

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

**2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**ATAC 3004**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance**

Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program  
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation  
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council\*  
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services  
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations  
Ms. Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment  
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program  
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies  
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors  
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario  
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary & Secretary of O-AGC  
Ms. Tamara Spence, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre

Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
Ms. Tanis Thompson, Ontario Native Women's Association  
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities  
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty, Natural Resources Management  
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing  
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President  
Dr. Lee Stuesser, Law  
Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Native Access Program  
Dr. Herman van den Berg, Acting Dean (Orillia Campus)\*  
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Acting Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee & Aboriginal Faculty, Education

**Guests**

Mr. Cameron Clark, Chair of Lakehead University Board of Governors

**Regrets**

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Dr. David Barnett, Engineering  
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Orillia Campus  
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration  
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning  
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation  
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies  
Dr. John Hodson, Chair & Associate Prof., Aboriginal Education  
Mr. Wilfred King, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
Dr. Sreekumari (Sree) Kurissery, Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus  
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education  
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology  
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences

Ms. Nicole McKay, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering  
Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs  
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology, Aboriginal Faculty  
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member  
Mr. Sarah Nelson, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
Dr. John O'Meara, Education  
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large  
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management  
Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)  
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus  
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

\*Teleconference

1. **Opening Prayer**

Dr. Sandra Wolf led the opening prayer.

2. **Welcome**

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair, welcomed everyone. The attendees introduced themselves around the table.

3. **Guest Presentations**

3.1 This item was postponed until after a discussion pertaining to the Law School Course and the related sit-in by students outside the President's Office.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (B. Stevenson/T. Pile) that the agenda for the February 25, 2013 meeting be approved as revised.

Dr. Brian Stevenson requested that the agenda be revised to allow Dr. Rodney Hanley the opportunity to update the O-AGC on the search for the Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives. He noted that the announcement has been held until the O-AGC was advised. Additionally, Dr. Lee Stuesser would provide an update on the issue related to the Law School Curriculum and the student protest.  
CARRIED

Dr. Rodney Hanley announced that an offer had been made and accepted for the position of the Vice-Provost Aboriginal Initiatives. Dr. Cynthia Wesley Esquimaux has accepted the position and is looking forward to working at Lakehead University. She will begin her employment on July 1, 2013. A media release will be sent out following this meeting.

Dr. Brian Stevenson summarized the issue around the Law School Calendar Changes and noted that the students are insisting that the Native World Views full year course be taught by Mr. Dennis McPherson and be a required course in the Law School Curriculum. Dr. Lee Stuesser met with Nishnawbe Aski Nation earlier today to explain the situation.

Dr. Lee Stuesser explained the development of the Law School program and how the dean's responsibility is to ensure that the students are receiving the courses they need to compete when they graduate. He noted that the Law School is committed to including Aboriginal issues and perspectives into its curriculum.

The Law School is working toward getting funding to be able to implement many of the ideas similar to NOSM in order to provide an Aboriginal community

component.

### **Mr. Cameron Clark – Proposed Strategic Plan 2013-2018**

Mr. Cameron Clark, Chair of the Board of Governors, summarized the development of the Strategic Plan noting that the Board is seeking endorsement from Senate and the O-AGC prior to its meeting in March. The Board has approved the draft Strategic Plan in principle and given a notice of motion on February 1<sup>st</sup> to approve the plan on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

At the Senate meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> Senate endorsed the Board's intention to approve the Strategic Plan on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Clark reviewed the input received and discussed how it was incorporated into the Plan. There were primarily three areas that needed some further attention:

- Mission & Vision Statements
- Community engagement
- Economic development

The Strategic Plan 2013-2018 has been available on-line and will be distributed to the O-AGC members. The Secretary will send out a request for an electronic vote asking O-AGC to endorse the Board's approval of the Plan.

Mr. Cameron Clark left the meeting.

#### **5. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### **6. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (S. Wolf/Y. Wanakamik) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of January 21, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

#### **7. Business Arising from the Minutes** (not on the Agenda elsewhere)

##### **7.1 Update on the Research Ethics Board (REB)**

Ms. Nancy Bouchard noted O-AGC could not make a recommendation for a faculty member on the REB and summarized what had been heard at O-AGC meetings. Ms. Bouchard noted that she had attended a meeting with the President and staff from the Research Office. The Terms of Reference including the composition were discussed particularly issues around Aboriginal representation on the REB and workload related to the

work of the REB. It was noted that Ms. Karen Drake is expected to return to REB next September; an Elder could be one of the community members on the REB; and if there were no Aboriginal faculty volunteers, then another faculty member who is extensively involved in Aboriginal research such as Dr. Kristin Burnett, Dr. Scott Hamilton, Dr. Harvey Lemelin, or Dr. Rhonda Koster could be asked.

The Chair will send an email to the Aboriginal faculty members asking if any are interested in serving on the REB. If no one responds then she will contact the non-aboriginal faculty members involved in Aboriginal research.

## 8. New Business

### 8.1 Appointment of Representative from the Ontario Native Women's Association

A Notice of Motion to appoint Ms. Tanis Thompson was distributed by email on February 11, 2013.

MOVED (P. Capon/Y. Wanakamik) that Ms. Tanis Thompson be appointed to replace Ms. Ingrid Green as the representative from the Ontario Native Women's Association on O-AGC.  
CARRIED

### 8.2 Appointment to the Lakehead University 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

The purpose of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be:

- Develop a timeline for the Anniversary Celebration;
- Determine the scope of celebration; a
- Approve Anniversary messages/graphics;
- Provide guidance on major activities; establish standards for involvement by external partners;
- Produce a draft document that will provide the University Community with an opportunity to review the celebration plans and guidelines and provide recommendations and input.

MOVED (T. Pile/P. Capon) that Ms. Judy Flett be appointed to the Lakehead University 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee effective immediately.  
CARRIED

## 9. Other Business

## 9.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Mr. Paul Capon noted that an invitation had been extended to the President' Breakfast in Toronto during the PDAC conference. The chiefs have been invited as well.

Mr. Tim Pile noted that the Annual General Assembly will be held in Toronto. Events will be held on Victoria Island. This will take place in August. The Daniels Case will be appealed and the Métis Land Claims court case outcome should be released shortly.

Matawa First Nations is planning a gathering on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Ministry of Northern Development Mines as well as FedNor will be attending and the regional framework will be announced.

## 9.2 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Dr. Sandra Wolf reported that motions will follow pertaining the completion of the Faculty Recruitment and Retention Report.

The strategic planning is moving forward.

Recruitment of a Chair or Co-Chair for the Advisors is underway.

Dr. Gillian Siddall noted that the requirement for Aboriginal content course has been an issue discussed by the Joint SAC/O-AGC. Faculty are being surveyed to determine what is available now with about 50% Aboriginal content and then the committee will determine which courses meet the criteria and whether there is a need to develop additional courses.

## 9.3 Recruitment & Retention of Aboriginal Faculty

Dr. Peggy Smith noted that the document has been finalized. She reviewed the recommendations that were prepared based on the report.

9.3.1 MOVED (T. Pile/S. Wolf) that the O-AGC accepts the recommendations received from the Advisors Committee pertaining to the Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal Faculty Report and approves forwarding these recommendations to the President.  
CARRIED

9.3.2 MOVED (S. Wolf/J. Flett) that a letter be sent from the O-AGC to Ms. Rosie Mosquito to acknowledge that recommendations have been forwarded to the President on improving the recruitment and

retention of Aboriginal faculty as a result of her letter from September 28, 2009.

A copy of the letter from Ms. Rosie Mosquito was distributed with the meeting material attached as well as the response that was sent to her on October 22, 2009 from Mr. Tim Pile, Former Chair of the Aboriginal Management Council.

CARRIED

Include in the letter that the research design and collection of information was conducted carefully and well executed.

#### 9.4 President's Update

Dr. Brian Stevenson reported that the Board of Governors approved site selection of the Kendaasiwin Centre the site of the Prettie Residence. This site provides a central location beside the lake, near a forested area, located on a direct route to the sweat lodge. This structure will be a teaching building that students will walk through learning art, culture, etc.

The Board has approved the \$2.5M expansion of the Nanabijou Daycare facility. Education students will be encouraged to work there.

First large donation on the Achievement Fund will be announced soon. For each \$2,500 raised, over the span of the program, the student can be funded through university program.

The University is working on the telepresence program.

Dr. Stevenson updated the O-AGC on partnering with universities in Mexico. A dialogue on how can cultural linkages be explored is planned. Mexican legislation is in place to protect culture and language.

A one-day conference is planned in Lethbridge. Dr. Stevenson will be attending with Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux and an Elder. Mexican Wise-People will also attend. The discussions are intended to promote graduate studies and research partnerships. Elders and wise people will be discussing how to integrate the communities and universities.

Lakehead University will try to attract faculty from Mexico to come to Lakehead University for Masters and PhDs. The Mexican government will pay for these faculty to upgrade their skills. Also students from Lakehead University will go to Mexico as exchange students.

### 10. Updates/Reports

The following reports were received:

- 10.1 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik)
- 10.2 Board of Governors' (Ms. Nancy Bouchard)
- 10.3 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee (Dr. Peggy Smith)
- 10.4 Lakehead University Native Students Association (Ms. Sarah Nelson & Ms. Nicole McKay)
- 10.5 Native Nurses Entry Program (Ms. Sandra Cornell)
- 10.6 Orillia Campus (Dr. Herman van den Berg, Acting Dean, Orillia Campus)
- 10.7 Senate (Dr. Sandra Wolf)
- 10.8 President's Report (Dr. Brian Stevenson) – This report is available on the Board of Governors' website at:  
[https://www.lakeheadu.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/22/President%27s%20Report%20to%20Board\\_0.pdf](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/22/President%27s%20Report%20to%20Board_0.pdf).

#### 11. Information Items

- 11.1 The O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2013 are available on the O-AGC website at:  
<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/283/docs/01-08-2013%20O-AGC%20Advisors%20Committee%20MINUTES%20approved.pdf>.
- 11.2 One City: Conversation, Collaboration, and Community Change (February 27 & 28, 2013)

#### 12. Upcoming O-AGC Meeting

- 12.1 April 15, 2013 – This meeting will be scheduled from 1:30-3:30p.m. in ATAC 3004.

#### 13. Adjournment

MOVED (S. Wolf/J. Flett) that the meeting be adjourned.  
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Nancy Bouchard, Chair

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Karen Roche, Secretary