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

**September 26, 2016**

**2:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Governance Conference Room UC2001**

**MINUTES**

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**In attendance**

Mr. Bruce Beardy  
Ms. Kathy Beardy  
Mr. Paul Capon, Chair  
Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary  
Mr. Gilbert Deschamps  
Prof. Angelique EagleWoman  
Dr. Kim Feddersen (Videoconference)\*  
Dr. Donald Kerr

Dr. Moira McPherson  
Dr. Raymond Neckoway  
Dr. John O'Meara  
Mr. Tim Pile  
Dr. Ulf Runesson  
Ms. Stephanie Seymour  
Dr. Peggy Smith  
Dr. Brian Stevenson

Mr. Robin Sutherland  
Mr. Howard Twance  
Ms. Yolanda Twance  
Ms. Allysha Wassegijig  
(Teleconference)\*  
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-  
Esquimaux

**Regrets**

Ms. Tina Armstrong  
Dr. David Barnett  
Mr. Tom Beardy  
Dr. Michel Bedard  
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Anna Chief  
Mr. Paul Cormier  
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar  
Ms. Brianna Decontie  
Mr. John DeGiacomo  
Dr. Leisa Desmoulins  
Ms. Karen Drake

Dr. Ruby Farrell  
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette  
Mr. Christopher Glover  
Ms. Lisa Harris  
Dr. Peter Hollings  
Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans  
Ms. Tracey Larocque  
Ms. Raven Linklator  
Elder Gerry Martin  
Mr. Dennis McPherson  
Ms. Elizabeth Michano  
Ms. Heather Moynihan

Dr. Christopher  
Mushquash  
Ms. Joy Nieminen  
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr  
Ms. Frances Picherack  
Ms. Marian Ryks-  
Szelekovszky  
Dr. Chander Shahi  
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni  
Dr. Roger Strasser

**Guests**

Mr. Lorne Clifford  
Ms. Marcie Morrison, Recorder

Mr. Ian McCormack  
Ms. Andrea Tarsitano

Ms. Angela Maltese

Ms. Tarsitano, Mr. McCormack and Mr. Clifford join the meeting.

The meeting was called to order.

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Opening Prayer:  
Dr. Smith led the opening prayer.

Welcome & Introductions:  
Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Guest Presentations

2.1 One Stop Student Services Centre

Ms. Tarsitano provided members with a presentation on the One Stop Student Services Centre. Highlights included:

- Project development process review from 2012 to present
- Goals
- Model example
- Benefits
- The Space: design principles and mock-up photos of what the space will look like

A discussion ensued regarding the services and staffing of the new space.

Ms. Tarsitano left the meeting.

2.2 AppArmor Demo

Mr. Clifford provided a presentation on the new MobileSafety app, "AppArmor." Highlights included:

- Background information
- Alternatives that were considered
- About "push" technology
- Consultation process
- Introductory video and overview of the new app

A discussion ensued regarding use and features of the new app.

Mr. Clifford left the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (T. Pile/K. Beardy) that the agenda for the meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. 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.

5. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on April 18, 2016 were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (P. Smith/R. Neckoway) that the minutes of the O-AGC meeting of April 18, 2016 and be approved.

CARRIED

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

6.1 Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) Membership

Ms. Eccles provided background information in support of item 6.1.1 and item 6.1.2.

6.1.1 MOVED (P. Smith/T. Pile) that Ms. Stephanie Seymour be appointed as a LUNSA voting member on O-AGC commencing November 1, 2016 through to October 31, 2017 pursuant to paragraph 3.1a(iii) of the O-AGC Bylaws.

Ms. Seymour declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting on this matter.

CARRIED

6.1.2 MOVED (P. Smith/T. Pile) that Ms. Brianna Decontie be appointed as a LUNSA voting member on O-AGC commencing immediately through to October 31, 2017 pursuant to paragraph 3.1a(iii) of the O-AGC Bylaws.

CARRIED

6.2 Update from the President on "The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015 Report"

The Secretary reported that the President plans to provide and update to the O-AGC on “The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015 Report” during the next meeting of the Council.

## 7. Other Business

### 7.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Mr. Capon provided members with a verbal update on the Matawa First Nations.

Mr. Pile provided members with a verbal update on the Metis Nation of Ontario.

Ms. Beardy provided members with a verbal update on the Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

Mr. Twance provided members with a verbal update on the Seven Generations Education Institute.

Dr. Stevenson and Dr. McPherson joined the meeting.

### 7.2 Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

#### 7.2.1 Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Implementation

Dr. Smith provided background information on the ICR and reported that the course content review process is complete and that the program has been implemented. The University is in the process of searching for an Indigenous Curriculum Specialist.

### 7.3 O-AGC Advisors Committee

Dr. Smith provided members with an update on current projects that the O-AGC Advisors Committee is working on.

### 7.4 Update on the Indigenous Community Engagement Session – June 28, 2016

Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux reported that the Indigenous Community Engagement Session on June 28, 2016 was a success and received positive feedback.

Dr. Smith left the meeting.

#### 7.5 O-AGC Nishtam Watabin Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee

The Secretary reported that the O-AGC Nishtam Watabin Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee met last week to discuss the draft Strategic Plan.

It was noted that the Ad Hoc Committee would provide a report to the O-AGC at their next meeting with recommendations on how to proceed with the development of the new plan.

Members were reminded of the Ad Hoc Committee's composition:

- Dr. Peggy Smith
- Mr. Tim Pile
- Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr
- Dr. Christopher Mushquash
- Ms. Barbara Eccles (support)

#### 8. New Business

##### 8.1 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

###### 8.1.1 Update on the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

Dr. Stevenson provided members with an update regarding the developments on funding efforts for the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre and announced that it is possible that the Centre will be "shovel ready" by January/February 2017. Members were encouraged to continue advocating on behalf of the Centre.

It was announced that the O-AGC Kendaasiwin Project Building Committee has been established and will be working closely with Indigenous communities to finalize the design and architecture of the new Centre.

A discussion ensued regarding the architecture, government relations activities, and fundraising for the new Centre.

Dr. Stevenson provided members with an update on the Achievement Program redesign and a brief discussion ensued.

###### 8.1.2 Appointing Members to the O-AGC Kendaasiwin Committee

The Secretary provide background information on the

establishment of the O-AGC Kendaasiwin Project Building Committee and announced the membership of the new Committee:

- Elder Gerry Martin
- Mr. Hugh Briggs, Director, Physical Plant
- Mr. Kevin Schlyter, Physical Plant
- Mrs. Kathy Pozihun, Vice-President, Administration and Finance
- Ms. Deborah Comuzzi, Vice-President, External Relations
- Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary to O-AGC
- Dr. Moira McPherson (or designate), Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
- Dr. Andrew Dean, Vice-President, Research and Economic Development and Innovation
- Dr. Kim Fedderson, Principal of Orillia, will be called on as needed

The O-AGC Kendaasiwin Project Building Committee will be holding their first meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2016.

A discussion ensued regarding the reestablishment of the Kendaasiwin Centre Steering Committee.

By consensus, the Kendaasiwin Centre Steering Committee was established for the purpose of advising the Kendaasiwin Project Building Committee and to appoint Mr. Gilbert Deschamps and Mr. Tim Pile as members of the Steering Committee.

The Secretary will circulate an email to O-AGC members soliciting volunteers to sit on the Steering Committee and an update on the membership of the Steering Committee will be brought forward during the next O-AGC meeting.

## 8.2 Lakehead University Chancellor Search 2016-2017

Dr. Stevenson provided information about the Chancellor Search process and encouraged members to submit nominations for Lakehead's next Chancellor. Members were assured that nominations are kept confidential.

A discussion ensued regarding the duties and responsibilities of the Lakehead University Chancellor.

Dr. Stevenson announced the new positions of the following O-AGC members:

- Ms. Eccles, Lakehead University General Counsel and University Secretary

- Dr. Smith, Lakehead University Interim Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
- Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux, Lakehead University Chair on Truth and Reconciliation

### 8.3 Update from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation at Lakehead University

Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux shared with members the terms of her new position as the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation and provided an overview of current internal and external projects that she is working on.

Dr. Stevenson left the meeting.

Mr. Deschamps was invited by the Chair to speak to the Council about his recent appointment in the new position of Director of Indigenous Relations, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law at Lakehead University.

A discussion ensued regarding plans for outreach to the Métis community.

### 8.4 O-AGC Membership

#### 8.4.1 Ontario Native Women's Association (ONWA) Membership

A biography of Ms. Linklater was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information only, pursuant to paragraph 4.9 of the O-AGC Bylaws.

The O-AGC voted on the appointment of Ms. Linklater as a new voting member to O-AGC using an electronic poll.

The following motion was distributed electronically on July 18, 2016 to all voting members and was passed on August 22, 2016. (In favour of Approval =11; Opposed =0; Abstained =0)

MOVED that Ms. Raven Linklater be appointed as the Ontario Native Women's Association representative on the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council pursuant to paragraph 3.1b(i) and paragraph 3.6a of the O-AGC By-Laws.  
CARRIED

#### 8.4.2 Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Membership

The Secretary provided background information.

MOVED (T. Pile/P. Smith) that Ms. Kathy Beardy be appointed as the Nishnawbe Aski Nation voting member on O-AGC effective

immediately pursuant to paragraph 3.1b(i) of the O-AGC Bylaws.  
CARRIED

MOVED (T. Pile/R. Neckoway) that Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette be appointed as an alternate member for Nishnawbe Aski Nation effective immediately pursuant to paragraph 3.8 of the O-AGC Bylaws.  
CARRIED

Ms. Maltese joined the meeting.

#### 8.5 Appointment of the O-AGC Representative on Senate

Ms. Eccles provided background information.

MOVED (R. Neckoway/T. Pile) that Dr. Peggy Smith be appointed as the O-AGC representative on Senate from November 17, 2016 to June 30, 2017 pursuant to paragraph 3.3b of the O-AGC Bylaws.  
CARRIED

#### 8.6 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of O-AGC

Members were provided with an overview of the roles and responsibilities of each position.

##### 8.6.1 Appointment of Chair of the O-AGC

MOVED (R. Neckoway/H. Twance) that Ms. Nancy Bouchard be elected as the Chair of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council for one year commencing October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 pursuant to paragraph 3.10 of the O-AGC Bylaws.

It was noted that Ms. Bouchard has been approached and would accepted the position as Chair of the O-AGC for a one year term if appointed.  
CARRIED

##### 8.6.2 Appointment of Vice-Chair of the O-AGC

The Chair called out for a volunteer to be elected as the Vice-Chair of the O-AGC for a one year term. There were no volunteers therefore this item was deferred to the next meeting.



Dr. McPherson left the meeting.

8.7 Proposed Board/Senate/O-AGC Liaison Event – November 24, 2016

Ms. Maltese, Chair of the Board Learning and Research Committee (BLRC), a standing committee of Lakehead University's Board of Governors, informed the Council that the BLRC's Terms of Reference have recently been amended to include the O-AGC in the list of organizations the Board facilitates annual liaison with to encourage communication, the understanding of each other's roles and to foster relationships. The list of organizations also includes the Senate, the Alumni Association and the Lakehead University Student Union. BLRC's Terms of Reference were also amended to include the position of the Lakehead University Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) as a resource for the Committee. The Board is working with Senate to hold a joint session on November 24, 2016, and wished to include the O-AGC in the session. The O-AGC agreed by consensus to participate.

A discussion ensued regarding the Board/Senate/O-AGC networking event planned for November 24, 2016 and Council members provided the following suggestions to be considered when planning the format of the event:

- Keynote speaker
- Theme: Truth and Reconciliation
- Blanket exercise
- Topics for discussion from the 94 calls for action from the Truth & Reconciliation Report
- Short performance from students

Dr. Kerr and Ms. Maltese left the meeting.

9. Reports & Items for Information

The following reports and items for information were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.1 Aboriginal Education

9.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

9.3 Chair's Report

9.4 Native Nurses Entry Program

9.5 Orillia Campus

Mr. McCormack left the meeting.

9.6 O-AGC Membership List

9.7 2016-2017 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

9.8 Media Release – Truth and Reconciliation Announcement

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.