

**Aboriginal Management Council Meeting  
November 24, 2008  
ATAC 3004  
2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**M I N U T E S**

Present: P. Capon, Matawa First Nations  
Dr. F. Gilbert, President  
Dr. J. Leggatt, Board of Governors  
M. Morris, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
T. Pile, Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario.  
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: J. Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator  
Dr. E. Gardner, Chair, Aboriginal Education Department  
C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator  
J. O'Brien, Interim NNEP Manager  
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost Student Affairs  
L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

Deans: Dr. B. Dadgostar, Faculty of Business Administration  
Dr. A. P. Dean, Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies  
Dr. G. Siddall, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities

Regrets: D. Burgart, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
Dr. J. Crossman, Faculty of Graduate Studies  
D. D. Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President  
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator  
G. Martin, Vice-Chair, Member-at-Large  
H. Moynihan, Faculty of Engineering

Guests: Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
Leisa Desmoulins, Nanibijou Project (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
Anna Gibbon, Aboriginal Liaison, City of Thunder Bay  
Karen Poole, Director of the School of Nursing

Secretary: K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Elder Ethel Sault led with an Opening Prayer.

2. **Speaker**

Anna Gibbon, Aboriginal Liaison for the City of Thunder Bay, was introduced by the Chair. Ms. Gibbon is currently identifying and addressing gaps in services and networking with local groups to develop linkages provided to Aboriginal people in the City of Thunder Bay. Ms. Gibbon will be working toward raising the quality of life in Aboriginal communities in Thunder Bay. Ms. Gibbon welcomed the opportunity to explore links between the AMC and the City of Thunder Bay.

3. **Introductions**

The Chair introduced new members Mila Morris, Vice-President of the Lakehead University Native Student Association and Dr. Judith Leggatt, Board of Governors representative on AMC.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (P. Capon/J. Leggatt) that the agenda for the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved with the following amendment:

- Secretary's Report will be given prior to item 7.1 discussions.

CARRIED

5. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (P. Smith/P. Capon) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

7. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

The AMC Secretary updated the AMC on the AQ Courses being included in recruitment plans and the status of the Animiki Bursary.

- 7.1 **Motions tabled from the Previous Meeting**

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Wagner) that the AMC recommend that the Vice Provost Aboriginal Initiatives conduct an assessment of recruitment of Aboriginal students at Lakehead University, including both the Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses, and make recommendations to AMC about how

to improve recruitment. In particular, recommendations on how to improve relationships between Lakehead University and the Aboriginal community in the Orillia region and recruitment in northern communities will be addressed.

CARRIED

MOVED (J. Leggatt/P. Smith) that AMC recommend that VP AI discuss with the Development Office more effective fundraising for bursaries and scholarships for Aboriginal students and Aboriginal events at LU with mining and forestry companies, and other emerging industries.

CARRIED

## 7.2 Review of Terms of Reference and functioning of Advisors Committee

Dr. P. Smith reported that the Advisors met and reviewed the Terms of Reference for the Advisors Committee which will be brought forward to the January meeting of AMC.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Appointment to the Presidential Search Committee

MOVED (P. Smith/P. Capon) that Tim Pile be appointed as the Aboriginal Management Council representative on the Presidential Search Committee.

CARRIED

### 8.2 AMC supporting Lakehead University Law School Proposal

MOVED (P. Smith/E. Gardner) that the resolution of support for the proposed Law School be approved by the Aboriginal Management Council and be forwarded to the President of Lakehead University.

It was noted that the MTCU is not responsible for Law School accreditation and therefore the following will be struck from the resolution:

- In the second paragraph - “and the accreditation of new law schools”
- In the sixth paragraph – “and accreditation”

CARRIED

### 8.3 Research and Innovation Week

Dr. P. Smith updated AMC on progress toward the Research and

Innovation Week planned for February 20-26, 2009. Aboriginal Research Partnership Awards will highlight those working on research with aboriginal communities. Aboriginal Research will have a display at Intercity Mall as part of this event. Mr. Joe Boyden, author of Black Spruce and winner of the Giller Award has been suggested as a keynote speaker. Dr. P. Smith will discuss with NOSM opportunities to showcase research in medicine.

## 9. Updates/Reports

### **Reports were submitted by the following units and highlights of the reports were presented.**

- 9.1 Aboriginal Education – Dr. E. Gardner  
E. Gardner welcomed Judy Flett as the Aboriginal Education Program Coordinator.
- 9.2 Native Nurses Entry Program – K. Poole/J. O'Brien
- 9.3 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange
- 9.4 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin
  - 9.4.1 Nanibijou Project Presentation – Leisa Desmoulins  
L. Desmoulins reported that she had been gathering information to improve retention and recruitment in aboriginal students. Additionally, she is working on encouraging more aboriginal undergraduate students to pursue graduate programs. She has been conducting a literature search on methods to improve the success of aboriginal graduate students. L. Desmoulins will be meeting with faculty, students, and elders to discuss what can be done to meet the needs of the students and to address issues.
- 9.5 Native Access Program – G. Hendrick-Laliberte
- 9.6 Board of Governors & Ad hoc Committee  
T. Pile reported that the Board of Governors met but so far the Ad Hoc Committee has not met this year. Work is being done to determine the role of the Ad Hoc Committee.
- 9.7 LUNSA Update  
M. Morris had no report at this time. A report will be given at the January AMC meeting.
- 9.8 Research Ethics Committee  
P. Smith reported that the Tri-Council for Health Research is reviewing Section 6, the part addressing research on aboriginals.
- 9.9 Aboriginal Career Advisor – no report
- 9.10 International Indigenous Learning Centre (IILC)  
J. Flett reported that the IILC Committee has been brainstorming ideas for a new centre.

## 10. Other Business

- 10.1 Update from By-laws Review sub-committee

P. Smith reviewed the amendments to the AMC draft By-laws noting that sections on quorum, Advisors Committee, and sub-committees had been revised and consolidated into one set of by-laws. The AMC Secretariat policy would be included in the draft for review by AMC. A copy of the draft will be circulated electronically and members are asked to provide input to P. Smith. Notice was given that the AMC By-laws will be debated and a motion to accept the By-laws will be coming forward to the January 26, 2009 AMC meeting.

#### 10.2 Strategic Plan 2010-2013

Dr. Gilbert noted that a committee has been struck to draft a Strategic Plan for the period 2010-2013. Bev Sabourin is on the committee working on this plan. The Plan will focus on four strategic directions: sustainability of the institution; comprehensiveness of the academy; research growth; and diversity. It is anticipated that the draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013 will be distributed for comments in January.

T. Pile suggested that the AMC Strategic Plan Committee begin developing an AMC Strategic Plan to coincide with the university plan. Members of the AMC Strategic Plan Committee are: Lisa Wabange; Tim Pile; Peggy Smith; and Gillian Siddall.

#### 11. **Adjournment**

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

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Tim Pile, Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary