

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2012

2:00 – 4:00P.M.

ATAC 5035

In attendance

Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council*
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Chair), Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Mr. Paul Capon, (Vice-Chair), Matawa First Nations
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Orillia Campus*
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. John Hodson, Chair, Aboriginal Education
Ms. April Jones, Aboriginal Liaison/Advisor (Orillia Campus)*
Ms. Nicole McKay, Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)

Ms. Judi Nelson-Childs, Ontario Native Women's Association
Mr. Timothy Michano, Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large*
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Mrs. Karen Roche, University Secretary
Ms. Beverly Sabourin, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Peggy Smith, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing
Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Native Access Program
Senator Ruth Wagner, Orillia Region Representative*
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

Guests

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

Mr. Colin Bruce, Chair of the Board of Governors' at Lakehead University

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Ms. Ingrid Green, Ontario Native Women's Association
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Greg Lowan, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering

Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty, Psychology
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Ms. Annette Schroeter, Aboriginal Research Facilitator
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Dr. Henri Saliba, Engineering
Ms. Ethel Sault, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Ms. Lisa Wabange, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

***Teleconference**

1. **Guest Presentation**

Mr. Colin Bruce, Chair of the Board of Governors at Lakehead University spoke to the O-AGC about the background and process related to the work undertaken by the Board related to its restructuring. The changes will be effective following the Board's Annual Meeting in September 2012.

These changes will result in a smaller and more effective Board. Over the next two years, the Board size will be reduced to approximately 18 members and 6 standing committees.

O-AGC will continue to have a representative on the Board of Governors.

2. **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Welcome

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair welcomed everyone and asked that each member introduce themselves so the teleconference participants would know who was in the room.

Opening Prayer

Senator Ruth Wagner led the opening prayer.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (T. Pile/J. Flett) that the agenda for the May 15, 2012 meeting be approved.
CARRIED

4. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (P. Smith/J. Flett) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of February 27, 2012 be approved.
CARRIED

6. **New Business**

6.1 MOVED (P. Capon/P. Smith) that Beverly Sabourin be appointed as the O-AGC voting member on the Search Committee for a Vice-President (Administration & Finance).

CARRIED

6.2 O-AGC Meeting Schedule for 2012-2013

MOVED (T. Pile/P. Smith) that O-AGC Meeting Schedule for the 2012-2013 be approved as presented. All meetings will be scheduled in ATAC 3004 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

The proposed meeting schedule for the 2012-2013 is being presented as follows:

September 24, 2012
October 29, 2012
November 19, 2012
January 21, 2013
February 25, 2013
April 15, 2013

CARRIED

6.3 Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) Committee Term Appointments

The Terms of Reference for the Standing Committees were distributed in advance of the meeting.

6.3.1 O-AGC Appointment to Senate

MOVED (T. Pile/J. Flett) that Dr. Sandra Wolf be appointed as the O-AGC representative on Senate for the term September 2012 – August 2013.

CARRIED

6.3.2 O-AGC Appointments to Joint SAC/O-AGC

MOVED (P. Capon/P. Smith) that Dr. John Hodson and Ms. Judy Flett be appointed as the O-AGC representatives on the Joint SAC/O-AGC Committee for the term September 2012 – August 2013.

CARRIED

Ms. Nicole McKay joined the meeting.

6.3.3 Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee

MOVED (P. Capon/J. Flett) that Dr. Ruby Farrell be appointed as the O-AGC representative on Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee for the term September 2012 – August

2014.
CARRIED

The Secretary was asked to confirm with Dr. Ruby Farrell that she is willing to accept this position.

6.4 MOVED (T. Pile/B. Sabourin) that Timothy Michano, President of the Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA) be appointed as the LUNSA representative on O-AGC for May 2012 – April 30, 2013.
CARRIED

6.5 O-AGC Appointment to the Board of Governors

MOVED (P. Smith/J. Flett) that the O-AGC Bylaws Review Committee review the terms related to the O-AGC appointment to the Board of Governors and make recommendations to O-AGC at the September O-AGC meeting.
CARRIED

7. Other Business

7.1 Ayaminaaniwan – Having a Voice Roundtable

Ms. Judi Nelson-Childs summarized the discussions that took place at the Roundtable event. Ms. Nelson-Childs explained that the study was conducted between the ONWA and the City of Thunder Bay involving Aboriginal participation in municipal government. Based on the population in the City, it is notable that Aboriginals are under-represented on City Council.

