

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

ADVISORS COMMITTEE FOR THE OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

MINUTES
MONDAY JANUARY 9, 2012
2:00-3:00PM
ATAC 3004

- Present:** Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor, Orillia Campus (via teleconference)
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Kinesiology
Dr. Greg Lowan, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. Michelle Marie Spadoni, Nursing
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator
Dr. Peggy Smith, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Ms. Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Fay Zoccole, NAGE Coordinator
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science & Environmental Studies
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
- Guests:** Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Research Assistant, Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal Faculty Project
- Recording:** 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
Ms. Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
Mrs. Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte, Native Access Program
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering (Dean's Alternate)
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work, Orillia Campus
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Education Elder in Residence & Aboriginal Faculty
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
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
Dr. Sree Kumari Kurissery, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)

1. **Introductions and welcome to new members**

Dr. P. Smith, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee welcomed everyone and introduced new committee members: Ms. April Jones, Ms. Tracey Larocque, Dr. Greg Lowan, Dr. Michelle Spadoni and Ms. Fay Zoccole.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following amendments:

- a) ITEM #6 a) – Add Item
Selection of Chair/Co-Chair Position under new business
- b) Item #4 b) – Renumbered
Move Ms. Suzanne Tardif's presentation to the beginning of the meeting, so that Dr. J. Hodson can be available for the entire presentation and any potential questions afterwards.

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty: Presentation by Suzanne Tardif on discussions at Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Aboriginal Academic Forum held in Vancouver in November 2011, and update on questionnaire

Ms. Suzanne Tardif gave a presentation on discussions held at Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) Aboriginal Academic Forum in Vancouver on November 11-13, 2011.

She advised the committee that the main topics included: Recognizing and Naturalizing Indigenous Knowledge in the Academy; Promotion Tenure and Renewal; and Next Steps Moving Forward. Other key topics included: The role of Elders in colleges and universities; managing work/life balance; negotiating racial diversity in the classroom; and working conditions for Aboriginal academics.

Ms. Tardif also noted that she has been working with Ms. Beverly Sabourin and Dr. John Hodson to organize another presentation on these discussions to Deans' Council.

Dr. J. Hodson also provided an update on the questionnaire and noted that there was a 90% response rate from participants. A written update will be available for the Advisors Committee in approximately 60 days time.

- b) Academic Plan Action Plans Update

Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost for the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will be presenting an update to the O-AGC at their meeting on January 23rd.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of November 17, 2011 were approved with the following revisions:

It was noted that there are approximately four years left in the Lakehead University Faculty Association Agreement. A. Dokuchie will revise the minutes reflect this and will post them on the O-AGC website.

5. **Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) Draft Agenda for January 23, 2012 – attached**

The committee reviewed the agenda as distributed.

The Chair also noted that due to confidentiality concerns the draft minutes for the O-AGC meeting will no longer be circulated with the meeting materials. She will be receiving a copy of them prior to the Advisors Committee meeting and will bring forward any business arising from these minutes if required.

6. **New Business**

- 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 O-AGC Advisors Committee for a number of years and is wondering if anyone would be interested in serving as Co-Chair. She also noted that Dr. Sandra Wolf and Ms. Lisa Wabange acted as Co-Chairs during her sabbatical last year.

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

- a) Aboriginal specific programs

Aboriginal Research Facilitator

A. Schroeter advised the committee that she has received a letter from Dr. Scott Hamilton, Professor, Anthropology regarding a court imposed injunction from Wahgoshig First Nation. She is going to follow up with Dr. Hamilton to see if he would be agreeable to sharing this correspondence with O-AGC.

A. Schroeter also advised that Dr. Scott Hamilton had received another letter from Chief Donny Morris of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation (Big Trout Lake) regarding the preservation and storage of historical community records such as cassettes and videotapes, etc.

B. Sabourin noted that a letter had also been sent to President Stevenson regarding this issue and that a meeting is going to be scheduled in January to explore possible options.

Dr. M. Spadoni mentioned that she had a colleague who did something similar at the University of Manitoba with the Archives of Manitoba. She is going to follow up with her colleague to find out where funding was obtained.

A. Schroeter also advised that something similar was done in terms of archiving historical records at the University of Northern British Columbia. She is going to follow up with her colleagues at UNBC to see how this project was implemented and where exactly funding was obtained.

Dr. G. Lowan noted that Dr. Iseke, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Education has a video research lab to preserve old tapes at the Faculty of Education.

Dr. P. Smith noted that a few years ago she and Dennis McPherson had developed a presentation with respect to “Duty to Consult”. Given the current issues surrounding the “Ring of Fire” she has suggested revisiting this issue and perhaps bringing it back to O-AGC for further discussion. A. Schroeter has offered to assist her in tailoring her presentation to the different faculties. A. Dokuchie will add this to the O-AGC Advisors Committee Agenda of April 2, 2012.

Native Nurses Entry Program

S. Cornell advised the committee that the Native Nurses Entry Program will be moving from 1294 Balmoral Centre to their newly renovated and redecorated space in the Braun Building sometime toward the end of January. Their new room number will be BB 1045.

Nanabijou Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (NAGE)

F. Zoccole advised the committee that the mandate for the Nanabijou Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement (NAGE) program is to support the development Aboriginal Master’s and Doctorate level students. These include First Nations (status and non status), Métis and Inuit. Another objective the program is to encourage current third and fourth year aboriginal undergraduate students to pursue graduate studies at Lakehead University. Most recently she had coordinated two holiday gatherings which were held in December 2011.

Kendaasiwin Steering Committee

Dr. P. Smith advised that she will be giving a presentation regarding the Kendaasiwin Centre to the Board of Governors’ and their meeting in January.

She also noted that the Kendaasiwin Centre is a part of a larger vision of President Stevenson’s entitled the *Kendaasiwin Project* and that there are several other components to this project which include: Telepresence, Daycare Facilities and the Achievement Fund. The Kendaasiwin Centre has been put on hold at this time, so that it can be streamlined with the other components of the project.

Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor, Orillia Campus

A. Jones noted that she has been meeting with Aboriginal organizations in the Orillia area as well as conducting visits to surrounding Aboriginal communities. A traditional teaching series with Elders is also being planned at the Orillia Campus.

8. Upcoming Meetings

- a) The upcoming O-AGC Advisors Committee meetings are scheduled for the following:
- February 13, 2012
 - April 2, 2012

All meetings will be scheduled from 2:00-3:00p.m. in AT 3004.