

Aboriginal Management Council Meeting
January 26, 2009
ATAC 3004
2:00-4:00p.m.

MINUTES

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

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Charlotte Neckoway opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (P. Capon/J. Leggatt) that the agenda for the January 26th meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (F. Gilbert/J. Leggatt) that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of November 24, 2008 be approved with the following addition for clarification:

- #2 - the words "Thunder Bay" be inserted between "quality of life" and "in Aboriginal communities".

CARRIED

The Secretary reported that Dr. P. Smith had advised that she would be arriving late for the meeting since she was teaching a class until 2:30 pm.

MOVED (F. Gilbert/M. Morris) that items 5.1, 5.2, and 6.1 be postponed (deferred) until after Dr. P. Smith has arrived at the meeting and that the Council take up Updates/Reports next.

CARRIED

5. **Updates/Reports**

Reports from Aboriginal Education, Native Access Program, Native Nurses Entry Program, and the Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) were distributed at the meeting.

The following reports were presented:

- 5.1 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange
Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services conducted an online survey. It was noted that data on Best Practices related to recruitment and retention are being examined to determine what mechanisms are in place to track students' successes, such as the ACSS program students. B. Sabourin is examining data from Lakehead University and other universities to determine best strategies to recruit, retain, and promote success in

Aboriginal students. Institutional Analysis and Government Relations is working with B. Sabourin to set up a tracking system at Lakehead University.

5.2 Aboriginal Education – E. Gardner – C. Neckoway presented on behalf of Dr. Gardner.

5.3 International Indigenous Learning Centre – J. Flett – no report

5.4 LUNSA Update – M. Morris/D. Burgart

M. Morris noted that a successful graduate students' gathering was held in January where Aboriginal graduate students across faculties met to socialize and that future events would be planned.

P. Smith joined the meeting.

5.5 Native Access Program – G. Hendrick-Laliberte

5.6 Native Nurses Entry Program – J. O'Brien

The Native Nurses Entry Program has appointed Ms. Sandra Cornell as the new Manager. Recruitment for next year is underway.

5.7 Research Ethics Committee – P. Smith

"The Interagency Advisory Panel on Research Ethics (PRE) officially launched the Draft 2nd Edition of the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS)." Chapter 9 deals with Research with Aboriginal Peoples. P. Smith noted that comments are welcome and will be brought forward to Lakehead's Research Ethics Board.

5.8 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin

B. Sabourin will circulate a copy of her revised report.

The Secretary was asked to obtain and circulate information from the committee on the International Indigenous Learning Centre (IILC).

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

6.1 AMC By-laws for Approval

P. Smith presented the revised AMC By-laws noting where revisions were made. These By-laws incorporate and update the previous AMC By-laws.

MOVED (B. Sabourin/D. Burgart) that the By-laws be amended to include following organizations in #3.1b(i):

- the Ontario Native Women's Association
- the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
- the Aboriginal Employment Services

CARRIED

MOVED (P. Smith/F. Gilbert) that section #2.1h be deleted and the remainder of section 2 be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED

MOVED (B. Sabourin/P. Capon) that the By-laws be amended as follows:

- 2.1c – after “Lakehead University” add the following words “specifically through the Joint Sub-Committee of AMC and Senate Academic Committee.”

CARRIED

MOVED (F. Gilbert/D. Burgart) that in #2.1i – strike-out “recommend changes” and insert “make recommendations”

CARRIED

MOVED (F. Gilbert/G. Siddall) that the By-laws be amended as follows:

- 3.2a – delete section 3.2a and renumber section “3.2b” to “3.2a”
- 3.3b – add “and 3 representatives on the Senate Joint SAC/AMC Committee”
- 3.6.b – strike-out “may” after “Member-at-Large: AMC” and insert “will”
- 3.11 – delete section 3.11c and renumber 3.11d to 3.11c

CARRIED

MOVED (P. Smith/J. Leggatt) that the following be added to the list of Aboriginal specific programs in #5.1b:

- “NOSM – Aboriginal Affairs Unit”

(G. Martin declared a conflict of interest and abstained.)

CARRIED

MOVED (D. McPherson/P. Smith) that the By-laws be amended as follows:

- 3.1a insert “(see Article 5.1b)” after “Advisors Committee”

CARRIED

MOVED (P. Smith/J. Leggatt) that the Aboriginal Management Council By-laws be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

6.2 Review of Terms of Reference and functioning of Advisors Committee

6.2.1 Changed Advisors Committee Terms of Reference

The Advisors Committee reviewed their Terms of Reference and recommend adoption by AMC of the revised Terms of Reference as distributed with the meeting materials.

MOVED (P. Smith/P. Capon) that the revised Terms of Reference for the Advisors Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

A friendly amendment was proposed that “Chairmanship” be changed to “Chair”. The amendment was accepted.

6.2.2 Advisors Committee self-assessment

P. Smith reported that the Advisors Committee had completed its self-assessment and reported that it had done a commendable job bringing forward recommendations from the University to the AMC. The Advisors will be working to improve bringing information from AMC to the Deans.

The Chair requested a written report on the self-assessment from the Advisors Committee.

7 **New Business**

7.1 Research and Innovation Week

Research and Innovation week will be held February 20-27th, 2009. Research displays will be set up at Intercity Mall and Research Collaboration and Opportunity Exhibitions will be in the Agora on Wednesday, February 25th. A Graduate Studies award to an Aboriginal graduate student will be made as well.

7.2 Strategic Plan Committee

AMC discussed the need for input from this Council on the Lakehead University draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013. Members of the AMC Strategic Plan Committee are: Lisa Wabange; Tim Pile; B. Sabourin; Peggy Smith; and Gillian Siddall. The Committee will consider drafting an AMC Strategic Plan to coincide with the Lakehead University Strategic Plan dates of 2010-2013. P. Smith will call a meeting.

MOVED (P. Smith/J. Leggatt) that the AMC Strategic Plan Committee will be revived to review and prepare comments on the Lakehead University draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013 by February 14th.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

P. Capon reported that Grand Chief Stan Beardy had asked the Medical School to cease Bio-prospecting research immediately until issues related to NAN's objections were resolved. The Executive Committee of the NOSM Board will be discussing this issue.

An issue has been raised about INAC eliminating Aboriginal student post-secondary grants and turning them into repayable loans. The AUCC likely will be making a statement indicating that not all Aboriginal students are funded by their Band. B. Sabourin will be asking the Roundtable to write a letter in support of maintaining post-secondary funding for students. L. Wabange will be writing up more information on this for publication in the Argus. Matawa First Nations and NAN should speak out in defence of the Post-Secondary Student Support Program and the importance of maintaining this funding.

9. Adjournment

MOVED (P. Smith/B. Sabourin) that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Gerry Martin, Vice-Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary