



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Monday, May 14, 2018

9:00 – 11:00a.m.

AT 5041 (Thunder Bay) & OA 2020 (Orillia)

MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. David Barnett

Ms. Denise Baxter

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Mr. Paul Capon

Dr. Paul Cormier

Ms. Ann Dumyn*

(Teleconference)

Ms. Barbara Eccles,

Secretary

Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau

Mr. Christopher Glover*

(Videoconference)

Dr. Rhonda Koster

Ms. Ashley Lacourciere*

(Videoconference)

Elder Gerry Martin, Vice-Chair

Dr. Darrell Manitowabi*

(Teleconference)

Dr. Moira McPherson

Dr. Raymond Neckoway

Dr. John O'Meara

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Mr. Robin Sutherland

Ms. Valerie Stortini*

(Teleconference)

Ms. Allysha Wassegijig*

(Videoconference)

Regrets

Ms. Kathy Beardy

Dr. Michel Bedard

Dr. Bahram Dadgostar

Mr. John DeGiacomo

Ms. Anna Chief

Ms. Serena Essex

Ms. Lisa Harris

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans

Ms. April Head

Ms. Tannis Kastern

Mr. John Kimball

Ms. Tracey Larocque

Mr. Dennis McPherson

Dr. Moira McPherson

Ms. Elizabeth Michano

Ms. Heather Moynihan

Ms. Joy Nieminen

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Mr. Tim Pile

Dr. Nancy Luckai

Dr. Todd Randall

Dr. Lana Ray

Dr. Robert Robson

Dr. Ulf Runesson

Ms. Bryanna Scott

Dr. Chander Shahi

Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni

Dr. Roger Strasser

Ms. Yolanda Twance

Mr. Howard Twance

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-

Esquimaux

Guests

Mr. Toby Goodfellow, Chief of Staff, Office of the President

Ms. Ledah McKellar, Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Sustainability

Dr. Heather Murchison, Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis)

Mr. David Tamblyn, Chair, Lakehead University Board of Governors

Mr. Goodfellow, Dr. Murchison and Mr. Tamblyn joined the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 9:07am.

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

1. Approval of Agenda

By consensus, the agenda was approved as amended.

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 minutes of the February 26, 2018 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

By consensus, the minutes were approved.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

Ms. Bouchard referred to the two letters that were circulated with the meeting materials (item 5.1 and item 5.2) and opened the floor to discussion.

Mr. Tamblyn reported that the Board of Governors has responded to the senders, acknowledging the receipt.

Dr. McPherson reported that she has participated in several meetings with various internal and external Indigenous groups since the letters were received and has reached out to others. The University is working on some of the administration related recommendation that were suggested in the letters.

The group discussed items related to the recommendations that were suggested in the letters and other matters surrounding the resignation of the Dean of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law School, including:

- Next steps
- Feedback from faculty, staff and students of the law school
- Plans to address concerns arising from the resignation of the Dean of Law
- Communication strategies (public and internal)
- Recent appointment of the new Interim Dean of Law
- Initiation of the search for a new Dean of Law
- Supporting faculty with regards to delivering the Indigenous Content Requirement
- Membership of the Aboriginal Advisory Council and the O-AGC, specifically the participation record of the Fort William First Nation member
- Reaching out to the Fort William First Nation and the Anishinabek Nation to encourage participation on the O-AGC
- Reference to an article that was recently published in the media about the newly appointed Interim Dean of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law School

The Chair requested a report from the President following her meetings with representatives from the Fort William First Nation and the Anishinabek Nation.

5.1 Letter from Anishinabek Nation

A letter addressed to the Lakehead University Board of Governors and copied to O-AGC from Anishinabek Nation (dated April 23, 2018) was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

5.2 Letter from Fort William First Nation

A letter addressed to the Lakehead University Board of Governors and copied to O-AGC from Fort William First Nation (dated April 24, 2018) was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.

6. President's Report

Dr. McPherson provided a verbal report. Highlights included:

- Update on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Office of

Aboriginal Initiatives, Seven Generations Education Institute and Anishinabek Nation

- Ministry funding opportunity for summer telepresence program
- Update on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Advisory Committee
- Further discussion on the letters received and recent resignation of the Dean of Law was carried out during the Chair's Report

6.1 Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) Announcement, Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre at Lakehead University

A public memo released by MAESD on May 7, 2018 announcing Ontario's support in the development of the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information. Dr. McPherson provided further details on the project. A discussion ensued. The composition of the Steering Committee was discussed and it was noted that Dr. Peggy Smith is still involved with the project.

7. Integrated Planning

7.1 Academic Plan Update

Dr. Barnett and Dr. Murchison were invited to provide a presentation on the 2018-23 Academic Plan. Highlights included:

- review of Lakehead's approach
- integrating planning and budgeting (overview of five year plan)
- 2018-23 Academic Plan overview
- overview of draft academic plan four priorities
- engagement approach, opportunities for input

Discussions ensued regarding the Academic Plan timelines, the integration of Indigenous aspects within the four priorities of the Academic Plan and the composition of the Elder's Council.

Dr. Manitowabi left the meeting during the discussion about the Academic Plan.

7.2 Lakehead University 2018-23 Strategic Plan

The draft 2018-23 Strategic Plan was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Mr. Tamblyn and Dr. Murchison were invited to provide a presentation on the 2018-23 Strategic Plan. Highlights included:

- Current strategic and academic plan overview
- Development of the 2018-23 Strategic Plan (overview of framework)
- Overview of the stages of the internal/external consultation process (March-May 2017/June-November 2017/December 2017-February 2018)
- Overview of the alignment between the O-AGC strategic goals and the 2018-23 Strategic Plan

The council recognized that their feedback and suggestions made during the consultation processes of the new Strategic Plan have been integrated into the 2018-23 Strategic Plan. A discussion ensued.

MOVED (G. Martin) that the Lakehead University 2018-23 Strategic Plan be endorsed.

CARRIED

7.3 Aboriginal Self-Identified Student Statistics at Lakehead University Presentation:

Dr. Murchison was invited to provide a presentation. Highlights included:

- Indigenous student statistics (methodology)
- Number of indigenous students (estimates vs actuals)
- Estimated number of indigenous students (number and proportion)
- Indigenous population - actual number of self-declared students (identity type; by campus; academic level and study load; by faculty; 2017 graduates)
- Undergraduates - actual number of self-declared students (by faculty; one year retention rate; six year graduation rate)
- Graduate - actual number of self-declared students (by faculty)

A discussion ensued regarding how funding effects recruitment and enrolment, noting that the data provided excludes the international student population. A recommendation was made to include international student

population statistics in future reports.

7.4 Lakehead University Sustainability Action Plan Presentation 2018-23:

Ms. Ledah McKellar, Sustainability Coordinator – Office of Sustainability (Lakehead University) joined the meeting during the presentation above.

The draft Sustainability Action Plan was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information, hard copies were provided during the meeting.

Ms. McKellar was introduced and invited to provide an overview of the draft 2018-23 Lakehead Sustainability Action Plan. Highlights included:

- Executive summary
- Governance framework
- Action Plan breakdown: academics; operations; engagement

Ms. McKellar invited input and advice from the Indigenous community to influence the development of the Sustainability Action Plan thus far. A discussion ensued and members provided the following feedback:

- be mindful of Indigenous students' needs and the Indigenous student population
- Indigenous students are concerned about losing their voice and being replace by International students
- think about what sustainability really means – could it include the exchange/sharing of Indigenous traditions and beliefs with International students?

By consensus, O-AGC members agreed that a future session to further discuss the draft Sustainability Action Plan and how to integrate Indigenous elements would be beneficial. The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives agreed to assist with the planning of this session.

Ms. McKellar left the meeting.

