

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2012

2:00-4:00P.M.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

In attendance

Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
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. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor (Orillia Campus)*

Mr. Timothy Michano, Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Mrs. Karen Roche, University Secretary
Ms. Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Peggy Smith, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Senator Ruth Wagner, Orillia Region Representative*
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education*

Guests

Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost, Office of the Provost & Vice-President (Academic)

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
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. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Greg Lowan, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Nicole McKay, Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)
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
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator
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. Michelle Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing
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. Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
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**

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Bruce Beardy led the opening prayer.

2. **Guest Presentation**

The presentation by Mr. Colin Bruce, Chair of the Board of Governors at Lakehead University regarding the Lakehead University Board of Governors restructuring has been postponed to the April O-AGC meeting.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Sabourin/T. Pile) that the agenda for the February 27, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (P. Smith/B. Sabourin) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of January 23, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

6. **New Business**

The discussions pertaining to the “Ayaminaaniwan – Having a Voice” have been postponed to the April O-AGC meeting.

7. **Other Business**

7.1 Reports from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

The Chair noted that written reports are not required and asked for any updates from organizations.

N. Bouchard noted that programming at Anishinabek Employment and Training Services (AETS) will be wrapping up at the end of March. Currently AETS is waiting to hear if they will receive funding for ENABLE which is a 20-week employment and skills based program designed to assist Aboriginal people in overcoming employment barriers by offering

training, skills development and educational programs to achieve their goals.

T. Pile advised that elections will be held in May for the Provisional Council for the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) Executive and Regional Councillors across the province of Ontario. Each elected position will be appointed for a four-year term. This also includes his current position as Secretary-Treasurer with the Métis Nation of Ontario.

7.2 Academic Plan Action Plans

Dr. M. McPherson spoke to the O-AGC on the February 1, 2012 draft of the Academic Plan and the Action Plans. The Plan will be going forward to the Senate for approval in March.

7.3 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Dr. P. Smith noted that the Academic Plan states a commitment to social justice through the following strategies:

- Expand training and instruction for faculty, staff, and students in order to develop awareness and sensitivity to issues related to social justice.
- Increase faculty, staff, and students' awareness and appreciation of Indigenous knowledge and Aboriginal realities.
- Enhance academic support for diverse groups of learners and mature students.
- Ensure clear policies, procedures and supports are in place to address issues of discrimination.
- Building on our experience of cultural diversity, engage and support newcomers in our community through our academic programs, faculty, staff, and student recruitment, research, and services.

7.3.1 MOVED (P. Smith/R. Wagner) that the O-AGC supports in principle the Lakehead University 2012-2017 Academic Plan.
CARRIED

8. Updates/Reports

The following reports were accepted:

8.1 Aboriginal Education

Mr. B. Beardy explained that a new Ojibway language course is being developed that will be offered as an immersion style course using the local dialect.

8.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

The Achievement Fund scholarship MOU has been developed with the Catholic School Board. The date for signing will be announced in the future. This opportunity will be available to thirty-five local young students. They will be encouraged to complete high school, participate in events during the summer at Lakehead University, and to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Ms. Beverly Sabourin discussed the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee. Plans are underway to have the Chronicle Journal publish articles monthly that will promote diversity. A list of individuals that could be contacted to write articles will be created.

Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison Advisor in Orillia, discussed the Elders Teaching Program that has been very well received in Orillia. Most of the attendees are individuals from the Orillia community area although some students are attending. Several other recruitment activities were reviewed as well.

8.3 Board of Governors'

Ms. Nancy Bouchard reported on the recent activities of the Board of Governors' meetings and the Board Retreat.

Mr. Colin Bruce sent his apologies and will attend the April meeting of O-AGC to explain the recommendations of the Task Force and the changes that the Board is adopting related to the size and structure of the Board and its committees.

Dr. Peggy Smith noted that the reduction in the size of the Board will be achieved through attrition. No one will be asked to leave the Board.

8.4 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee

Dr. P. Smith noted that Dr. Stevenson will be asking for funding for the Kendaasiwin project. A fund-raising brochure is being developed for the Kendaasiwin building. Dr. Stevenson has planned to lobby for the Kendaasiwin building in Ottawa this spring. It will be Lakehead University's number one ask for funding. The Kendaasiwin Steering Committee will be meeting with Dominion Construction to discuss "design build" approach and how it works.

8.5 Lakehead University Native Students Association

Mr. Timothy Michano noted that plans for the Pow Wow are moving along smoothly. A reprint of the poster is anticipated shortly and will be circulated to members.

8.6 Native Nurses Entry Program

8.7 Orillia Campus

8.8 Senate

Dr. S. Wolf discussed the highlights of the Senate Report. She noted that the Lakehead University Research & Innovation Week was a success. She expressed appreciation to Ms. Annette Schroeter for her work on Aboriginal Research Day. The Talking Circle was well attended and will be planned for another time.

8.9 Senate Research Ethics Board

Dr. P. Smith updated the O-AGC on the recent changes to the Research Ethics Board. The REB has been under the authority of Senate but will report to the Board of Governors rather than Senate as required by the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2.

9. Information Items

9.1 The Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2012 are available on the O-AGC website at http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/OAGCFeb2712/For_approval_O-AGC_Advisors_Minutes_9Jan12.pdf.

9.2 Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA) Pow Wow poster was distributed.

10. Adjournment

MOVED (T. Pile/B. Sabourin) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED