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ADVISORS COMMITTEE FOR THE OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

MINUTES MONDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2012 2:00-3:00PM ATAC 5035

- Present:** Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Ms. Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor, Orillia Campus (via videoconference)
Mrs. Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte, Native Access Program
Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Kinesiology
Dr. Greg Lowan, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. Peggy Smith, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science & Environmental Studies
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
- Guests:** Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Mrs. Phyllis Bosnick, Manager, Student Awards and Financial Aid
- Recording:** Ms. Ashley Dokuchie, Secretary, Advisors Committee for the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council
- Regrets:** Ms. Tina Armstrong, Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering (Dean's Alternate)
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Nursing
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work, Orillia Campus
Ms. Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Education Elder in Residence & Aboriginal Faculty
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Fay Zoccole, NAGE Coordinator
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Dr. Henri Saliba, Engineering
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Orillia Campus
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)

1. **Introductions**

Dr. P. Smith, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

ITEM #3 a) – Add Item

Academic Plan Update by Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

The Chair also noted that the presentation by Dr. David Greenwood on the Faculty of Education's Centre for Place and Sustainability Studies will be deferred to our next meeting on Monday, April 2nd.

3. **Guest Presentations**

a) **Academic Plan Update by Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)**

Dr. Moira McPherson had provided the committee with an update regarding the status of the Lakehead University 2012-2017 Academic Plan. She noted that the plan had been posted on the Lakehead University website around three weeks ago and that the university community was invited to provide feedback at this time. She also advised that the Academic Plan will be going to the Senate Academic Committee (SAC) for approval then ultimately if all goes well it will be approved by Senate in March.

There has been a lot of discussion regarding on what is going to be considered for the required course that includes Aboriginal content. She believes that a Joint SAC/O-AGC and Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Task Force will be struck to implement this component of the academic plan.

Dr. M. McPherson is going to send a copy of the Academic Plan and Action Plans to A. Dokuchie so that they can be distributed in the O-AGC meeting materials at its next meeting on February 27, 2012.

Recommendation to O-AGC: That a motion be included on the O-AGC Agenda of February 27, 2012 to support in principle the Lakehead University 2012-2017 Academic Plan.

b) **30% Off Ontario Tuition – Ms. Phyllis Bosnick, Office of Student Awards and Financial Aid**

Mrs. Phyllis Bosnick, Manager of the Office of Student Awards and Financial Aid presented on the 30% Off Ontario Tuition grant that is currently being offered by MTCU to full-time undergraduate students who meet the eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible, these students must be under 22 years of age, a dependent student and their parent(s) must make \$160, 000 or less combined income. Parent(s) income has to be sent to MTCU to be considered for this grant. She also noted that all full-time undergraduate Aboriginal learners

who meet the requirements are eligible to apply even if they are band-funded. Those full-time undergraduate students who are funded by OSAP and meet the eligibility requirements are automatically considered for this grant. Each student who meets the criterion will be awarded \$800 per term to a maximum of \$1600 per year. She also advised that deadline to apply is March 31, 2012. A. Dokuchie is going to circulate a copy of her presentation to committee members for their information.

4. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 9, 2012 were approved as distributed and will be posted on the O-AGC website.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a) Selection of Chair/Co-Chair: The Committee will choose its leadership every second year. The Chair or a designate will be the voting member to the O-AGC.

Dr. P. Smith informed the committee that she has been the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors for a number of years now and that she would like someone to serve as Chair or Co-Chair. She is going to discuss a succession plan with B. Sabourin and will provide an update at our next meeting.

- b) Updates – (Ms. Annette Schroeter and Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni)
Re: Possible Funding – Proposed Repository for Historical Documents from
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation at Lakehead University

Ms. Annette Schroeter and Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni will provide an update at a later date.

The Chair asked B. Sabourin to provide an update regarding a meeting that was held with representatives from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation.

B. Sabourin noted that a meeting that was recently held with representatives from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation to discuss creating a repository for KI historical documents at Lakehead University. She advised that a working group comprised of Ms. Annette Schroeter, Ms. Louise Wuorinen and herself has been established and that they will be developing a proposal for this initiative. A follow up meeting with Ms. Anne Deighton, University Librarian is currently being planned to further discuss this initiative.

- c) Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report to O-AGC

Dr. P. Smith advised that the bi-annual self-assessment report to ensure that the Advisors Committee is operating effectively and fulfilling its functions is due to the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council at its meeting in April.

She had asked those present to provide any feedback to include in the report. Dr. G. Siddall noted that she would like to see more participation and improved attendance from committee members. Dr. G. Lowan extended his appreciation to the Chair for being invited to these meetings as he finds them to be an excellent resource for connecting with others on campus. Dr. A. P. Dean noted that he finds the dialogue at our meetings to be exceptionally useful.

d) Duty to Consult Poster (Dr. Peggy Smith)

Dr. P. Smith noted that recently there have been many issues surrounding “Duty to Consult” particularly relating to the “Ring of Fire”. She noted that a motion was passed at the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) meeting on January 23rd to revive this issue. As a result, she had developed the “Duty to Consult” poster that was distributed with the meeting materials and it was also displayed in the Agora during Research and Innovation Week.

B. Sabourin has generously offered to print several copies on plaque mounted boards for the following departments: Aboriginal Education, Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services, Indigenous Learning, Library, Sciences and Environmental Studies and Aboriginal Initiatives at the Orillia Campus.

B. Sabourin noted that there have been a number of discussions happening throughout the university amongst many departments surrounding the issues relating to “Duty to Consult”, but that a collective discussion among all interested parties still needs to be facilitated.

Dr. A. P. Dean noted that Dr. Scott Hamilton, Professor, Anthropology has also considered developing courses to provide education about the many issues surrounding “Duty to Consult”.

Dr. P. Smith is also going to add the Lakehead University word mark to her “Duty to Consult” poster as per Dr. P. Hicks recommendation.

6. Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) Draft Agenda for February 27, 2012

The committee reviewed the agenda as distributed.

7. Report on status of ongoing O-AGC initiatives:

a) Aboriginal specific programs

Native Language Instructors’ Program

B. Beardy informed the committee that an Ojibway immersion course for non-fluent speakers is going to be offered as part of this year’s summer language programming. It is a three week course being taught by Ms. Pat Ningewance and will begin on July 3, 2012 in the evenings from 5:00-7:30p.m. A poster with further information will be available shortly and will be circulated to committee members.

Native Nurses Entry Program

S. Cornell advised that the Native Nurses Entry Program will be moving to their newly renovated and redecorated space in the Braun Building, Rm. BB 1045 on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

Kendaasiwin Steering Committee

Dr. P. Smith advised that the Kendaasiwin Steering Committee is currently developing promotional material for the Kendaasiwin Centre, so that President Stevenson can use it for distribution to community partners as well as for fundraising purposes.

She has also advised that an announcement regarding the Kendaasiwin Centre may be coming forward in the next couple of months and that 80% of the funds need to be readily available before the centre can be built.

She is also organizing a presentation from Stuart Olsen Dominion Construction on the Design Build concept that they have been using in many of their projects. It is to learn about this approach as one possible consideration for the Kendaasiwin Centre.

It was noted that President Stevenson had presented on the draft Kendaasiwin Project at the O-AGC meeting held on November 21, 2011. Dr. P. Smith is going to follow up with Mrs. Karen Roche, Secretary of O-AGC to see if he is planning on giving another presentation on developments since his last presentation and will provide an update at the next meeting.

8. Upcoming Meeting

- a) The last scheduled O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting of the 2011-2012 academic year will be taking place as follows:
 - Monday, April 2nd, 2:00-3:00p.m., AT 3004