

**REPORT TO THE OGIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL,
LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
FROM
LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SENATE**

Submitted Monday, January 16, 2012, for Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council meeting
scheduled Monday, January 23, 2012.

**Reporting on Senate meetings held Wednesday December 7, 2011
Next Senate meeting scheduled for Friday January 20, 2012**

Senate Meeting on December 7th

- President Stevenson continues to establish and maintain relationships with communities in Northwestern Ontario. Through those relationships, the University has been and will continue to be successful in recruiting students, support, and sponsorship required for institutional stability and growth. Most recently, the President signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Wasaya Airlines that will support the development of a program through which Lakehead athletes will travel to the northern communities to work with youngsters as they mentor and support the academic trajectory of First Nations youth.
- The search for candidates for the founding Dean of the Faculty of Law is ongoing. Various community and professional organizations are involved in the search. Dr. Peggy Smith is a member of the search committee.
- The number of external grants to Lakehead University faculty members continues to increase. External grants are those funded by governmental or private agencies. Such grants support the strengthening of Lakehead University infrastructures and faculty capacity.
- The Office of the Vice President of Research, Economic Development and Innovation is pleased to announce a one-year pilot SSHRC Application Enhancement Program. This pilot program is designed to encourage and support researchers at Lakehead to begin preparation of their SSHRC applications in advance of the internal deadline, with the ultimate goal of increasing overall success rates. Workshops will begin January 2012. Sandra Wolf and others have been given approval to participate in that initiative.

Other Senate Activities

- President Stevenson, the Registrar's Office, and Aboriginal Initiatives organized a Special Convocation to honour Phil Fontaine, long-time First Nations advocate and activities. Fontaine was previously awarded a Doctor of Law by Lakehead University, but was unable to attend the ceremonies at that time. On December 1st, Fontaine was "hooded" by the Chancellor of Lakehead University. The ceremony was followed by a reception attended by a full complement of faculty and administrators, students, and First Nations community representatives, including young adolescents participating in a concurrent campus visit.

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