

Lakehead

UNIVERSITY

ADVISORS COMMITTEE FOR THE OGIMAAWIN/ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

2:00-4:00 P.M.

ATAC 3004

- Present:** Lisa Wabange, Co-Chair, AMC Advisors Committee & Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator
Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer
Dr. Andrew Dean, Dean, Science & Environmental Studies
Dr. Alice den Otter, Chair, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus (via teleconference)
Dr. Moira McPherson, Acting Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Dean, Social Sciences & Humanities
Frank Cappadocia for Dr. K. Feddersen, Orillia Campus (via teleconference)
- Recording:** Ashley Dokuchie, Secretary, Advisors Committee for the Ogimaawin/Aboriginal Governance Council
- Regrets:** Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Gloria Hendrick-Laliberte, Native Access Program
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Heather Moynihan, Engineering (Dean's Alternate)
Ian Peltier, Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work, Orillia Campus
Dr. Peggy Smith, Former Chair, AMC Advisors Committee
Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dolores Wawia, Education Elder in Residence & Aboriginal Faculty
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Co-Chair, AMC Advisors Committee, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Philip Hicks, Dean, Graduate Studies
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Dr. Henri Saliba, Engineering
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)

1. **Introductions**

L. Wabange, Co-Chair of the AMC Advisors Committee welcomed everyone. Each person introduced themselves around the table and via teleconference.

2. **Presentation of the Academic Plan – Dr. M. McPherson, Acting Vice-President (Academic) & Provost**

M. McPherson, Chair of the Academic Planning Committee took a moment to introduce herself and fellow Academic Planning Committee member, G. Siddall, Dean, Social Sciences and Humanities.

M. McPherson provided a background about the development of the Academic Plan. She noted that Academic Planning Committee was struck from the Terms of Reference of the Senate Academic Committee and that they had started meeting as a committee in October 2010. They had been looking at where Lakehead University is today, understanding the challenges we are facing and examining strengths and weaknesses. Following a series of meetings, the consultation document was developed which includes a set of priorities and strategies and presents a vision for the next 5 years. On March 17, 2011, the Academic Planning Committee moved into the consultation phase and have been engaging in a series of discussions with the university community.

Following the consultation phase the Academic Planning Committee will review all recommendations, common themes will be extracted, and then the proposed priorities and strategies will be revisited. The committee will then rework the academic plan to include recommendations and will then begin to draft an action plan.

L. Wabange reviewed her recommendations for the Academic Plan. She discussed having proper space and resources and referred to page 35 of the Gichi-Kendaasiwin: Higher Education, Higher Learning at Lakehead University 2010-2013 report. She also discussed the need for Aboriginal staff at the Orillia Campus and the importance of connecting to Aboriginal communities.

J. Hodson discussed the significance of including a section in the Academic Plan relating to social justice. This section would include strategies to address the realities faced by Aboriginal peoples and communities. He then went on to further discuss post-colonial realities such as social issues, access to education, addressing issues of going to university, etc.

The committee then went on to discuss the importance of the connecting with communities. A. Schroeter noted the importance distance delivery to the remote communities and accessibility to education. Y. Wanakamik reinforced the importance of connecting with communities and noted that reaching out and making connections to these communities is vital. She had indicated the value of finding ways to get those Aboriginal graduates of Lakehead University back to the community to make connections and foster education growth in their communities.

G. Siddall discussed the Humanities 101 program and its connection to the local community. She noted that this program provides additional supports such as childcare and that there is involvement by a local community service organization.

M. McPherson noted that consultation process is well underway and if you are interested in providing comments by email please send them by the end of May. This information has been sent through communications bulletin.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. **Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2011**

The AMC Advisors Committee meeting minutes of April 4, 2011 were approved as distributed and will be posted on the AMC website for Council's review.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Review and approve the updated Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire

The committee approved the Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty survey with the following revisions:

- Move 'Aniin, Booshoo, Waachiye' above "Dear potential participant and put 'Hello'
- Insert 'and' between 'Principal Investigator' and 'Lisa Wabange' in the first sentence in the first paragraph.
- Remove 'As you have self-identified as Aboriginal,' in the first paragraph
- Change the deadline date to October 3, 2011
- On the second paragraph of the second page, remove 'The anonymous data will be used to provide the AMC with information for planning, and for no purpose other than internal management.'
- Several additional typographical errors were identified as well.

L. Wabange will be updating the survey.

J. Hodson had suggested including a clause requesting every respondent print a copy of their responses to keep for their files. It was noted that it might not be possible to print responses via survey monkey and that sending the questionnaire by email would not assure confidentiality. The research team will look into this further.

It was noted that those who are Aboriginal faculty from the Faculty of Education do not have a direct reporting relationship with J. Hodson, Chair of the Aboriginal Education Department.

Susan Wright, Research Ethics and Administrative Officer had suggested including a small literature review. It was noted that it might not be required, as these results will not be published and are for internal use only. The research team will review this in further detail and will provide an update at the fall meeting.

- b) Review and approve the draft contract to conduct the research

The draft contract to conduct research was approved with the following revision:

- In the draft report section on page 2, second bullet, change 'Methods' to 'Method'

L. Wabange will be updating the draft contract.

6. New Business

- a) There was no new business.

7. Information Items

- a) L. Wabange advised everyone that this was her last meeting as Co-Chair of the AMC Advisors Committee and that a new chair for the will be selected in September 2011.

8. Meetings

- a) The upcoming AMC Advisors Committee meetings are scheduled for the following:
- September 12, 2011
 - October 3, 2011
 - November 14, 2011
 - January 9, 2012
 - February 6, 2012
 - April 2, 2012

All meetings are from 2:00-4:00p.m. in AT 3004.