

ADVISORS COMMITTEE FOR THE OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

2:00 – 3:30P.M.

ATAC 5035

MINUTES

- Present:** Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science & Environmental Studies
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor, Orillia Campus
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering (Dean's Alternate)
Mr. Raymond Neckoway, Social Work & Aboriginal Faculty
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee & Aboriginal Research Facilitator
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Peggy Smith, Natural Resources Management
Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Native Access Program
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
- Guests:** Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost, Office of the Provost & Vice-President (Academic)
- Recording:** Ms. Ashley Dokuchie, Secretary, Advisors Committee for the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council
- Regrets:** Ms. Tina Armstrong, Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. David Barnett, Engineering
Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Orillia Campus
Ms. Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty, Psychology
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Ms. Bryanna Scott, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Dr. Lee Stuesser, Law
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work, Orillia Campus
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Acting Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Joyce Waswa, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Education Elder in Residence & Aboriginal Faculty

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Approval of agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following additions:

Item #5 - New Business

5.4 Minister Michael Gravelle, M.P.P. – (Dr. Peggy Smith)

5.5 Search Committee Update – Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University – (Dr. Rodney Hanley)

5.6 Convocation Regalia – (Dr. Sandra Wolf)

3. **Approval of Minutes of October 16, 2012**

The committee approved the O-AGC Advisors Committee Minutes of October 16, 2012 as distributed. A copy will be posted on the O-AGC website.

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

4.1 Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire (Ms. Suzanne Tardif)

A copy of the draft report was distributed to O-AGC Advisors Committee members in October 2012.

S. Tardif presented the recommendations from the Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire report. After much discussion, it was suggested that a sub-committee be struck to further address the recommendations outlined in the report. The following committee members have volunteered to be part of this sub-committee: Dr. J. Hodson; R. Neckoway; A. Schroeter; Dr. P. Smith and Dr. S. Wolf.

Dr. P. Smith will call the first meeting of this sub-committee and will report back at the O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting on January 8, 2013.

4.2 Translation of “First Roots” (Mr. Bruce Beardy)

This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. **New Business**

5.1 Aboriginal Research Facilitator Position – The Future of Aboriginal Research at Lakehead University – (Ms. Annette Schroeter)

A. Schroeter circulated a report that she had prepared to those who were in

attendance.

A. Schroeter advised that the Aboriginal Research Facilitator position was created in January 2011 and was supported with one-time carry forward funds through the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives for two years. She is currently working on a Request for Resources proposal to continue the position which will be brought forward to President Brian Stevenson.

She discussed some of the accomplishments and challenges over the past two years as well as current research and education opportunities.

After reviewing the report, the committee agreed to put forward the following recommendation for O-AGC's consideration.

Recommendation to O-AGC: That consideration be given to inviting Dr. Rui Wang, Vice-President of Research and Economic Development and Ms. Anne Klymenko, Director for the Office of Research Services to the O-AGC meeting on November 19, 2012 to present on the future of the Aboriginal Research Facilitator position at Lakehead University.

Dr. P. Smith will follow up with Ms. A. Klymenko regarding this recommendation.

5.2 Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee (SAC) and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC)

The Terms of Reference for Joint SAC/O-AGC were distributed with the meeting materials.

Dr. P. Smith advised that a motion was passed at the O-AGC Meeting held on September 24, 2012 to re-vitalize the Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub-Committee to work on the inclusion of Aboriginal content in courses.

Dr. P. Smith noted that the Joint SAC/O-AGC Sub-committee was established four years ago to ensure that O-AGC would have some input into Aboriginal academics issues at Lakehead University. This sub-committee had completed some work on the last strategic and academic plans.

O-AGC Members include: J. Flett and Dr. J. Hodson. The Ex-Officio Members include: Dr. P. Smith as the O-AGC Advisors Representative and Y. Wanakamik as the Acting, Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives. It was noted that Dr. G. Siddall had been appointed by SAC at their meeting held on October 4, 2012 and that another member will be appointed at the upcoming SAC meeting on November 9, 2012.

Dr. R. Hanley advised that once this sub-committee has been fully constituted, a formal letter will be sent outlining which priorities in the academic plan will need be

addressed by this sub-committee.

Dr. R. Hanley also noted that in the Terms of Reference, the Secretary for this sub-committee is listed as the Assistant to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic). He noted that his assistant will no longer be able to provide administrative support to this sub-committee. He suggested that once the committee is fully constituted, the Chair should be assigned the task of figuring out the administrative support for this sub-committee.

5.3 Kendaasiwin Centre: Review Meetings with Mr. Paul Mitchell, Mitchell Architects

It was noted that on October 30, 2012, the Native Access Program, Native Nurses Entry Program, Department of Aboriginal Education, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services and the Aboriginal Research Facilitator had individual meetings with Mr. Paul Mitchell of Mitchell Architects to discuss their respective spaces in the proposed Kendaasiwin Centre.

H. Moynihan advised that Dr. D. Barnett, Faculty of Engineering would like to meet with Mr. Paul Mitchell to discuss the proposed space for the Native Access Program for Engineering (NAPE) in the Kendaasiwin Centre.

A. Dokuchie will follow up with H. Moynihan to coordinate a meeting. **(ACTION)**

5.4 Minister Michael Gravelle, M.P.P.

Dr. P. Smith advised that Minister Michael Gravelle, M.P.P. will be in attendance at the O-AGC meeting on November 19, 2012 to discuss the Kendaasiwin Centre.

A. Dokuchie will consult with the Secretary of O-AGC to ensure this included on the O-AGC Agenda of November 19, 2012. **(ACTION)**

5.5 Search Committee Update – Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University

Dr. R. Hanley advised that the Search Committee for a Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives at Lakehead University had been formally constituted and that a posting for the position has been circulated by the search consultant. The search committee will reconvene in January 2013 to discuss next steps. It was noted that the posting does not have a specified deadline date and will be advertised until filled.

5.6 Convocation Regalia

Dr. S. Wolf had brought in her regalia and presented it to the committee and discussed the idea of offering some type of regalia to Aboriginal graduates at convocation. She thought that perhaps an Elder could present these graduates with regalia after

receiving their diplomas on stage. This would serve as a symbolic act and gesture to acknowledge the accomplishments of Aboriginal graduates at convocation.

Dr. S. Wolf is going to follow up with the Elders' Council regarding her proposal and will provide an update at the next meeting. **(ACTION)**

6. **Draft Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Agenda of November 19, 2012**

The draft O-AGC Agenda of November 19, 2012 was reviewed as distributed.

7. **Reports on status of ongoing initiatives**

7.1 Presentation to Deans' Council

Dr. P. Smith advised that she had met with the Dean's Council to address the issue of attendance at the O-AGC Advisors committee in response to the O-AGC Advisors committee Self-Assessment report. She recommends that this be done regularly, perhaps annually.

7.2 Native Access Program

S. Tardif advised that she currently has 13 students enrolled in the Native Access Program and that she had attended the Manito Ahbee Festival to recruit students and received a lot of positive feedback about Lakehead University.

8. **Upcoming Meetings**

8.1 January 8, 2013; February 12, 2013; March 26, 2013

All meetings are scheduled from 2:00-3:30pm in AT 5035.

9. **Adjournment**