



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

Monday, January 25, 2016

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Governance Conference Room (UC 2001)

MINUTES

In attendance:

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services & Vice-Chair of O-AGC
Mr. Paul Capon, Matawa First Nations & Chair of O-AGC
Ms. Barbara Eccles, Interim University Secretary
Dr. Kim Feddersen, Orillia Campus* (Videoconference)
Dr. Donald Kerr, Aboriginal Education
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program
Ms. Frances Picherack, Board of Governors* (Teleconference)

Ms. Elizabeth Michano, Member-At-Large* (Teleconference)
Ms. Joy Nieminen, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Peggy Smith, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee
Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Office of Aboriginal Initiatives
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquiaux, Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives

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
Dr. Michel Bedard, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Ms. Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach & Recruitment Officer
Ms. Loretta Collins, Ontario Native Women's Association
Mr. Paul Cormier, Education
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Mr. John DeGiacomo, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Dr. Leisa Desmoulins, Education
Ms. Karen Drake, Law
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Ms. Lisa Harris, Aboriginal Mentorship Program
Dr. Douglas Ivison, Graduate Studies
Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus

Ms. Tracey Larocque, Kinesiology
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Indigenous Learning
Dr. Moira McPherson, Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Mr. Tim Pile, Metis Nation of Ontario
Ms. Lisa Phillips, Law
Dr. Todd Randall, Sciences and Environmental Studies
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Student Affairs
Ms. Stephanie Seymour, Lakehead University Native Students Association
Ms. Tamara Spence, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Nursing
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Wanda White, Education

Guests:

Elder Gerry Martin
Ms. Marcie Morrison, Office of the University Secretariat

Dr. Nancy Luckai, Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm.

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Elder Gerry Martin led the opening prayer.

Welcome & Introductions:

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (T. Pile/P. Smith) that the agenda for the meeting be approved with the recommended amendments.

1. ADD: Item #7.3 – O-AGC Presentation to the New “Students in University Governance” Class (Ms. Nancy Bouchard)
2. ADD: Item #8.2A - Report from Orillia Campus (Dr. Kim Fedderson)

CARRIED

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the O-AGC meeting held on November 16, 2015 were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (R. Neckoway/P. Smith) that the minutes of the O-AGC meeting held on November 16, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

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

- 5.1 Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) Term Appointments to O-AGC

The Secretary indicated that paragraph 3.1a(iii) of the O-AGC Bylaws indicates that O-AGC shall have two voting members from the Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA). O-AGC currently has one LUNSA member. There is one remaining vacant LUNSA seat to fill on O-AGC.

Dr. Christopher Mushquash joined the meeting.

6. Other Business

6.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

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

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

6.2 Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Dr. Peggy Smith provided members with an update on the implementation of the Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR). It was reported that Joint SAC/O-AGC is still working with certain faculties to implement the ICR.

6.3 O-AGC Advisors Committee

6.3.1 Report on “The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015”

The report on “The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015” was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (N. Bouchard/T. Pile) to accept the report on “The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015” and refer the report to the President for a response.
CARRIED

Members discussed the possibility of making the report on “The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015” public. It was noted that the Board of Governors Learning & Research Committee would benefit from having access to the report.

The Secretary recommended to the O-AGC that they ask the President to make a recommendation on whether or not the report should be circulated to the public.

Discussion turned to the O-AGC strategic planning, including provisions in the Bylaws and historical activities.

MOVED (P. Smith/T. Pile) to form an O-AGC Nishtaam Watabin Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing the draft O-AGC Strategic Plan and to bring forward to the O-AGC a recommendation on next steps.

CARRIED

A discussion ensued regarding the O-AGC Strategic Plan that expired in 2013.

MOVED (N. Bouchard/ F. Picherack) that the following individuals are members of the Nishtaam Watabin Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee:

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

CARRIED

6.4 Kendaasiwin Centre

Mr. Paul Capon reported that the University will continue to promote the Kendaasiwin Centre to lenders, various governments, and funders, and that there is a plan in place to move forward. A discussion ensued. The members requested a discussion on the Kendaasiwin Centre at their next meeting if Dr. Brian Stevenson is present to participate in the

discussion.

7. New Business

7.1 Ministry of Training, College and Universities, Targeted Initiatives Fund (TIF) Project Proposal 2016-2018

7.1.1 Coordinated Learning Access Network (CLAN)

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux reported that CLAN will be hiring five students from external organizations to recruit users to the CLAN/MAGNET website. Ongoing recruitment efforts across Northern communities will continue with support from the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU), YES Employment Services, Matawa First Nations, and Confederation College.

29 universities, over 65,000 students, and 4,500 employers are currently on the MAGNET website.

All members were encouraged to visit the clan.magnet.today website to sign up.

7.1.2 Aboriginal Mentorship Program (AMP)

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux announced that AMP is in the process of hiring an Assistant Coordinator.

7.1.3 Aboriginal Mentorship Program (AMP) Expansion to the Orillia Campus

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux will be visiting the Orillia Campus next week in regards to the AMP expansion.

7.2 Elder Appointment on O-AGC

The Secretary indicated that paragraph 3.6a of the O-AGC Bylaws require members to be notified at least 14 days in advance prior to any action being taken on pending motions to add a member to the O-AGC.

NOTICE OF MOTION:

MOVED to appoint Elder Gerry Martin to the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council.

Mr. Tim Pile left the meeting.

7.3 O-AGC Presentation to the New “Students in University Governance”
Class January 25, 2016

Ms. Nancy Bouchard announced that the O-AGC has been invited to present at the new “Students in University Governance” class. Ms. Bouchard volunteered to give the presentation and will ask Ms. Stephanie Seymour to join her.

8. Reports & Items for Information

8.1 Department of Aboriginal Education

Dr. D. Kerr’s report from the Department of Aboriginal Education was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

In addition, Dr. D. Kerr reported that the Department of Aboriginal Education was approached by the community of Sandy Lake First Nation with a request to offer our Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal) HBEd Program in conjunction with them.

The Department of Aboriginal Education is in the process of drafting a letter to send to the Deputy Provost, Provost and Vice-President (Academic).

A discussion ensued regarding the joint program between Lakehead and Sandy Lake First Nation and the funding options that may be available.

8.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

The report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

8.2A Update from Orillia Campus January 25, 2016

Dr. Feddersen provided an update from the Orillia campus. Highlights included:

- An update on progress across both Orillia/Thunder Bay campuses regarding the consistency on the delivery of Aboriginal Initiatives through Student Affairs.
- Funds being made available from the University's Student Affairs budget to begin integrating Aboriginal Initiatives and Student Affairs in Orillia.
- The addition of Mr. Chris Glover in his new position of Acting Director of Student Success – Orillia/Thunder Bay campuses.
- A recommendation to the O-AGC that new position of Acting Director of Student Success become a member of the O-AGC Advisors Committee.

MOVED (Dr. Smith/Ms. Bouchard) that the position of Acting Director of Student Success be deemed a "key administrative position" and therefore a member of the O-AGC Advisors Committee, as set out in the Committee's Terms of Reference under "3. Committee Composition".

CARRIED

8.3 Chair's Report

The Chair's report on the O-AGC was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

8.4 Native Nurses Entry Program

The report from the Native Nurses Entry Program was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

Members were provided with a handout promoting the Native Nurses Entry Program event on March 3, 2016. All members were encouraged to attend.

8.5 Bora Laskin Faculty of Law Dean Announcement

The Bora Laskin Faculty of Law Dean media announcement was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

A discussion ensued regarding the appointment of Angelique Eaglewomen, Dean of the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law School.

8.6 Dr. Shawn Wilson Public Presentation

A “Save the Date” notice for this event from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9. **Adjournment**

MOVED (P. Smith/N. Bouchard) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED