

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011

2:00-4:00P.M.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

In attendance

Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs
Ms. Judi Nelson-Childs, Ontario Native Women's Association

Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Mrs. Karen Roche, University Secretary
Ms. Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Peggy Smith, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Ms. Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Senator Ruth Wagner, Orillia Region Representative*
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Orillia Campus
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation

Ms. Ingrid Green, Ontario Native Women's Association
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large
Ms. Ethel Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre

Guests

Dr. Scott Hamilton, O-AGC Representative on the Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair Nominations

Dr. Rupert Klein, Associate Professor, Psychology
Mr. Gerry Munt, Senior Advisor to the President on Planning & Implementation

Absent

Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte, Native Access Program
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Dr. Sree Kurissery, Acting Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering

Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Dr. Henri Saliba, Engineering
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

*Teleconference

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair, welcomed Mr. Gerry Munt, Dr. Scott Hamilton, and Dr. Rupert Klein.

Everyone introduced themselves around the table.

Dr. Peggy Smith led the Opening Prayer.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (T. Pile/P. Smith) that the agenda for the November 21, 2011 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. Guest Presentation

Pilot Project for Grades 1-3

Mr. Gerry Munt, Senior Advisor to the President on Planning & Implementation, discussed the statistics and demographics of aboriginal education. He noted that high school graduation is imperative before aboriginal students can be prepared to attend post-secondary education institutions. Mr. Munt noted that individuals need post-secondary education to move into a higher income bracket during their lifetime.

Lakehead University is working with the Lakehead School Board to provide a summer learning program for children in schools located in low economic areas. The pilot program for this initiative ran for 3 weeks during the summer of 2011. Students spent time on the Lakehead University campus and became involved in programs that were developed by faculty and staff to provide educational opportunities for these children. Yolanda Wanakamik has begun the development of next year's program.

The fruition of this program will require a \$10 million endowment fund of which \$5 million will go into this program. The remainder of the \$5 million will be a program for adults. Fundraising programs are underway.

It was noted that an MOU was signed today with Wasaya Airlines. The athletes of Lakehead University will be offering athletic experiences to young children during the summer in remote communities. Lakehead University athletes will fly into remote communities and work with young children through sports to encourage them to complete high school and aspire to a post-secondary education.

At present the University is supporting this program but in time, O-AGC will be

asked to assist with the fundraising.

4. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED (R. Wagner/P. Capon) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of September 26, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 MOVED (T. Pile/J. Flett) that Ms. Judi Nelson Childs, Building Aboriginal Women's Leadership Capacity Developer, be appointed as the alternate for the Ontario Native Women's Association.

CARRIED

6.2 Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair Nominations Update

Dr. Scott Hamilton explained the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) program. CRC funds are fundamental to research. The call for potential applicants for CRC Chairs comes from the President's Office. Following a process of selection, a recommendation is made to Ottawa. The peer committee in Ottawa examines the university's profile, the researcher, and the strategic plan of the university to determine that the research priorities of the institution are aligned with the proposed research.

Dr. Hamilton asked if there were any areas O-AGC would want to move forward. It was noted that there is a need for Metis studies in northwestern Ontario and water research as it relates to northern resource development.

It was noted that the Academic Plan will incorporate the Research Plan as the current Research Plan expires. Feedback from O-AGC related to research should be brought to the Senate Research Committee.

6.3 Collaboration with O-AGC on demographic research regarding retention of Aboriginal students

Dr. Rupert Klein noted that aboriginal students' retention has dropped to 55% whereas the non-aboriginal students have a 75% retention rate.

Dr. Rupert Klein would like to do the analysis on why the aboriginal students

stay at Lakehead University and why they leave. He requested O-AGC approval to proceed in principle. Dr. Klein asked that O-AGC pressure Institutional Analysis to provide qualitative and quantitative datasets that are already collected by Institutional Analysis at Lakehead University and he would like additional datasets from others who have collected information on why aboriginal stay at Lakehead University.

O-AGC noted that the self-declared students need to be protected from being studied. Students who have self-declared have been assured that they would not be studied. O-AGC members expressed the importance of sensitivity to the privacy of these students and yet recognized the importance of identifying why students are successful, what services the students access, etc.

It was noted that Research Ethics Board approval may be required.

MOVED (P. Capon/J. Flett) that the university data that is already in existence at Lakehead University under Institutional Analysis be released for Dr. Klein's research purposes.

CARRIED

6.4 Update on the Kendaasiwin Daycare Facility

Dr. Brian Stevenson updated the O-AGC on the Kendaasiwin Project and presented the draft Powerpoint slides to be used in the promotion of the Kendaasiwin project in all of its phases.

O-AGC gave approval in principle to going forward with the keynote presentation. Dr. Stevenson will be giving this presentation to the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Chiefs later this week.

6.5 Faculty of Law Update

Dr. Rod Hanley noted that search is underway for the founding Dean of the Law School. Search Committee has reviewed its terms of reference and has begun to receive applications. In January the Search Committee will produce a short list for interviews and hopefully, following interviews will be in a position to make offer to a candidate.

Dean of the Faculty of Law will hire new faculty and propose new curriculum through the Senate process. Advisors for the Faculty of Law involved with the facility renovations and are putting together a Law Library.

The admissions criteria must be established early this year to accept 55 students to begin in September 2013. LSATs will be required although the emphasis placed on those scores will be determined by Lakehead

University.

6.6 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Dr. Peggy Smith will update O-AGC at a later date.

6.7 Research Ethics Board appointment

Dr. Sandra Wolf has resigned from the Research Ethics Board and therefore O-AGC needs to appoint a representative to fill that vacancy.

MOVED (B. Sabourin/J. Flett) that Dr. Christopher Mushquash be appointed as the O-AGC representative to the Senate Research Ethics Board commencing immediately through to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

7. Other Business

7.1 Academic Plan Action Plans Update

Dr. Moira McPherson will be asked to present an update at the O-AGC in January 2012.

8. Updates/Reports

The following reports were distributed with the meeting materials prior to the meeting.

8.1 Aboriginal Education – Dr. John Hodson

8.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives – Ms. Beverly Sabourin

There will be special event on December 1st to present Dr. Phil Fontaine with his Honorary Degree which he was unable to accept when offered a few years ago.

Also, a ceremony opening the aboriginal art collection donated by George Ward will take place on November 22nd at PACI.

8.3 Board of Governors – Ms. Nancy Bouchard

8.4 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee – Dr. Peggy Smith

Dr. Peggy Smith will update O-AGC at a later date.

8.5 Native Nurses Entry Program – Ms. Sandra Cornell

8.6 Orillia Campus – Dr. Kim Fedderson

- 8.7 Senate – Dr. Sandra Wolf
- 8.8 Senate Research Ethics Board – Dr. Sandra Wolf

9. Information Items

- 9.1 Request for Representative – Search Committee – Founding Dean, Faculty of Law

Dr. Peggy Smith has been acclaimed to serve as the O-AGC representative on the Search Committee for the Founding Dean, Faculty of Law.

- 9.2 President's Report to the Board – November 4, 2011 was distributed.
- 9.3 "The Future of Aboriginal Education at Lakehead University" – Presentation by Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux was circulated with the meeting materials.
- 9.4 The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2011 are available on the O-AGC website at http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/OAGCNov2111/O-AGC_Advisors_Minutes_16Sept11.pdf.

10. Adjournment

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

Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary