

**OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2012**

**1:30 – 4:00P.M.**

**ATAC 3004**

**MINUTES**

**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. John Hodson, Chair & Associate Prof., Aboriginal Education  
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology  
Mr. Nicole McKay, Lakehead University Native Student Association

Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large\*  
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary & Secretary of O-AGC  
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee  
Ms. Bryanna Scott, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty, Natural Resources Management  
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing  
Dr. Lee Stuesser, Law  
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Acting Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)  
Ms. Joyce Waswa, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment Officer  
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

**Guests**

Dr. Richard Maundrell, Chair of the Research Ethics Board

Dr. Moira McPherson, Deputy Provost, Office of the Provost & Vice President (Academic)

**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  
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Orillia Campus  
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. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies  
Mr. Wilfred King, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre  
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  
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering  
Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs  
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology, Aboriginal Faculty  
Mr. Sarah Nelson, Lakehead University Native Student Association  
Dr. John O'Meara, Education  
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario  
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management  
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities  
Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)  
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus  
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President  
Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Native Access Program  
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

**\*Teleconference**

1. **Welcome**

Everyone introduced themselves.

2. **Opening Prayer**

Mr. Bruce Beardy led the opening prayer.

3. **Guest Presentation**

3.1 Research Ethics Board Annual Report to O-AGC

Dr. Richard Maundrell explained that the report would be brief since the report period began when the new Research Ethics Board (REB) was formed in April. The REB restructuring included a change in that the University oversight now falls under the Board of Governors in compliance with the Tri-Council Policy Statement 2. Additionally, now the Research Office searches for qualified members rather than groups appointing representatives.

There are currently two individuals on the REB who are experienced with conducting research on Aboriginal peoples. The REB is seeking a replacement for Dr. Christopher Mushquash.

The O-AGC suggested that consideration could be given to forming a sub-committee to lessen the workload. This would also allow for additional expertise in many areas possibly make it easier to recruit members.

Requests for inclusion in future reports was made. The title of studies, the time-frame, and the names of the researchers could be included.

4. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (R. Hanley/J. Flett) that the agenda for the November 19, 2012 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

5. **Conflict of Interest**

No conflicts were declared.

6. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (J. Flett/Y. Wanakamik) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of September 24, 2012 be approved as amended.

Item #9 – “Board” should read “University”  
Page 5 – “ochee” should read “ochi”  
CARRIED

Notes from the presentations on October 29, 2012 to the O-AGC were distributed with the meeting materials as an information item. No approval was needed.

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

7.1 For Information Only: Mr. Paul Capon responded that he would accept the Vice-Chair position for the term 2012-2013.

**8. New Business**

8.1 Recommendation – “One full time faculty member whose research involves Aboriginal people” to serve on the Research Ethics Board.

The Chair asked if there were any recommendations from this group. The O-AGC discussed the heavy workload attached to this position. The Secretary was asked to write a letter to the Research Office asking if consideration could be given to forming a sub-committee that would review Aboriginal Research proposals. It was noted that a definition of an “Aboriginal research project” would need to be developed.

The Secretary will ensure this suggestion is forwarded to the Research Office. When a response is received, the O-AGC will reconsider the question.

8.2 MOVED (Y. Wanakamik/J. Flett) that Ms. Sarah Nelson and Ms. Nicole McKay be appointed as the representatives from Lakehead University Native Students Association on O-AGC effective immediately to April 15, 2013.  
CARRIED

8.3 Board of Governors member appointment to O-AGC

MOVED (R. Hanley/A. Schroeter) that Ms. Judy Flett be appointed as the Board of Governors’ member appointment on O-AGC for the term commencing October 2012 through September 2013.  
CARRIED

8.4 Update on Draft Terms of Reference for the O-AGC Committee to Liaise with the Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development

This group has not yet met. Update deferred to next meeting.

8.5 Notice of Motion:

The By-law Review Committee will be proposing that O-AGC approve revisions to the By-laws at the January 21, 2013 O-AGC meeting.

Revised By-laws will be distributed in advance to O-AGC members.

**9. Other Business**

9.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Ms. Kathy Beardy reported that the Grand Chief election has resulted in new appointments. New partnerships are being developed to give students more opportunities for participation and training in the trades programs. Impending legislation on the First Nations Education Act also has been an issue.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard reported that the mining essentials training and sawmill training are continuing as previously reported. AETS is seeking SPF funding for affiliated members to acquire grade 12 to enable them to continue on with trades training, college or university. The archeological technician training program is still in progress. AETS will have 10 First Nations as members by April 2013.

9.2 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Ms. Annette Schroeter reported there were no recommendations coming forward from the Advisors Committee. Ms. Annette Schroeter reviewed the report as submitted.

Dr. Sandra Wolf will be meeting with the Elders' Council to get input on her idea of presenting Aboriginal students with regalia at convocation. As this project moves along, LUNSA and others will be consulted. This topic will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

**10. Updates/Reports**

The following reports were discussed:

- 10.1 Aboriginal Education – (Dr. John Hodson)
- 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)
- 10.5 Lakehead University Native Students Association (Ms. Sarah Nelson & Ms. Nicole McKay)
- 10.6 Native Nurses Entry Program (Ms. Sandra Cornell)

- 10.7 Orillia Campus (Dr. Kim Fedderson)  
It was noted that often good employees are found and trained but then are offered employment at other institutions elsewhere with benefits and full-time employment. A recommendation was made that this topic be added to the next Advisors Committee meeting for discussion and recommendations.
- 10.8 Senate (Dr. Sandra Wolf)

## 11. Information Items

### 11.1 Ontario's Newest Law School

Dr. Lee Stuesser noted that the distributed article was required by the Ontario Bar Association. He noted that the small size and the outreach differentiates the new law school. Admissions have closed and applications will be reviewed shortly. Faculty hiring has begun. The construction has not yet started.

- 11.2 The O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2012 are available on the O-AGC website at [http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/O-AGC\\_Advisors\\_Minutes\\_16Oct12\\_for\\_approval.pdf](http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/O-AGC_Advisors_Minutes_16Oct12_for_approval.pdf).

- 11.3 The job posting for a Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) at Lakehead University is available on the Human Resources website at <http://hr.lakeheadu.ca/employment.php?empid=854>.

Dr. Rodney Hanley noted that he is waiting for an update from the consultants. The advertisement is being circulated widely.

## 12. Adjournment

MOVED (J. Flett/Y. Wanakamik) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair

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Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary