

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

ATAC 3004

MINUTES

In attendance

Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Orillia Campus*
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Ms. Bernice Dubec, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty (Psychology)
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary & Secretary of O-AGC

Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Tanis Thompson, Ontario Native Women's Association
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty (Natural Resources Management)
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

Ms. Ursula MacDonald, Human Resources Officer

Ms. Alexa Scully, PhD Student, Faculty of Education

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. David Barnett, Engineering
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
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
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. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Ms. Tamara Spence, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing
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 and Welcome**

2. Opening Prayer
Ms. Bernice Dubec led the Opening Prayer.

Welcome

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair, welcomed everyone and asked for introductions around the table.

3. **Guest Presentation**

3.1 Aboriginal Education Research Proposal

Ms. Alexa Scully presented the research proposal she has developed for her PhD project. This project proposes to study the place-based education as it relates to the cultural and territorial account of Aboriginal peoples in Canada and positive outcomes for Aboriginal learners.

This pedagogy seeks to transform the relations that non-Aboriginal Canadians have to the Aboriginal peoples and to the lands of Canada.

Place-based education is learning that is explicitly connected to the area. It includes teaching about the treaties and history and developing a cultural understanding.

Alexa asked O-AGC to support this research as a “community” to meet the Tri-Council requirements and the Research Ethics Board requirements. Alexa will report back to this group. O-AGC will discuss this at a later point in the meeting.

The definition of “community” and whether this support is necessary for this project was discussed. O-AGC is part of the governance structure and has as its membership members of the university community. It was also noted that the O-AGC itself could possibly be considered a “community” into itself. It was noted that this could be an important study related to emphasizing the importance of Aboriginal mandatory courses.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED(Y. Wanakamik/T. Pile) that the agenda for the April 15, 2013 meeting be approved as amended:

- **Added** – Item #8.6 Aboriginal Education Proposal
CARRIED

5. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (S. Wolf/T. Pile) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of February 25, 2013 be approved.
CARRIED

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

The Chair of the O-AGC reviewed the following:

7.1 For information only:

The O-AGC voted on the following motion electronically and the motion was CARRIED:

MOVED (R. Neckoway/T. Pile) that the O-AGC endorses the Board of Governors' approval of the Strategic Plan 2013-2018 at its upcoming meeting on March 8, 2013.

The letter indicating the O-AGC's endorsement was sent from the O-AGC to Mr. Cameron Clark, Chair of the Board of Governors. A copy was distributed with the meeting materials.

7.2 The O-AGC Faculty Recruitment and Retention Executive Summary and Recommendations were forwarded to the President.

7.3 Follow up with Ms. Rosie Mosquito re Faculty Recruitment & Retention Report – a letter was sent to Ms. Rosie Mosquito and will be distributed to the O-AGC members.

7.4 A Meet & Greet was held on April 12, 2013 for O-AGC to meet with Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, the new Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives).

She will assume her new responsibilities, which will be based at the University's Thunder Bay campus, effective July 1, 2013.

A media release was distributed by email and is attached.

8. New Business

8.1 Approval of the 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule

MOVED (Y. Wanakamik/S. Wolf) that the O-AGC Meeting Schedule 2013-2014 be approved as follows:

1. Monday, September 23, 2013
2. Monday, November 18, 2013
3. Monday, January 27, 2014
4. Monday, February 24, 2014
5. Monday, April 7, 2014

CARRIED

All meetings will be scheduled from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers – Rm. UC 1001.

8.2 Smudging Protocol Policy

Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik and Ms. Ursula MacDonald introduced the Smudging Protocol Policy.

A copy of the new Smudging Protocol Policy was included with the package. Although this policy originated from a previously approved policy dated 2004, it has been extensively revised. O-AGC Advisors, Aboriginal faculty, Elders, and O-AGC all participated in developing this revised policy. Additionally, the number of days required for giving notice has been changed from 4 to 5 days since the policy was distributed to the Advisors to accommodate the requirement that notice be given in a Communications Bulletin.

MOVED (Y. Wanakamik/S. Wolf) that the O-AGC endorses the approval of the Smudging Protocol Policy by the Office of Human Resources.

CARRIED

NOTE: The Smudging Policy has received final approval from the Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Administration & Finance) and has been posted to the LU website.^{KR}

8.3 Update Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities Funding

Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik noted that Aboriginal Initiatives will be preparing the report as required by MTCU and will be asking for O-AGC approval. The same funding levels are anticipated.

8.4 Student Success Funding Proposal

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux has provided some ideas on projects for Lakehead University. It is anticipated that the funding will remain the same as previous funding. O-AGC will see the proposed initiatives prior to submission to MTCU.

8.5 Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) Appointments – Terms of Reference were distributed with the meeting materials

O-AGC Appointment to Senate

8.5.1 MOVED (S. Wolf/T. Pile) that Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni be recommended as the O-AGC member to be appointed to the Senate effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015.
CARRIED

O-AGC Appointments to Joint SAC/O-AGC

8.5.2 MOVED (P. Capon/Y. Wanakamik) that Judy Flett and Raymond Neckoway be appointed to Joint SAC/O-AGC effective September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2014.
CARRIED

O-AGC Appointment Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair Nominations

Dr. Rod Hanley summarized the purpose and time requirements required. This is an opportunity for O-AGC to influence the direction of research at Lakehead University.

8.5.3 MOVED (S. Wolf/P. Capon) that Dr. Chris Mushquash be appointed to Advisory Committee to the President on Canada Research Chair Nominations Committee effective July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016.
CARRIED

O-AGC Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development

8.5.4 MOVED (S. Wolf/Y. Wanakamik) that Paul Capon and Nancy Bouchard be appointed to the O-AGC Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development Committee.
CARRIED

Request from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre – Appointment of

Alternate

8.5.5 MOVED (R. Neckoway/S. Wolf) that Ms. Bernice Dubec be appointed as the alternate to the O-AGC from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre.

CARRIED

8.5.6 MOVED (T. Pile/S. Wolf) that the Member at Large position on the O-AGC be declared vacant.

CARRIED

8.5.7 MOVED (T. Pile/S. Wolf) that a letter be sent to the Union of Ontario Chiefs requesting another individual be appointed to Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council to replace Mr. James Mishquart.

CARRIED

8.6 Aboriginal Education Research Proposal

Both O-AGC and the Indian Friendship Centre could appropriately be considered “community”. Instructors and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal faculty members would be the study group questioned. This study may provide answers that would assist faculty in developing the required Aboriginal content courses.

O-AGC would require reporting twice per year. O-AGC should request focussed reporting on assisting with the Lakehead University roll-out of mandatory Aboriginal courses.

It was noted that Alexa Scully has supervisors and an advisory committee. Also, with regards to restrictions, she is entitled to academic freedom. O-AGC cannot set additional conditions on the project.

MOVED (B. Stevenson/S/ Wolf) that an ad-hoc committee be struck to investigate the Research Ethics Board issue and that Dr. Raymond Neckoway, Dr. Peggy Smith, and Ms. Bernice Dubec participate on that committee.

CARRIED

The findings of this group will be circulated to the O-AGC prior to the next O-AGC meeting.

O-AGC may support this project but there is no obligation to support other research projects.

9. Other Business

9.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Mr. Paul Capon reported that federal legislation on Aboriginal education is being developed. This will be an on-going project over the next year. There will be implications on post-secondary educational institutions. A suggestion was made that someone look into what other universities are doing related to this.

9.2 O-AGC Advisors Report & Recommendations

Dr. Sandra Wolf noted that most of the material discussed at the Advisors Meeting was covered earlier in this meeting.

Dr. Michelle Marie-Spadoni and Dr. Laura Buker have agreed to serve as the Co-Chairs for the O-AGC Advisors Committee for 2013-2015.

9.3 Lloyd Barber Summit on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education “Identifying Best Practices” – May 23 & 24, 2013 – University of Regina

MOVED (T. Pile/C. Mushquash) that Elder Gerry Martin attend the Lloyd Barber Summit on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education “Identifying Best Practices” – May 23 & 24, 2013 – University of Regina and that this recommendation be forwarded to the President.
CARRIED

9.4 The Rise of Native Empowerment – Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration

Mr. Paul Capon summarized the presentation held on April 12, 2013. He noted that the purpose of the Centre was to ensure dialogue among the players. He noted that Ontario is quite behind other provinces in the Aboriginal consultation process.

10. Updates/Reports

The following reports were received.

- 10.1 Aboriginal Education (Dr. John O’Meara)
- 10.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik)
- 10.4 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee

- 10.5 Lakehead University Native Student Association (Ms. Sarah Nelson & Ms. Nicole McKay)

- 10.6 Native Nurses Entry Program

Ms. Sandra Cornell noted that twelve students are graduating that started with the NNEP. That will bring the total number of students to 63 who began with NNEP and have graduated (most returned to their communities).

- 10.7 Orillia Campus

Dr. Herman van den Berg noted that the interview process for the Aboriginal Liaison Advisor in Orillia will begin tomorrow.

- 10.8 Senate

Dr. Sandra Wolf provided a summary of the issues that Senate has been dealing with – the Law School issue, changing the day/time of Senate meetings to Mondays, and the math requirements testing for Education.

- 10.9 President's Report

Dr. Brian Stevenson and Ms. Kathy Pozihun are working with the Ministries to ensure that the Kendaasiwin Centre is shovel ready. At this time there is no funding but the Ministers are being updated and consulted on this project.

O-AGC will be asked to obtain letters from the region to support the project. Fund-raising campaign will begin shortly with Ms. Deb Comuzzi leading. The architect's plan will be ready shortly.

Final branding of the Achievement Fund will be unveiled shortly. For every \$2,500 donated today, a child of about 10 years old will be funded for their first year's tuition at Lakehead University.

Daycare Centre will be completed by September 2014. It will be located over by the Hanger.

The telepresence proposal is being finalized.

The Law School required first year courses have been referred to Senate committees.

11. Information Items

- 11.1 The O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2013 are available on the O-AGC website at <http://tinyurl.com/boa5grq>.
- 11.2 The O-AGC Membership List was distributed with the meeting materials.

12. Next O-AGC Meeting

- 12.1 Monday, September 23, 2013
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Senate Chambers – Rm. UC 1001

13. Adjournment

MOVED (S. Wolf/T. Pile) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary