

BOARD OF GOVERNORS'/O-AGC CHAIR REPORT
September 24, 2012

The Board of Governors' Committee of the Whole met June 15, 2012.

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Brendon M. Johnson was appointed to the Board to fill the student Governor vacancy for the remainder of the 2011-12 term on the Board of Governors effective immediately until the end of the next annual meeting. He was also appointed to fill the 2011-12 LUSU vacancy on the Board Governance Committee.

O-AGC Retreat – June 25, 2012

Good attendance at the retreat, facilitated by Kari Chiappetta. Purpose of retreat was to create an opportunity for dialogue between all members of the OAGC and begin to develop a focus for the 2012/2013 year. Kari provided a summary report of the event which listed the eight highest priorities for the OAGC to focus on in the coming year:

Curriculum

1. Mining/Forestry: Expand natural resources programming to address Aboriginal issues/concerns and rights
2. Ensure all education/curriculum is culturally relevant

Staffing

3. Increase number of aboriginal faculty

Support

4. Open an Aboriginal Centre on Thunder Bay Campus
5. Look at the following: parental support, jurisdiction in community, appropriate curriculum; all 3 elements are key and need to be looked at together

Students

6. Recognition of educational realities of Aboriginal kids in that 60-80% of the kids drop out before grade 12 – look at developing a strategy for change

Research/Knowledge

7. A comprehensive strategy to develop an International Indigenous Research Institute: LU, New Zealand and Mexico
8. Review VP-AI role, including “exit” interview with retiring VP-AI – conduct a search and fill VP-AI position ASAP.

An ad hoc committee was struck to review the priorities listed and to focus specifically on #8. The committee met July 6. Further discussions to be brought to the Sept OAGC meeting. The OAGC strategic plan should be ready by November.

VP of AI Review Committee – July 6

- Discussion and review of VP of AI Job description
- 3 important functions: continue the student support services, build on the academic side/mission and community relations both external and within the university.
- The job description has been revamped, a smaller version, position to be advertised late August.

Brand Steering Committee

- Is a short term committee established to guide and steward the development of LU's institutional branding and visual identity guidelines
- Judy Flett has agreed to represent OAGC on this 12 seat Committee

Kendaasiwin Building Update – Aug 31, 2012

- President is moving ahead with Kendaasiwin
- Potential location for the building has been identified, although I have not yet been informed on the location.
- OAGC will be inviting the MPPs Michael Gravelle and Bill Maruo to a special meeting and present to them on PowerPoint the Kendaasiwin project and its importance to LU and the aboriginal community.
- LU has made a big investment in the architect and is looking at fundraising and support from the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bouchard