

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

SENATE CHAMBERS

NOTES

In attendance

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Associate Vice-Provost (Orillia Campus)*
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member

Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee & Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of O-AGC
Dr. Lee Stuesser, Law
Dr. Herman van den Berg, Acting Dean (Orillia Campus)*

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. David Barnett, Engineering
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
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
Ms. Bernice Dubec, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
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
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty (Psychology)
Dr. Constance Russell, Education
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty (Natural Resources Management)
Ms. Tamara Spence, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Tanis Thompson, Ontario Native Women's Association
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Office of Aboriginal Initiatives
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

***Teleconference**

Opening Prayer and Welcome

Welcome & Introductions

Ms. Nancy Bouchard was the Acting Chair in the absence of quorum and the inability to appoint a chair for 2013-14. Bruce Beardy provided the Opening Prayer.

Aboriginal Initiatives Presentation

Vision of Aboriginal Initiatives Office – Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux presented the vision and guiding principles for Aboriginal Initiatives.

O-AGC voted on the Targeted Initiatives Fund Proposal

For information only: The O-AGC voted on the TIF Proposal using an electronic poll. The document was distributed on May 22, 2013 to all voting members. (In favour of Approval =8; Opposed =0) The Chair of O-AGC signed the TIF Proposal indicating support of the O-AGC.

Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (MTCU) Update

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux provided an update on the following topics:

- PEFAL (Postsecondary Education Fund for Aboriginal Learners)
- Student Success Fund – There is no anticipated increase in MTCU funding over the next 3 years.
- TIF Targeted Initiatives Fund – The funding was not approved. The ask was for \$300,000 per year for 3 years.

Lloyd Barber Summit on Aboriginal Post-Secondary Education

“Identifying Best Practices” – May 23 & 24, 2013 – University of Regina

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux attended this event. The intention was to discuss the needs of groups. Roberta Jamieson spoke about what inspires individuals. Dr. Axworthy spoke about the initiatives at the University of Winnipeg.

Canada-Mexico Round Table on Aboriginal/Indigenous Higher Education

Nine indigenous Mexican universities are working toward maintaining and strengthening connections. Resources are a challenge since the costs would be expected to be covered by this university. Language barriers will need to be overcome. Elder Gerry Martin and Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux will be going down to Mexico later in the year to explore possibilities.

Updates/Reports

The following updates/reports were provided:

- Aboriginal Education (Dr. Wayne Melville)
- O-AGC Advisors Committee (Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni)
- Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux)
- Board of Governors' (Ms. Nancy Bouchard)
- Native Nurses Entry Program (Ms. Sandra Cornell)
- Orillia Campus (Dr. Herman van den Berg)
- President's Report (Dr. Brian Stevenson)