The follow up to the study was a Roundtable discussion to find solutions to increase Aboriginal participation in elections and the political process.

A summary of the results was distributed.

The City of Thunder Bay and ONWA are continuing to work on this. Ms. Anna Gibbons has contacted Beverly Sabourin to develop a partnership with Lakehead University in pursuing strategies to follow up.

7.2 Priorities and Issues - Updates from external organizations

Senator Ruth Wagner thanked Ms. Beverly Sabourin for all of the work she has done at Lakehead University to move forward with Aboriginal agenda and to April Jones who is organizing the Elders Program in Orillia.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard noted that the Anishinabek Employment and

Training Services has been working with the Pic River First Nation on an entrepreneur training program. AETS has also been working with Confederation College on “How to Run a Guiding Business”. Sawmill training is on-going with Fort William First Nation. A mining training program is underway in Marathon. Participants should have jobs in gold mining upon completion of the program. A water-treatment training program is underway in Greenstone.

The Anishinabek Employment and Training Services is working with Lakehead University as a referral agency for the Humanities 101 program offered by Lakehead University to provide individuals with an introduction to what the university is and the opportunities education can offer.

7.3 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Dr. Peggy Smith noted that the O-AGC Advisors met in May. Dr. John Hodson gave a preliminary report on the results of the study on Aboriginal Faculty Retention and Recruitment. This will be discussed further at the O-AGC Retreat on June 25th and a full printed report will be available prior to that meeting.

7.3.1 Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report to O-AGC will come forward to O-AGC on June 25th.

7.4 Condolences

Dr. Sandra Wolf distributed a handout explaining an issue that arose when the Band Chief in Moose Factory passed away recently. When the Education Department requested that a condolence notice be posted in an Lakehead University Communication Bulletin, the request was declined because the policy of that office did not define Chief Kapashesit as having a specific connection to Lakehead University.

Dr. Wolf asked that O-AGC consider how the University determines who the individuals are that the University has relationships with. Are they Band Chiefs, Band leaders, etc.? She asked that O-AGC consider looking into this.

O-AGC could give consideration to defining important Aboriginal and Metis relationships and begin to create a list of those names. It should be determined whether there is a policy and what considerations would/should be included in the Communications policy. The Secretary will speak with the Office of Communications to determine if there is a policy that addresses notices.

8. Update on Gichi Kendaasiwin Project

A folder of printed materials related to the Kendaasiwin Project was sent to all voting members in April 2012.

Dr. Brian Stevenson updated the O-AGC on the Gichi Kendaasiwin Project and the recent MOUs with local schools interested in participating in the Achievement Fund scholarship project.

Dr. Stevenson thanked those who assisted and participated in the Royal LePage Walk-a-thon to raise funds for the Achievement Fund.

9. **Updates/Reports**

Written and oral reports were received from the following:

- 9.1 Aboriginal Education – (Dr. John Hodson)
- 9.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives – (Ms. Beverly Sabourin)
- 9.3 Board of Governors' – (Ms. Nancy Bouchard)
- 9.4 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee – (Dr. Peggy Smith)
- 9.5 Lakehead University Native Students Association – (Ms. Nicole McKay)

Ms. Nicole McKay, the outgoing LUNSA President, reported on the 2012 Pow Wow noting that internal and external funding is needed each year to support this very successful community engagement event. Next year is the 25th anniversary of the Pow Wow.

Mr. Timothy Michano is the in-coming President of LUNSA.

- 9.6 Native Nurses Entry Program – (Ms. Sandra Cornell)
- 9.7 Orillia Campus – (Dr. Kim Fedderson)
- 9.8 Senate – (Dr. Sandra Wolf)
- 9.9 Senate Research Ethics Board – (Dr. Christopher Mushquash)

10. **Information Items**

- 10.1 The O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2012 are available on the O-AGC website at http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/OAGCMay1512/O-AGC_Advisors_Minutes_21Feb12.pdf.
- 10.2 Proposed O-AGC Retreat
Monday, June 25, 2012
Conference Centre: Bartley Residence (Thunder Bay Campus)

11. **Adjournment**

MOVED (B. Sabourin/T. Pile) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary