

**Aboriginal Management Council Meeting**  
**February 23, 2009**  
**ATAC 3004**  
**2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

- Present: N. Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services  
Dr. F. Gilbert, President  
Dr. J. Leggatt, Board of Governors  
G. Martin, Vice-Chair, Member-at-Large  
B. Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
R. Wagner, Orillia Campus
- Advisors: J. Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator  
D. McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning  
M. Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)  
L. Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
- Regrets: D. Burgart, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
P. Capon, Matawa First Nations  
S. Cornell, NNEP Manager  
Dr. J. Crossman, Graduate Studies  
D. D. Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
Dr. E. Gardner, Chair, Aboriginal Education Department  
Dr. L. Hayes, Vice-President  
G. Hendrick-Laliberte, NAP Coordinator  
M. Morris, Vice-President, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
C. Neckoway, NLIP Coordinator  
T. Pile, Chair, Métis Nation of Ontario  
E. Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
Dr. G. Siddall, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities  
Dr. P. Smith, Research Ethics, Advisors Committee Co-Chair
- Guests: Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
- Secretary: K. Roche, Secretary of Aboriginal Management Council

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer** – Lisa Wabange led the opening prayer.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (J. Leggatt/N. Bouchard) that the agenda for the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

3. **Conflict of Interest** - none

4. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED that the Minutes of the AMC meeting of January 26, 2009 be approved.

A question was asked about Item #8 of the January 26, 2009 AMC Meeting Minutes concerning whether Métis or Inuit students are affected by the proposed changes to INAC post-secondary education funding. It was noted that some Métis students are funded by their Band in Thunder Bay for tuition and/or living expenses but the Inuit have a separate relationship with the federal government regarding funding. L. Wabange will look into this.

CARRIED

LUNSA representatives Ron Beardy and Tom Lachinette arrived to update the AMC on the Powwow.

5. **Business Arising from Previous Meeting**

5.1 Advisors Committee Self Assessment – postponed to the March 23, 2009 meeting

5.2 AMC Sub-committee on Lakehead University's Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013

5.2.1 Comments and Recommendations on Lakehead University's Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013

Gerry Martin reiterated that the AMC Strategic Plan Committee should meet to begin planning the direction of a new AMC Strategic Plan that will begin when the current plan expires. Dr. Gilbert reported that AMC's comments had been received by the LU Strategic Plan Committee and that the LU committee would review the AMC's comments and input. A written response to AMC will be forthcoming from the Committee. He also noted that the AMC's Strategic Plan will not be attached to the LU Strategic Plan but instead will be a stand alone document.

The AMC Strategic Plan Committee will be asked to meet to discuss the development of a new AMC Strategic Plan. Lisa Wabange offered to prepare an update on the work that has been completed on the existing Strategic Plan, if necessary.

## 6. **New Business**

### 6.1 Appointment to the Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Aboriginal Management Council

The Terms of Reference will be distributed prior to the next AMC meeting; nominations for the AMC representatives to SAC/AMC Joint Sub-Committee will be on the next meeting agenda.

## 7. **Updates/Reports**

### 7.1 Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services – L. Wabange – report submitted

INAC work continuing – summit information on Aboriginal Education was distributed to members

B. Sabourin noted that LUNSA President Michael Maracle is planning a public forum on March 12<sup>th</sup> regarding post-secondary education funding. Since Deputy Chief Terry Waboose was contacted by L. Wabange to speak to the students about this issue, she will contact Michael Maracle to ensure only one session is held. Informational materials on INAC will be provided by Deputy Chief Terry Waboose.

An Elders' Council meeting is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the sweat lodge sign. Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism students have designed the sign.

Ron Beardy and Tom Lachinette explained the work that had been initiated to raise funds and recruit/train volunteers for the upcoming powwow. About 70-80 volunteers have been recruited to assist. Confederation College will be providing security; Elders will be attending; posters will be reprinted; traditional food will be served; L. Wabange will work with the students to ensure Aramark is notified; a Communications Bulletin on smudging dates during the powwow will be released; a Lakehead University booth will be staffed and supplied with promotional material on Aboriginal programs.

### 7.2 Aboriginal Education – Judy Flett for Dr. E. Gardner

J. Flett distributed a notice of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Native Language

Instructors' Program and a reunion will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup>. She also discussed the Indigenous Language Research Table on March 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The day's activities will include lunch and a dinner feast. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

### 7.3 Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) – B. Sabourin – oral report

John Ralston Saul will be speaking at Lakehead University on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

NAN will be funding two contract positions at Lakehead University: an Aboriginal Career Advisor and Aboriginal Liaison Officer. NAN would like some of their members to apply.

Access to Opportunities – An Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Brendon Johnson, has been hired in Orillia. This position was funded through the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives. Brendon Johnson is collecting information on what programs the Aboriginal Communities would like to see offered at Lakehead University. B. Sabourin explained that the purpose of this position is to collect information about where students are attending other universities and which programs they are taking. The job is finished at the end of April.

As part of improving recruitment and retention strategies, the strengths and weaknesses of strategies used by other universities across Canada is being reviewed. Lakehead University will be utilizing successful concepts from that study.

An Aboriginal Initiatives Mini-Calendar is being prepared. The calendar will be distributed as a recruitment tool.

Dr. J. Iseke-Barnes film "A Living History of Métis Families as Told by Dorothy Chartrand" premieres tomorrow evening.

J. Flett is developing advertorials that will assist in communities to broaden spectrum of programs Forestry, ORPT and Geography.

The Nanibijou Project a transition and support program for Aboriginal graduate students report will be submitted at the next meeting.

Bev Sabourin has been preparing a summary of the space needs to be incorporated into the plans for replacing the Braun Building. B. Sabourin looking at the space requirements needed to house Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services, LUNSA offices, Aboriginal Initiatives offices, Elders space, circle room for gatherings and common lounge areas and space for academic programs. B. Sabourin and J. Flett will be meeting with M.

Pawlowski to discuss whether this new structure would a permanent location for the IILC.

7.4 International Indigenous Learning Centre – J. Flett – report submitted

J. Flett updated the AMC on the meetings of January 13<sup>th</sup>. She is scheduled to attend an Overview on the first meeting of the First Nation Regional Community Plan, which includes Waabi-Ma'iingan (Grey Wolf) Traditional Teaching Lodge.

G. Martin noted that there is portal of learning with other indigenous learning centres around the world. Visitors to the Medical School have expressed interest and have requested more information on indigenous people.

J. Flett reported that the material gathered on the Indigenous Learning Centres has been placed in a binder that will be available in the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives.

The Vice-Provost Aboriginal Initiatives participated on the interview committees for the Deans candidates. The search committees will make recommendations to the President and an update will be presented at the next meeting.

7.5 LUNSA Update – M. Morris/D. Burgart – no report

7.6 Native Access Program – no report

7.7 Native Nurses Entry Program – S. Cornell - report submitted

7.8 Research Ethics Committee – Dr. P. Smith – no report

7.9 Senate Undergraduate Scholarships & Bursaries Committee – Dr. R. Farrell – report submitted

The Chair noted that the representatives submitting reports to AMC are expected to submit an electronic report, briefly update AMC on the highlights, and attend AMC meetings.

8. **Other Business**

Dr. Gilbert updated AMC on the Lakehead University Strategic Planning Committee and process. There will be no addendum to the Lakehead University document as was done for the previous Strategic Plan. This Strategic Plan will go forward to Senate this spring. Possibly at a later date

AMC may want to update its own strategic plan. A notice of motion will go forward to the April Senate meeting for approval of the Strategic Plan at the May 2009. A response will be sent from the Strategic Plan Committee to AMC about the comments AMC submitted.

L. Wabange will prepare an update for the AMC Strategic Plan on the activities related to the current Strategic Plan indicating what still needs to be done. The AMC Strategic Plan Committee will meet and report their progress to AMC at the next AMC meeting.

**9. Information Items**

9.1 AMC By-laws were distributed with meeting materials.

9.2 Advisors Committee Terms of Reference were distributed with meeting materials.

**10. Adjournment**

MOVED (J. Leggatt/ B. Sabourin) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED