

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2012

2:00-4:00P.M.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

**In attendance**

Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program  
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation  
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council\*  
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations  
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Orillia Campus\*  
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors  
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies  
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology  
Ms. Nicole McKay, Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)

Mr. Timothy Michano, Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)  
Dr. John O'Meara, Education  
Mrs. Karen Roche, University Secretary  
Ms. Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)\*  
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator  
Dr. Peggy Smith, O-AGC Advisors Committee  
Dr. Michelle Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing  
Senator Ruth Wagner, Orillia Region Representative\*  
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment  
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

**Guests**

Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Student Affairs (Orillia Campus)\*

**Regrets**

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services  
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program  
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration  
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies  
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning  
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
Ms. Ingrid Green, Ontario Native Women's Association  
Ms. Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte, Native Access Program  
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education  
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education  
Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor (Orillia Campus)  
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences  
Dr. Greg Lowan, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning  
Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs  
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering

Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty, Psychology  
Ms. Judi Nelson-Childs, Ontario Native Women's Association  
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large  
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario  
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management  
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)  
Dr. Henri Saliba, Engineering  
Ms. Ethel Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities  
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus  
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President  
Ms. Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Fay Zoccole, Nanabijou Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (NAGE) Coordinator

\*Teleconference

## 1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Mr. Paul Capon, Acting Chair, welcomed members.

The Chair introduced the two new members, Mr. Timothy Michano and Ms. Nicole McKay, the LUNSA President and Vice-President, respectively. Both are students in the Political Science program at Lakehead University.

Everyone introduced themselves around the table.

It was noted that the approval for Dr. Sandra Wolf's tenure is going to the Board of Governors for approval.

Dr. Sandra Wolf led the opening prayer.

## 2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (K. Beardy/J. Flett) that the agenda for the January 23, 2012 meeting be approved.  
CARRIED

Dr. Moira McPherson will update the O-AGC on the Academic Plan at the next meeting.

O-AGC held a moment of silence for Mr. Orien A. Corbiere, a graduate of the Native Language Instructors' Program and Dr. Helen Smith, Associate Professor in History and Women's Studies.

## 3. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

## 4. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Hanley) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of November 21, 2011 be approved with the following amendment:

On page number four to use the word "request" rather than "pressure".

It was also mentioned that LUNSA would like to promote the sense of community and is willing to work with Dr. Klein. It was noted that LUNSA has been identified as one of the reasons students remain at Lakehead.

CARRIED

## 5. **New Business**

5.1 Discussion: Follow up on "Duty to Consult"

- Memo from Dr. Scott Hamilton for O-AGC consideration

Dr. Hamilton distributed a letter noting that private and government sectors seem to be failing in duty to consult, particularly mining companies.

Dr. Hamilton suggested the OAGC provide some direction.

The discussion resulted in a list of some ideas about how to proceed from here. These included:

- Providing a workshop on duty to consult
- Developing training modules (as a certificate program) to include world views on duty to consult, history, treaties, and best practices.
- Looking at working on a focus for best practice of community engagement – inviting representatives from communities, government, youth, etc. to speak in a neutral environment.
- Prepare a toolkit that could be posted to the Aboriginal Initiatives' website and link to Office of Research Services.

The Provost noted that this is an excellent opportunity for O-AGC Advisors to take on the role of identifying the direction Lakehead University will take with this sensitive and important issue.

Dr. Smith noted that she is working with Mr. Dennis McPherson and Ms. Annette Schroeter on putting the materials together to educate communities.

The increase in activity related to mineral development has resulted in challenges such as health, economic, and educational in communities surrounding the Ring of Fire. Thousands of jobs in the mineral development sector and related spin off jobs are anticipated. Aboriginal community involvement has been limited because the level of expertise needed is not present in the communities. Lakehead University may be able to bring certifications and educational training to these communities.

MOVED (J. Flett/ N. McKay) that the Ad Hoc Committee on Duty to Consult meet to discuss and identify options related to Lakehead University's involvement in training and education related to Duty to Consult in the Ring of Fire communities and that the Ad Hoc Committee bring recommendations back to the O-AGC for further discussion.

CARRIED

## 5.2 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

There were no other recommendations coming from the O-AGC Advisors.

## 5.3 Strengthening the input from external members

The Secretary spoke on behalf of the Chair, Ms. Nancy Bouchard pertaining to the O-AGC agendas going forward. The O-AGC has always included reports from the University on the agenda but the Chair is now requesting that external organizations also submit reports on issues or topics their organizations are addressing. If a member is more comfortable speaking to their priority issues, that would also be appreciated. Items can be added to the O-AGC agenda either by contacting Karen Roche or at the meeting when the motion to approve the agenda is made.

5.4 O-AGC Representative on the Search Committee for a Vice-President (External Relations)

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Hanley) that Judy Flett be appointed as the O-AGC representative to the Search Committee for the Vice-President (External Relations).

CARRIED

**6. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Updates/Reports**

The following reports were accepted:

7.1 Aboriginal Education – (Dr. John Hodson)

7.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives – (Ms. Beverly Sabourin)

7.3 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee

There was no report presented. A meeting will be held with Dr. Stevenson, President to discuss the next steps and a report will be presented at the next O-AGC meeting.

7.4 Lakehead University Native Students Association

Ms. Nicole McKay reported that there are now six LUNSA members in the office which is used Monday through Friday. LUNSA recently posted a number of events, including volleyball nights, with community being emphasized.

ACSS collaborated with LUNSA to celebrate with a Christmas Feast.

LUNSA elections will be planned for March or April so that the executive members are in place by the beginning of the academic year.

7.5 Native Nurses Entry Program – (Ms. Sandra Cornell)

7.6 Orillia Campus – (Dr. Kim Fedderson)

7.7 Senate – (Dr. Sandra Wolf)

## 8. Information Items

8.1 The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2011 are available on the O-AGC website at [http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/OAGC23Jan12/Approved\\_O-AGC\\_Advisors\\_Minutes\\_17Nov11.pdf](http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/OAGC23Jan12/Approved_O-AGC_Advisors_Minutes_17Nov11.pdf).

8.2 The Faculty of Graduate Studies offered free pizza and drinks to all senior level undergraduate students to go to the Faculty Lounge and have graduate student ambassadors present. The NAGE Coordinator indicated about 60 students participated. The goal is to encourage internal aboriginal recruitment for graduate students.

## 9. Adjournment

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Hanley) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Paul Capon, Vice-Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary