



Lakehead
UNIVERSITY

**Ogimaawin/Aboriginal
Governance Council**

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2014

1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

GOVERNANCE CONFERENCE ROOM – UC 2001

MINUTES

In attendance

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Vice-Chair) Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Orillia Campus*
Mr. Paul Capon, (Chair), Matawa First Nations
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Dr. Christine Gottardo, Graduate Studies
Ms. Elizabeth Michano, Member-At-Large
Dr. John O'Meara, Dean, Faculty of Education
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario

Guests

Ms. Cindy Crowe, Blue Sky Healing Lodge
Ms. Angela Lynch, Blue Sky Healing Lodge

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. David Barnett, Engineering
Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Dr. Michel Bedard, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Ms. Loretta Collins, Ontario Native Women's Association
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Mr. John DeGiacomo, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Ms. Karen Drake, Law & Aboriginal Faculty
Dr. Kim Feddersen, Dean (Orillia Campus)
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
Dr. Sreekumari (Sree) Kuriserry, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus

***Videoconference**

Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty (Psychology)
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty (Natural Resources Management)
Dr. Todd Randall, Sciences and Environmental Studies
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Mr. David Tamblyn, Board of Governors*
Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

Mr. Scott Kyle, Blue Sky Healing Lodge
Ms. Yvonne Roussel, Office of the University Secretariat

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans, Social Sciences & Humanities
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty (Kinesiology)
Dr. Moira McPherson, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Aboriginal Faculty (Indigenous Learning)
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering
Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Mr. David Snake, Aboriginal Liaison Advisor (Orillia Campus)
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Co-Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Ms. Tamara Spence, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Prof. Lee Stuesser, Law
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Coordinator of Graduate & External Relations
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty (Education)
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty (Education)

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Mr. Paul Capon led the opening prayer.

Welcome & Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves around the table and via teleconference.

2. Guest Presentation – Blue Sky Community Healing Centre

Ms. Cindy Crowe presented to the O-AGC on the Blue Sky Community Healing Centre. Handouts were provided to members regarding a new program called “The New Way”. A calendar of events was also provided to O-AGC members and it was noted that the facility is available for fundraising events and is open to all cultures and all ages at no cost to guests.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (D. Frenette/T. Pile) that the agenda for the meeting be approved.
CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of Minutes – *attached*

MOVED (C. Wesley-Esquimaux/N. Bouchard) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meetings of April 7, 2014 and September 2, 2014 be approved.
CARRIED

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

6.1 Update on the Ad hoc Committee – Member-at-Large

The O-AGC interview committee met on April 28, 2014 to review the applications for the Member-at-Large position. On May 14, 2014 the O-AGC voting members electronically approved the following motion:
MOVED that Ms. Elizabeth Michano be appointed as the O-AGC Member-at-Large for the renewable term June 1, 2014 through May 30, 2016.

The O-AGC voted on the appointment of Ms. Elizabeth Michano as the O-AGC Member-at-Large using an electronic poll. The motion was

distributed on May 14, 2014 to all voting members. (In favour of Approval =9; Opposed =0)

Attached is a copy of the letter that was sent to Ms. Michano.

All other applicants for the position were sent acknowledgement letters.

Ms. Michano introduced herself and provided some background on her career, family and education.

6.2 Joint SAC/O-AGC – Term Appointments

Dr. Raymond Neckoway and Ms. Rachel Mishenene, as the O-AGC representatives on Joint SAC/O-AGC agreed to renew their terms.

Ms. Rachel Mishenene is unable to continue on this committee and a replacement will need to be appointed.

Item 8.3 addresses this vacancy.

6.3 Senate Undergraduate Scholarships & Bursaries Committee – Term Appointment

Dr. Christopher Mushquash, as the O-AGC representative on the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee has agreed to renew his term.

7. Other Business

7.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Mr. Tim Pile reported that the Annual General Assembly of the Metis Nation of Ontario took place in August. It was well-attended. The focus this year was on violence against aboriginal women.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard reported that a pilot program that started in Gull Bay is now being offered in Thunder Bay.

Ms. Dobi Dawn Frenette noted that focus has been on Bill C31. The Nishnawbe Aski Nation has been working with the Assembly of First Nations and Chiefs of Ontario to lobby the Federal government on Bill C31.

Mr. Paul Capon, Matawa First Nations held its Annual General Meeting. The hot topics related to addressing the Ring of Fire.

7.2 Update on the Aboriginal Governance Certificate Program

Dr. C. Esquimaux updated the O-AGC regarding conversations she has had with Dr. B. Dadgostar regarding starting with ISO. It was noted that five round table discussions with community leaders have been proposed in order to verify what types of programs would be most beneficial to their communities.

7.3 Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Dr. Peggy Smith reported that the following motion was passed at the May 15, 2014 Senate meeting:

MOVED that by the beginning of the 2016/17 academic year, all academic units will have calendared for all of their undergraduate degree programs, a degree requirement of at least one 0.5 FCE course containing at least 50% Indigenous knowledge and/or Aboriginal content. Special consideration on a case by case basis for fulfilling this requirement by a sequence of required course would be given.

7.4 Orientation for O-AGC Members Update & Plans

The Secretary noted that O-AGC members will be invited to tour the Nanabijou Day Care Centre and that other tours are being planned throughout the next year as an opportunity for O-AGC members to see the various areas and support services on campus for Aboriginal students. The University Secretary requested that members notify her office if they are interested in any of the activities listed on the agenda.

7.5 MTCU – Targeted Initiatives Fund (TIF) Project Proposal

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux noted that a TIF application was submitted and approved. Lakehead received the full amount of the request (\$300,000). The funds will be distributed over 2 years and will be used towards the Northwestern Coordinated Learning Access Network, the Aboriginal Mentorship Programs and the On Course Workshop One initiatives.

7.5.1 Northwest Coordinated Learning Access Network

It was noted that the Northwest Coordinated Learning Access Network is being implemented. This initiative is designed to bring all of the local educational facilities together to provide

information and opportunities to Aboriginal students. The goal is to stop saying “you don’t qualify” and start saying, “we will put you in touch with an educational facility that will meet your needs.” Currently an invitation is being prepared for a session with various educational facilities regarding this project. A coordinator will be hired to coordinate this initiative.

7.5.2 Aboriginal Mentorship Programs (Business, Engineering & Science)

It was noted that the Aboriginal Mentorship Programs will have a graduated curriculum. This Program will start with Science and ease into Engineering and then into Business.

7.5.3 On Course Workshop One

It was noted that the On Course Workshop One is a new dynamic program with the goal of increasing student retention. More information is available online at:

<http://oncourseworkshop.com/educator-workshops/campus-workshops/signature-workshop-three-day-course-workshop/>

7.6 DNA Database Initiative

Dr. C. Wesley Esquimaux noted that the DNA Database Initiative consists of doing cheek swabs to establish a database with indigenous DNA in it. It was noted that the DNA samples will be kept anonymous and that 500 samples are being sought for this project.

7.7 Aboriginal Transitions Literature Review

Dr. C. Wesley Esquimaux noted that a Transitions Advisor was hired last year to connect with students and provide resources to them. It was noted that the Aboriginal Transitions Literature Review shows areas where students are having success and areas where more research is required.

8. New Business

8.1 Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair

The University Secretary did three calls for nominations for the Chair.

8.1.1 Mr. Paul Capon was acclaimed as Chair of the Ogimaawin-

Aboriginal Governance Council for the term commencing
September 22, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

- 8.1.2 The University Secretary did three calls for nominations for the Vice-Chair.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard was acclaimed as the Vice-Chair of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council for the term commencing September 22, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

- 8.2 Proposed Amendment to the O-AGC Bylaws – *attached*

A meeting with LUNSA will be scheduled to speak with the current LUNSA Executive about the consideration of supporting an amendment to the O-AGC Bylaws. This revision would change the current two LUNSA voting positions on the O-AGC to one member of LUNSA and one aboriginal student member at large. Ms. N. Bouchard volunteered to participate in the LUNSA meeting. The date of the next LUNSA meeting will be distributed to members so they can participate if desired.

- 8.3 Joint SAC/O-AGC Term Appointment

MOVED (T. Pile/N. Bouchard) that, pending Kathy Beardy's agreement, she be appointed to replace Ms. Rachel Mishenene on Joint SAC/O-AGC effective immediately to August 31, 2015.
CARRIED

It was noted that Ms. D. Frenette will ask Ms. K. Beardy if she would accept this appointment.

9. Reports & Items for Information

The following reports were received:

- 9.1 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux)
- 9.2 Board of Governors (Mr. Paul Capon)
- 9.3 Native Nurses Entry Program (Ms. Sandra Cornell)
- 9.4 Orillia Campus (Dr. Kim Fedderson)
- 9.5 O-AGC Meeting Schedule 2014-15

9.6 O-AGC Membership List

The Chair noted that the Northern Policy Initiative on Aboriginal Education reports are available online.

10. **Adjournment**

MOVED (R. Neckoway/N. Bouchard) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The O-AGC was invited for a Tour of the Telepresence Room in ATAC 5041 and OA 2020 immediately following the meeting.

Mr. Paul Capon, Chair

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary