

Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC)

**NOTES**

Monday, October 29, 2012

2:00 – 4:00p.m.

ATAC 3004

**In attendance**

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair  
Dr. David Barnett  
Ms. Kathy Beardy  
Ms. Sandra Cornell  
Dr. Andrew P. Dean  
Dr. Kim Fedderson\*  
Ms. Judy Flett  
Dr. Philip Hicks  
Dr. John Hodson  
Ms. April Jones\*

Mr. Wilfred King  
Ms. Nicole McKay  
Dr. Christopher Mushquash  
Ms. Sarah Nelson  
Dr. John O'Meara  
Ms. Karen Roche  
Ms. Annette Schroeter  
Dr. Gillian Siddall  
Ms. Bryanna Scott  
Dr. Peggy Smith  
Dr. Brian Stevenson

Dr. Lee Stuesser  
Ms. Suzanne Tardif

**Regrets**

Ms. Tina Armstrong  
Mr. Art Beaver  
Mr. Bruce Beardy  
Mr. Tom Beardy  
Dr. Laura Buker  
Mr. Paul Capon, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar  
Dr. Ruby Farrell  
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette  
Ms. Ingrid Green  
Dr. Rodney Hanley

Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery  
Ms. Tracey Larocque  
Dr. Lori Livingston  
Mr. Dennis McPherson  
Mr. James Mishquart  
Ms. Heather Moynihan  
Mr. Raymond Neckoway  
Mr. William Perrault  
Mr. Tim Pile  
Dr. Ulf Runesson  
Ms. Marian Ryks-  
Szelekovszky

Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni  
Dr. Roger Strasser  
Ms. Nancy Stevens  
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik  
Ms. Joyce Waswa  
Ms. Dolores Wawia  
Ms. Wanda White  
Dr. Sandra Wolf

**Guests**

Dr. Eli Nix  
Mr. Paul Mitchell

\* teleconference

**Since quorum was not obtained, the formal Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council meeting was cancelled.**

Mr. Wilfred King led the opening prayer.

**Health Research Project**

Dr. Eli Nix, Northern Ontario School of Medicine Postdoctoral Fellow, presented to those in attendance on the Health Research Project: Immunological basis for increased burden of invasive bacterial disease among First Nations in Northern Ontario.

Dr. Eli Nix voiced that he is receptive to advice and ideas from communities about how to meet with communities to promote participation in the study and to discuss what types of research studies are needed.

Dr. Eli Nix is seeking additional participants and communities for the study. O-AGC asked for a pamphlet on this project with the contact information.

**Kendaasiwin Building Plans**

Mr. Paul Mitchell, Mitchell Architects, presented a summary to date on structural design planning for the Kendaasiwin Building. Concepts include: natural substances; historical design; artwork; natural environment – land, water, sky, animals, plants, etc. The building will be distinctly Aboriginal and likely will become a symbol of Lakehead University.

It was noted that if all Aboriginal academic units could all be incorporated in this building. This will need to be discussed since some faculty and staff may be separated from their home Faculty.

By having an Aboriginal building where students travel through from the residences to the University Centre. This would gently bring individuals into the culture, history, and art of the Aboriginal people.

The location proposed at this time would position the building near the Bartley Centre for conferences and closer to the Sweat Lodge.

Mr. Paul Mitchell will be speaking with various user groups to obtain further input and welcomed ideas from the O-AGC.

**President's Update**

Dr. Stevenson noted that the lobby days in Ottawa went very well. The primary purpose was to talk about the Kendaasiwin Project (daycare, scholarship program, and building).

The broad support from local communities and groups including the Regional Hospital, City of Thunder Bay, Aboriginal groups, etc. will be needed. Groups will be asked to show their support. Dr. Stevenson will be seeking public support in January.

Honourable Michael Gravelle, M.P.P., will be speaking with O-AGC at a later date.

### **Update on Joint SAC/O-AGC**

The Joint SAC/O-AGC Committee will be working on the roll-out of the development of the Academic Plan and SAC will be looking at the identification of courses related to the requirements in the Academic Plan.

### **Northern Policy Institute (NPI)**

Dr. Stevenson summarized the movement that has been underway for many years to develop a group that could make recommendations from the northern areas on policy development appropriate for the north.

The governance structure of the NPI is being developed. Lakehead and Laurentian Universities have been working together to establish a system that would involve the two presidents and have a structure similar to the NOSM. The first founding Board will set the 5-10 year agenda. Items for consideration will be relevant to the north although some may be specific to the NW others to the NE.

### **Information Items**

- Membership – Senator Ruth Wagner has resigned from O-AGC, the Elders Council, and the Métis Nation of Ontario.
- A letter will be sent to the organizations indicating that we are having difficulty achieving quorum.
- Nicole introduced Sarah Nelson as the new LUNSA representative and noted that they will be working together on planning for the Pow Wow. The biggest supporter of the Pow Wow has been Aboriginal Initiatives but LUNSA will be approaching other units and organizations to obtain additional funding. Sarah Nelson noted that this is the 25th Anniversary of the Pow Wow.
- The Research Office has responded that no faculty member resignation from the Research Ethics Board has been received and therefore there is no identified need for a replacement.