7.5 Aboriginal Self-Identification for Faculty and Staff Presentation:

Ms. Baxter provided an update about the development of self-identifying

online survey and noted that that draft wording for the survey will be brought forward to the O-AGC at the next meeting. Timelines for implementation of the new survey were discussed.
Mr. Glover left the meeting.

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

8.1 Aboriginal Member from the Orillia Campus Region

Ms. Baxter was invited to provide background information and reported that a recommendation to fill this vacancy will be coming forward from Rama First Nation prior to the start of the new term.

8.2 O-AGC Member at Large

The Chair reported that Ms. Michano has been contacted and has agreed to the appointment.

MOVED (G. Martin) that Ms. Elizabeth Michano be appointed as the O-AGC Member-at-Large effective June 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

9. Appointment(s) to Other University Bodies and Committees

9.1 Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and the O-AGC (SAC/O-AGC)

The Secretary provided background information.

By consensus, the O-AGC agreed that Mr. Robin Sutherland be appointed to the SAC/O-AGC Sub Committee for a one-year term, effective immediately to June 30, 2019, pursuant to article 3.3c of the O-AGC Bylaws.

MOVED (M. McPherson) Dr. Raymond Neckoway be appointed to the SAC/O-AGC Sub Committee for a one-year term, effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, pursuant to article 3.3c of the O-AGC Bylaws
CARRIED

9.2 Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee

MOVED (M. McPherson) that Dr. Raymond Neckoway be appointed as the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, pursuant to paragraph 3.1a(vi) of the O-AGC Bylaws.
CARRIED

9.3 O-AGC Member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors

A letter from the Chair of the Board Governance & Nominating Committee was circulated in advance with the meeting package for information.

MOVED that Elder Gerry Martin be appointed as the O-AGC member on the Lakehead University Board of Governors term commencing September 2018 through to the annual Board of Governors meeting 2019.
CARRIED

9.4 Aboriginal Faculty Member on O-AGC

MOVED (G. Martin) that Dr. Paul Cormier be appointed as the Aboriginal faculty member on O-AGC effective July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020, pursuant to paragraph 3.1a(v) of the O-AGC Bylaws.
CARRIED

10. 2018-2019 O-AGC Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2018-19 O-AGC meeting schedule was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (P. Capon) that the 2018-2019 O-AGC meeting schedule be approved.
CARRIED

11. Updates from Indigenous Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Updates from the following organizations were provided:

- Aboriginal Advisory Council (Elder Gerry Martin)
- Matawa First Nations Management (Mr. Capon)
- Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Ms. Stortini)
- Anishinabek Employment & Training Services (Ms. Bouchard)

12. Joint SAC/O-AGC Report

Ms. Baxter reported on the recent amendments made to the Joint SAC/O-AGC composition and provided an update on the Committee's work in progress.

13. Informational Items

13.1 Aboriginal Education Report

Members received a report from the Aboriginal Education Faculty of Education in advance with the meeting materials.

13.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

Members received a report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (for the period of February 15, 2018 – May 14, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

13.3 Board of Governors Reports

Members received reports of the March 7 and April 26, 2018 Board of Governors meetings in advance with the meeting materials.

13.4 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report

Members received a report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (for the period of March 1, 2018 – April 30, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

13.5 Indigenous Curriculum Specialist Report

Members received a report from the Indigenous Curriculum Specialist (for the period of February 15, 2018 – April 13, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

13.6 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

Members received a report from the Native Nurses Entry Program (for the

period of September 22, 2017 – April 30, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

13.7 Updated Lakehead University Cultural Protocol Policy

The draft Lakehead University Cultural Protocol Policy (revised April 3, 2018) was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

13.8 Orientation Session and Next Meeting

Members were reminded of the O-AGC orientation session for all members on Monday, October 15, from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, in room AT5035 (Thunder Bay) and OA2005 (Orillia), immediately followed by the next O-AGC meeting from 1:30pm to 2:30pm (same location).

14. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35am.