

Ogimaawin – Aboriginal Governance Council Advisor’s Committee Report- September 18, 2012 Meeting

Attending O-AGC Advisor’s meeting were guests Nancy Bouchard, Karen Roche and Dr. Moira McPherson. Also attending were Vice-President Academic Dr. Rod Hanley, Dean’s from Engineering and Graduate Studies, and 11 staff and faculty members from Aboriginal-Specific Programs.

1. Vice-President Rod Hanley is working on assembling the hiring committee for the Vice-Provost of Aboriginal Initiatives position. He requested two members from the O-AGC to be a part of this committee as well as an Elder. His request will be forwarded to the O-AGC.
2. The O-AGC Advisors have begun a process of reviewing the priority items listed in the O-AGC 2012-13 Planning Session, June 25, 2012 Summary Report. Following a discussion the O-AGC Advisors recommend that the following be added to the priorities:
 - Development of an Aboriginal Research Journal;
 - Promotion of Graduate Studies for Aboriginal learners and continuing development of a Master’s program in Indigenous Learning;
 - Address critical Aboriginal student needs in housing, daycare, food security, and other issues;
 - Native Access Program for the Engineering program be revitalized

Recommend that further work be done by the O-AGC Advisors to prioritize the list of focus priorities ultimately leading to direction for the O-AGC Strategic Plan that will be developed.
3. **Recommend** a motion that the O-AGC discuss Lakehead University’s Draft Strategic Plan and the inclusion of social justice in research and academic programming.
4. **Recommend** a motion that the Joint SAC/AMC (Senate Academic Committee – Aboriginal Management Council) work on the inclusion of Aboriginal content in courses.
5. The O-AGC briefly discussed the new Lakehead University website and inclusion of Aboriginal content. Further discussion about the website will take place at the next Advisor’s Committee meeting.

Recommend that the O-AGC view the new website which will be available to the general public after September 23rd.