



**OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)**

**February 26, 2018**

**2:30pm – 4:30pm**

**ATAC 5036 (Thunder Bay) & OA 3007 (Orillia)**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance**

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| Ms. Denise Baxter (Videoconference) | Ms. Crystal Gionette            | Dr. Chander Shahi                           |
| Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair           | Ms. April Head                  | Mr. Robin Sutherland                        |
| Mr. Paul Capon                      | Ms. Tannis Kastern              | Ms. Valerie Stortini<br>(Teleconference)    |
| Ms. Anna Chief                      | Dr. Nancy Luckai                | Ms. Yolanda Twance                          |
| Dr. Paul Cormier                    | Elder Gerry Martin (Vice-Chair) | Mr. Howard Twance                           |
| Ms. Ann Dumyn (Teleconference)      | Dr. Raymond Neckoway            | Ms. Allysha Wassegijig<br>(Videoconference) |
| Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary       | Dr. John O'Meara                |   |
| Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau             | Ms. Bryanna Scott               |   |

**Regrets**

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| Dr. David Barnett          | Mr. John Kimball      | Dr. Todd Randall                 |
| Ms. Janice Battiston       | Dr. Rhonda Koster     | Dr. Lana Ray                     |
| Ms. Kathy Beardy           | Ms. Tracey Larocque   | Dr. Robert Robson                |
| Dr. Michel Bedard          | Mr. Dennis McPherson  | Dr. Ulf Runesson                 |
| Dr. Bahram Dadgostar       | Dr. Moira McPherson   | Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni       |
| Mr. John DeGiacomo         | Ms. Elizabeth Michano | Dr. Roger Strasser               |
| Prof. Angelique EagleWoman | Ms. Heather Moynihan  | Dr. Cynthia Wesley-<br>Esquimaux |
| Ms. Serena Essex           | Ms. Joy Nieminen      |                                  |
| Mr. Christopher Glover     | Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr    |                                  |
| Ms. Lisa Harris            | Mr. Tim Pile          |                                  |
| Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans      |                       |                                  |

**Guests**

- Dr. Patricia Dawn Mills, Associate Director for Indigenous Natural Resources, Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration, Lakehead University
- Ms. Marcie Morrison, Assistant University Secretary (Recorder) (Lakehead University)

Dr. P. Dawn Mills joined the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:31pm.

Elder Gerry Martin led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (G. Martin) that the agenda be approved.  
CARRIED

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time in the meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The draft minutes of the November 27, 2017 meeting were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (P. Capon) that the minutes of the meeting held on November 27, 2017 be approved as corrected.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes (not on the Agenda elsewhere)

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair's report was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

5.1 Proposed Indigenous Certificate in Geological Studies Presentation

The agenda and a brief summary of the Indigenous Certificate in Geological Studies information session taking place on March 14, 2018

was attached to the Chair's report for information.

Dr. Mills was invited to address the group and she shared a presentation on the proposed program. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Goals
- List of organizations who will be attending the meeting on March 14, 2018.

O-GAC members were invited to attend the session.

Mr. Capon joined the meeting during item 5.1.

6. Appointment(s) to the O-AGC from the Aboriginal Community

6.1 Aboriginal Member from the Orillia Campus Region

The Secretary provided background information and reported that the Vice Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives is actively seeking an individual to fill this vacancy.

7. Appointment to Other University Bodies and Committees

7.1 Representative to the Lakehead University Senate

The Secretary provided background information.

The Chair called for volunteers and there was a discussion about the time commitment of this position.

MOVED that Ms. Crystal Gionette be appointed to replace Mr. Deschamps as the O-AGC representative on the Senate, effective immediately to June 30, 2019, pursuant to article 3.3b of the O-AGC Bylaws, and to appoint Ms. April Head as a replacement in the event that Ms. Gionette does not continue as a full time employee of Lakehead University when her current temporary position ends.

8. O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee Update

The Secretary provided background information and the Chair called for volunteers.

By consensus, the O-AGC appointed Mr. Twance to fill the external member position on the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee.

9. Lakehead/Georgian Pathway into the Indigenous Languages Teacher Development ILTD Program

An update on the development of the Indigenous Language Teacher's Diploma Program between Lakehead University and Georgian College was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

A discussion ensued regarding the accreditation of the credit, administrative processes, student support and certification.

By consensus, the O-AGC agreed to support, in principle the Georgian College offering of the Lakehead University Indigenous Language Teacher Diploma Program.

10. Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

The Council received updates from the following organizations:

- Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Ms. Stortini)
- Seven Generations (Mr. Twance)
- Matawa First Nations (Mr. Capon)
- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (Ms. Bouchard)

11. Proposed Board/Senate/O-AGC Liaison Event

Ms. Eccles was invited to provide background information and an update on the planning of this event. Reporting that the Lakehead University Board of Governors Learning & Research Committee recently met and discussed the possibility of holding a joint event in early January 2019, once the new Strategic and Academic Plans have been approved and implemented. The

session would focus on how the Strategic Plan, Academic Plan, and the O-AGC Strategic Plan are interlaced and work together to reach the University's overall strategic priorities and mandate. It was also recommended that the University Secretariat strategically invite, and when possible, seat together members of the Board, Senate and O-AGC, at relevant University events over the year.

The Council discussed the O-AGC Strategic Plan and the next review date of April 2018.

On April 24, 2017 the O-AGC participated in a Lakehead University strategic plan consultation session and provided input for the new 2018-23 Strategic Plan. An inquiry was made about a follow-up session that would give them the opportunity to review the draft plan. The Secretary will report back on this inquiry.

Mr. Cormier left the meeting.

## 12. Informational Items

### 12.1 Aboriginal Education Report

A report from the Aboriginal Education Faculty of Education was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

### 12.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

A report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for the period of November 20, 2017 – February 15, 2018 was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

### 12.3 Board of Governors Report

A report of the February 9, 2018 open session of the Board of Governors meeting was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

### 12.4 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report

A report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation for the period of November 20, 2017 – February 28, 2018 was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

12.5 Joint SAC/O-AGC Report

A report of the February 12, 2018 Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub Committee meeting was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

12.6 Indigenous Curriculum Specialist Report

A report from the Indigenous Curriculum Specialist for the period of November 20, 2017 – February 15, 2018 was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

12.7 Native Nurses Entry Program (NNEP) Report

A report on activities of the Native Nurses Entry Program for the period of September 22, 2017 – February 26, 2018 was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

There was a discussion regarding a request from the NNEP Coordinator to consider changing the composition of the O-AGC to include a member from the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

This recommendation will go forward to the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee.

12.8 President's Report

The President's February 2018 report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information and is also available online at [www.lakeheadu.ca](http://www.lakeheadu.ca).

Dr. McPherson prepared a written report providing an update on the following:

- Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre project
- New space for Aboriginal Initiatives
- Expansion of the Native Access Program
- President's Council on Truth & Reconciliation
- OSHKI partnership
- Research & Innovation Week sessions with an Indigenous focus
- Memorandum of Understanding with Rama First Nation
- New full-time Aboriginal Initiatives Coordinator position at the Orillia campus

12.9 Presidential Search Committee Website – <https://goo.gl/ijMSAE>

12.10 Members were reminded of the next meeting on Monday, April 30, 2018 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm, in Telepresence Room (AT 5041 & OA 2020).

### 13. Other Business

The location of this meeting was discussed. Members agreed that they prefer the ATAC rooms rather than the Senate Chambers or the Governance Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:41pm.