Schools
- Regrets:**
- A. Boulet, Lakehead University Board of Governors
  - M. Ettinger, Fort William First Nation
  - C. Hartviksen, NNEP Coordinator
  - Dr. F. Gilbert, President
  - G. Martin, ARCO
  - I. Peltier, NOSM, Aboriginal Affairs
  - L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
  - G. Wojda, Vice-Provost Student Affairs (Interim)
  - Dr. S. Wolf, Aboriginal Education
- Guests:**
- Anthony Angus, Coordinator, Aboriginal Awareness Centre
  - Ashley Dokuchie, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
- Secretary:**
- K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome & Opening Prayer – Susan Bebonang**
2. **Introductions – Negahneewin College Representatives, Aboriginal Awareness Centre**

- 2.1 Nancy Bouchard, Ahnishinabek Employment and Training Services

Nancy Bouchard , Anishinabek Employment and Training Services, was introduced and welcomed as a new member to the Aboriginal Management Council by the Chair. N. Bouchard briefly discussed her background and noted her previous experience with other organizations Kitchi Gaming Area Management Board and Nishnawbe-Aski Legal Services, Corporation (NAN Legal).

- 2.2 Brenda Small & Jerry Perrault, Negahneewin College

J. Perrault and B. Small were introduced and explained the history of Negahneewin College. The founders of Negahneewin College wanted Confederation College to be highly responsive to Aboriginals by creating an indigenous educational environment that also provided daycare, offices, residences, and a community. The Negahneewin College would operate within Confederation College not as a separate entity. J. Perrault noted that many of the problems of the past have been overcome.

At present, Negahneewin College has been successful in Literacy Access Programs and Indigenous Leadership among others. High school courses are also available to students enrolling at Negahneewin College. Maintaining good relationships with high schools has assisted in smooth transitions for students.

Students may choose to take all courses through Negahneewin College or to take courses from both colleges. All programs at Confederation College require students to take at least one course from the approved courses with Aboriginal content. Members of AMC expressed an interest in the methodology used by Negahneewin College to determine quality and quantity of Aboriginal content in courses.

J. Perrault and B. Small expressed an interest in working with Lakehead University.

- 2.3 Anthony Angus, Aboriginal Awareness Centre

A. Angus reported on the Elders Conference held in partnership with NOSM. Forty-one elders attended representing most of Northwestern Ontario including Fort Hope; Longlac; Greenstone; and Kenora. Feedback

from the Elders Conference was positive. Many departments from Lakehead University were involved and many more have expressed an interest in becoming involved. Topics at the conference included: tourism; geology; natural resources; environment; health and education. The conference was designed for younger people who will likely go into careers and interact with Aboriginals living on reservations. The focus was on traditional ways to hold meetings and aspects of ceremony.

- 2.4 B. Sabourin introduced and welcomed A. Dokuchie as the new Administrative Assistant to the Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives).

### 3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Johnson/D. D. Frenette) that the agenda be approved with the following changes:

9.11 Research Ethics Committee (P. Smith) be moved to 9.1

CARRIED

### 4. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### 5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (L. Hayes/P. Smith) that the Minutes for the February 25, 2008 meeting be approved with changes.

CARRIED

### 6. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

#### 6.1. Chair for Métis Studies

B. Small and T. Dunk are working on the application for the Chair of Métis Studies. The application is due May 30, 2008.

### 7. **New Business:**

#### 7.1 Aboriginal Roundtable – Aboriginal Representative from Orillia Advisory Committee

MOVED (P. Capon/L. Hayes) that Judy Syrette member of the Ogemawah Tribal Council and the Orillia Campus Advisory Committee, and Ruth Wagner,

Senator Métis Nation of Ontario and member of the Orillia Campus Advisory Committee be invited to be members of the Aboriginal Management Council and that these two representatives will count as one vote on AMC. CARRIED

## 7.2 Year end Retreat/Review

T. Pile asked for a discussion at AMC for a Year end Retreat/Review for sometime in May to review the work completed by AMC during the past year, review of the Strategic Plan update, plans for the future year, and review of the AMC by-laws. AMC members supported this initiative. Planning for this event will be undertaken by the Aboriginal Initiatives office.

## 7.3 Indigenous Learning Centre Committee

The steering committee will meet to select a Chairperson and begin putting together a conceptual plan for the Indigenous Learning Centre. Judy Flett has expressed interest in participating on this committee.

## 8. Updates/Reports:

8.1 Research Ethics Committee – P. Smith – no report

8.2 Aboriginal Education - Dr. E. Gardner

E. Gardner submitted a report for distribution at the meeting. Ogemewahj Tribal Council submitted a proposal for a NLIP to be offered through Orillia. The Honours B. Ed. Program was also requested. The Roundtable discussion focused on roles and responsibilities shared between the two campuses and protocol for streamlining requests.

E. Gardner noted that Rosie Mosquito, Executive Director Oshki-Pimache-O-Win, will be joining the Advisory Council for Aboriginal Education. Plans are underway to travel to Longlac, Constance Lake, Webequie and Fort Hope for information sessions and to encourage students to meet with prospective students.

8.3 Centre of Excellence of Aboriginal Teaching & Curriculum - Dr. E. Gardner  
–no report

8.4 Native Nurses Entry Program - C. Hartviksen – no report

8.5 ACSS - L. Wabange - no report

8.6 L. Wabange distributed a summary of activities coordinated by ACSS.  
Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) - B. Sabourin

B. Sabourin distributed her report. She will show the final version of the Aboriginal Initiatives promotional video that has been prepared by Communications at the next AMC meeting. B. Sabourin reported that the Nanibijou Project grant for the Transition Program for Aboriginal Graduate Students was approved. B. Johnson has been hired through a 6 month contract for the Aboriginal Career Focus initiative.

B. Sabourin reported that Oshki-Pimache-O-Win has approached Lakehead University to renew a partnership agreement on potential projects. Consideration is being given to a pre-university program and a bridging program to Education. Oshki students will be attending a tour of Lakehead University.

The "Needs and Resources" survey report has been summarized. The Interim AMC Steering Committee will be reviewing the Academic Survey Report and the Aboriginal Faculty Research Survey Report for follow up action items.

8.7 Native Access Program- G. Hendrick-Laliberte

G. Hendrick-Laliberte distributed a report summarizing the recent NAP activities. She reported that 6 core students are likely to finish the Native Access Program this year. AMC is invited to join in the celebration when these students have completed the program. It is anticipated that these students will return to Lakehead University next year.

8.8 Board of Governors & Ad Hoc Committee - T. Pile

T. Pile reported that Kurt Dahl, member of the Board of Governors, is now a member of the Ad Hoc Committee.

8.9 Senate - C. Hartviksen – no report

8.10 Senate Academic Committee - C. Hartviksen – no report

8.11 LUNSA - Powwow Update - B. Johnson

B. Johnson reported that the Powwow Respecting the Past and Empowering the Future held at the C.J. Saunders Fieldhouse on March 14 through March 16 was a success. The Powwow included drums, dancing competitions, and a teaching component. The contribution by volunteers was greatly appreciated. High school students, Confederation College students, LUNSA, and community members volunteered to make this event a success. Costs for the event were much higher than previous years and donations will be collected next year to off-set the costs.

LUNSA elections will be held again next fall. A new constitution will be brought forward at the AGM on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**9. Other Business**

**10. Information Items**

10.1 Traditional Meal Food Menu – Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre

**11. Adjournment**

MOVED (B. Johnson/P. Capon) that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

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Tim Pile, Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary