

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

2:00 – 4:00P.M.

ATAC 3004

In attendance

Dr. David Barnett, Engineering
Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor (Orillia Campus)*
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology

Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary & Secretary of O-AGC
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty, Natural Resources Management
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Native Access Program
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Acting Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

Guests

Mr. Cam Clark, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors' at Lakehead University
Mr. Wilfred King, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre

Dr. Peter Hollings, Chair, Geology Department
Mr. Gerry Munt, Senior Advisor to the President on Planning and Implementation

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Orillia Campus
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Ms. Ingrid Green, Ontario Native Women's Association
Dr. Sreekumari (Sree) Kurissery, Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies (Orillia Campus)
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning

Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs
Mr. Timothy Michano, Lakehead University Native Students Association
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology, Aboriginal Faculty
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
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. Bryanna Scott, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Joyce Waswa, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

***Teleconference**

1. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Everyone introduced themselves around the table and via teleconference.

Opening Prayer

Dr. Sandra Wolf provided the opening prayer.

2. **Guest Presentations**

2.1 Lakehead University Strategic Plan

Mr. Cam Clark, Vice-Chair, Board of Governors, explained the background on the discussions at the Board of Governors related to the development of the draft Strategic Plan.

Mr. Cam Clark reviewed the Draft Plan noting that this plan sets high level direction. The Plan gives a sense of where we are going over the next five years. The Draft Plan establishes milestones and methods to measure “how we are doing.” The operational plans will be developed by units through the Academic Plan and integrated planning and budgeting. Senior Administration is collecting input and feedback on the Plan to ensure that “we get it right”.

Mr. Gerry Munt, Senior Advisor to the President on Planning and Implementation, discussed the plans for receiving input on the draft Strategic Plan. Mr. Gerry Munt noted that presentations are being given to stakeholder groups and academic groups. Input can be sent to gmunt@lakeheadu.ca or through the website or as submissions through a group presentation.

Once input has been received, small groups will meet to discuss issues raised during this period and to consider some recommendations to address the issues. This material will be used to prepare a report for the Board.

2.2 Centre for Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development

Dr. Peter Hollings, Chair of the Department of Geology, reviewed the initial planning to develop a Centre for Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development. He asked that the O-AGC provide input.

It was noted that following a discussion at O-AGC, a sub-committee of O-AGC could be set up to draft feedback on who the Centre of Excellence should engage communities to contact for outreach, and other suggestions. Dr. Peter Hollings will be invited to the sub-committee meeting for discussion.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (T. Pile/K. Beardy) that the agenda for the September 24, 2012 meeting be approved with the following amendments:

8.2 Sub-Committee for Centre of Excellence in Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development

8.3 Representative to the Research Ethics Board

9.0 President's Report

CARRIED

4. Conflict of Interest

Dr. John Hodson declared a conflict of interest concerning Item #7.4 related to nominations for the Vice-Provost Aboriginal Initiatives Search Committee.

5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED (J. Flett/Y. Wanakamik) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of May 15, 2012 be approved as distributed.

CARRIED

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

For Information Only: Dr. Ruby Farrell has been contacted and has agreed to accept the O-AGC appointment to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee for the term September 2012 – August 2014.

7. New Business

7.1 Appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of O-AGC

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the O-AGC are open to external members and are one-year renewable terms for a period of up to 3 years.

7.1.1 MOVED (T. Pile/J. Flett) that Nancy Bouchard be appointed as Chair of the Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council for the term September 2012 – August 2013.

CARRIED

- 7.1.2 MOVED (T. Pile/Y. Wanakamik) that Paul Capon be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council for the term September 2012 – August 2013.
CARRIED

The Secretary will ask Paul Capon whether he would accept this appointment.

7.2 Review of O-AGC Retreat held on June 25, 2012

Ms. Nancy Bouchard reviewed the highlights from the O-AGC Retreat Report submitted by Kari Chiappetta Consulting. Approximately 25 individuals attended. O-AGC met to develop a focus for the 2012-13 year. The report was distributed with the meeting materials.

The summary of that information was brought to the O-AGC Advisors for discussion.

At the retreat an ad hoc committee (Dr. Sandra Wolf, Dr. Peggy Smith, Dr. John Hodson, Ms. Judy Flett, Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, and Ms. Nancy Bouchard) was established to review the list of suggestions for O-AGC to undertake.

7.3 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Ms. Annette Schroeter, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee, reviewed the highlights of the Advisors Committee meeting as contained in the report that was distributed at the meeting.

The Advisors examined the short list of 8 items as contained in the report and recommended that additional items be added.

- 7.3.1 MOVED (T. Pile/J. Flett) **that** (1) the Advisors review the priorities contained in the 2012 Retreat Report;

and that (2) the following items be added to the list of priorities for consideration:

- Aboriginal Research Journal;
- Promoting Graduate Studies for Aboriginal learners and developing a Masters program in Indigenous Learning;
- Addressing Aboriginal student needs such as housing, daycare, and other issues;
- Native Access Program for Engineering revitalization;

and that (3) the O-AGC Advisors make recommendations to the O-AGC for priorities to be included in the O-AGC Strategic Plan.

The O-AGC Strategic Planning Committee will begin work in December to develop a draft O-AGC Strategic Plan. A suggestion was made that the to draw linkages to the Academic Plan and the Strategic Plan.

ACTION – it was recommended that the O-AGC Strategic Plan should have its own name. Ne-tum-ochiee-ebek^{KR Nov 19 2012} (First Roots) will be recommended to the Advisors to discuss and return to O-AGC.

The Chair called the question.
CARRIED

MOVED (A. Schroeter/T. Pile) that the committee appointed to review and prepare input on the Lakehead University draft Strategic Plan include a recommendation that “social justice in research and academic programming be incorporated into the draft Strategic Plan.”

Ms. Annette Schroeter and Dr. John Hodson noted that social justice has not been specifically noted in the draft Strategic Plan although it has been noted in the Academic Plan. Since this is a high level document, the plan should be explicit that social justice is a priority.
CARRIED

MOVED (A. Schroeter/J. Flett) that O-AGC recommend to the President that the Joint SAC/AMC (Senate Academic Committee – Aboriginal Management Council) be re-vitalized to work on the inclusion of Aboriginal content in courses.
CARRIED

The Advisors asked that O-AGC review the new website. Currently it is not available off-campus. O-AGC members were asked to review the new website and discuss the content, appearance, and ease of use at the October 2012 O-AGC meeting. Consideration should be given to including syllabics as was incorporated into the previous website.

7.3.2 Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report to O-AGC

Dr. Peggy Smith, Former Chair of the O-AGC Advisors

Committee highlighted that attendance has increased at the Advisors meeting. The Advisors would like to meet with the Deans' Council to emphasize the importance of the Advisors Committee and why Deans should attend.

Dr. Rodney Hanley invited the Advisors Council Chair to the Deans' Council meeting to be held at 9 am on October 3rd.

7.4 Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives Search Committee Appointments

Dr. John Hodson left the room.

Dr. Rodney Hanley reviewed the request pertaining to the Vice-Provost Aboriginal Initiatives Search Committee. The search consultant Janet Wright has been hired to assist with the search. It is anticipated that by using a search consultant the profile of this position will be publicized across Canada. It was noted that in early July, the position description was reviewed.

The Provost and Vice-President (Academic) is seeking two individuals appointed by O-AGC to serve on this committee. The Elders Council will appoint an Elder.

The following individuals were nominated: Tim Pile; Peggy Smith; Philip Hicks.

A vote was conducted by ballots. The Secretary reported that Tim Pile and Dr. Peggy Smith received the most votes.

MOVED (A. Schroeter/K. Beardy) that Mr. Tim Pile and Dr. Peggy Smith be appointed as the O-AGC representatives on the Search Committee for the Vice-Provost Aboriginal Initiatives.

CARRIED

MOVED (T. Pile/A. Schroeter) that the Secretary destroy the ballots.

CARRIED

7.5 Ad Hoc Committee to Review the By-laws

MOVED (T. Pile/Y. Wanakamik) that the following members - Peggy Smith, Karen Roche, Annette Schroeter, and Yolanda Wanakamik - participate on an ad hoc committee to review the O-AGC By-laws and to recommend revisions to the O-AGC by the November 2012 O-AGC meeting.

CARRIED

7.6 Appointment to the Board of Governors

One external member to be recommended for appointment to the Board of Governors

MOVED (A. Schroeter/T. Pile) that the Chair of the O-AGC, Nancy Bouchard, be recommended for appointment to the Board of Governors for the term commencing September 2012 through the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors 2013.

CARRIED

8. Other Business

8.1 Updates from External Organizations – Priorities and Issues

External organizations were invited to share news, issues, etc. from their organizations.

Mr. Wilfred King – Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre will be giving consideration to their official appointment at their next meeting.

Mr. Tim Pile, Secretary of the Metis Nation of Ontario - the Executive of the Metis Nation of Ontario have been voted in for another four years.

Ms. Kathy Beardy – Nishnawbe Aski Nation conducted elections in August and has voted in a new executive.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard – Anishinabek Employment & Training Services has begun a project with Gull Bay First Nation and Lac Des Iles Mine to provide mining related modular training. An agreement has been established with MNO working collaboratively with a group in eastern Ontario to accommodate a mining essentials class. AETS is working with Dr. Scott Hamilton to develop a program for an Archeological fieldworker.

8.2 Sub-Committee for Centre of Excellence in Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development

MOVED (Y. Wanakamik/K. Beardy) that Dr. Peggy Smith, Dr. Sandra Wolf, Mr. Tim Pile, and Ms. Annette Schroeter be appointed to the Centre for Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development Ad Hoc Committee.

CARRIED

8.3 Representative to the Research Ethics Board

An O-AGC member stated that Dr. Christopher Mushquash has resigned from the Research Ethics Board (REB). The Secretary noted that the REB reports to the Board of Governors since last spring and that the composition of this committee as stated in the Terms of Reference require a faculty member involved in aboriginal research, and two community members, with preference given to one community member being of Aboriginal origin. The Secretary will ask the Research Office for an update on the inclusion of a faculty member involved in Aboriginal research on the Research Ethics Board.

9. **President's Report**

Dr. Brian Stevenson reported on the Kendaasiwin Centre. He has asked the Chair of O-AGC to meet with Mike Gravelle and Bill Mauro on the funding for the building. A lunch or breakfast could be arranged for O-AGC to discuss the importance of this building. Dr. Stevenson will be meeting with Minister and others over a two-day period to discuss this with politicians. O-AGC will need to emphasize that this facility will support Aboriginal learners in Northwestern Ontario.

Dr. Stevenson updated the O-AGC on the Achievement Program and the telepresence. Other school boards are signing on to join the program. A large bequest has been given to the ~~Board~~ **University**^{KR Nov 19 2012} that may be used for the Achievement scholarships. The University is still seeking core money from Heritage Fund and FedNor.

The President travelled to Mexico in August to recruit and develop relationships. Dr. John Hodson will be going to Vera Cruz University to discuss how the universities can work together.

Chancellor will not be seeking another term but will be stepping down. The nomination process requires the President to Chair a committee selected by the Board of Governors and Senate. Those interested in being nominated should contact the University Secretary. The Secretary was asked to notify members when the notices for Chancellor nominations are available.

10. **Updates/Reports**

The following reports were received by the O-AGC:

10.1 Aboriginal Education

Dr. John Hodson asked that O-AGC look into the rumours that there has been a 10% reduction in funding for aboriginal education from the

federal government. This may be core funding. If this is true, the impact may be significant and will likely impact enrolment.

10.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives – Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik

10.3 Board of Governors' – Ms. Nancy Bouchard

10.4 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee – Dr. Peggy Smith

Paul Mitchell has been hired to prepare the drawings. The Steering Committee welcomes new members. Mr. Tim Pile, Dr. Peggy Smith, Dr. John Hodson, Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik and Ms. Annette Schroeter form the current committee. Ms. Suzanne Tardif volunteered to join the steering committee. Architectural drawings will be completed in the near future. The steering committee will be meeting with politicians and will need the external organizations to show their support for the Kendaasiwin Centre.

10.5 Lakehead University Native Students Association – Mr. Timothy Michano

10.6 Native Nurses Entry Program – Ms. Sandra Cornell

10.7 Orillia Campus – Dr. Kim Fedderson

10.8 Senate – Dr. Sandra Wolf

11. **Information Items**

The following information items were distributed with the meeting materials:

11.1 O-AGC Advisors Committee Minutes of April 2, 2012

11.2 O-AGC Membership List

11.3 O-AGC Meeting Schedule 2012-2013

12. **Adjourn**

MOVED (Y. Wanakamik/A. Schroeter) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary