

Lakehead

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ADVISORS COMMITTEE FOR THE OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2012
2:00-3:00PM
AT 3004

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

1. **Introductions**

Dr. P. Smith, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee welcomed everyone.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with the following revisions:

Agenda Item #5 – Business Arising from the Minutes

Address the Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire prior to the Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report to O-AGC.

3. **Guest Presentations**

a) **Dr. Robert Stewart on behalf of Dr. David Greenwood presentation on the Centre for Place and Sustainability Studies**

Dr. Robert Stewart presented on behalf of Dr. David Greenwood regarding the Centre for Place and Sustainability Studies. He advised the committee that a concept paper and proposal for outdoor learning and gathering places at Lakehead University have been developed and that he would like to invite the Advisors Committee to be involved in further developing this initiative. A questionnaire will be circulated to committee members requesting their feedback and another presentation will be scheduled for the fall.

Dr. J. Hodson thought that perhaps this outdoor learning and gathering place could be connected to the Kendaasiwin Centre.

Ms. L. Wabange advised that the Sweat Lodge site has been utilized as an outdoor learning and gathering space by faculty and staff at Lakehead as well as other external groups.

Ms. A. Jones advised that Dr. Doug West is currently in the process of developing a medicine garden at the Orillia Campus at that this might be another suitable location for an outdoor learning and gathering space.

Dr. P. Smith also thought that perhaps a revitalization of the arboretum on campus might also be a suitable option for this outdoor learning and gathering space.

4. **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of February 21, 2012 were approved as distributed and will be posted on the O-AGC website.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

a) **Selection of Chair/Co-Chair: The Committee will choose its leadership every second year. The Chair or a designate will be the voting member to the O-AGC. – (Dr. Peggy Smith)**

Dr. P. Smith is pleased to report that Ms. Annette Schroeter and Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik will be the Co-Chairs of the O-AGC Advisors Committee for 2012-2013.

b) Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire (Dr. John Hodson)

Dr. J. Hodson gave a presentation on the preliminary findings of the Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire. Dr. P. Smith and Dr. J. Hodson are going to discuss next steps moving forward and Dr. J. Hodson will provide an update at the O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting in September 2012.

c) Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report to O-AGC – (Dr. Peggy Smith)

Dr. P. Smith circulated a copy of the draft self-assessment report that she has prepared for the O-AGC meeting on April 16, 2012. Highlights in her draft report include: Recruitment and Retention of Aboriginal faculty questionnaire and inclusion of Aboriginal content in Lakehead University's Strategic and Academic Plans.

She also noted that all committee members need to regularly attend monthly meetings to ensure effective two-way flow of communication between the university community and O-AGC. Even though there has been an increase in attendance from committee members over the past two years there is still room for improvement, particularly from the Deans' of the various faculties. In her report she has also made a recommendation to organize a presentation to Deans' Council explaining the function of the Advisors Committee and to encourage the Deans' participation at monthly meetings. It was also suggested that perhaps an update from the Deans' could be included as standing agenda item similar to the updates given from the Aboriginal specific programs.

Dr. P. Smith has asked that Dr. S. Wolf and L. Wabange forward any highlights they may have for inclusion in this self-assessment report from when they served as co-chairs during her sabbatical from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

d) Updates – (Ms. Annette Schroeter and Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni)
Re: Possible Funding – Proposed Repository for Historical Documents from
Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation at Lakehead University

Dr. M. Marie Spadoni had attempted to follow up with her colleague at the University of Manitoba regarding possible funding for an archivist position and was informed that this position is no longer part of the library.

Ms. A. Schroeter noted that meetings with Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation are in progress. She advised that KI is concerned with the safety of these records and that the Library is interested in temporarily archiving these records but at this time they can only afford a part-time archival position. Another meeting is going to be scheduled to discuss the next steps for this initiative.

Dr. P. Smith noted that there have been discussions about the possibility of having a full-time archivist position as part of the Kendaasiwin Centre.

6. Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council (O-AGC) Draft Agenda for April 16, 2012

The committee reviewed the agenda as distributed.

Dr. P. Smith requested that the O-AGC Bi-Annual Self-Assessment Report to O-AGC be added to the O-AGC Agenda of April 16, 2012 as item 7.2.1.

Dr. P. Smith also noted that an O-AGC Retreat is being planned for sometime in June and she will follow up with Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of O-AGC and Ms. Beverly Sabourin to see if a date has been determined.

Dr. S. Wolf advised that Dr. Rupert Klein, Associate Professor, Psychology has had difficulty accessing data from Institutional Analysis since his presentation to O-AGC in November.

A. Dokuchie will provide Dr. P. Smith with a copy of the minutes from the November 2011 O-AGC Meeting for her review and will follow up with Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of O-AGC regarding this issue.

7. **Report on status of ongoing O-AGC initiatives:**

a) **Aboriginal specific programs**

Aboriginal Education

Dr. J. Hodson advised that a Memorandum of Understanding has recently been signed between Lakehead University and the University of New Zealand.

He also advised that Dr. Greg Lowan, Aboriginal Faculty in the Faculty of Education has accepted a position with the University of Northern British Columbia and will be leaving Lakehead University at the end of this month.

Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment

Ms. Y. Wanakamik advised that the signing of the MOU between Lakehead University and Lakehead Public School Board will be taking place at 1pm on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at Sherbrooke Public School.

Aboriginal Research

Ms. A. Schroeter informed everyone that the Research Rendezvous with the Métis Community and Panel Discussion: Métis Recognition and Rights. The Time has Come! is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012.

Aboriginal Liaison Advisor (Orillia Campus)

Ms. A. Jones advised that the Georgian College and Lakehead University "Pathways to Education" Day is being planned for April 27, 2012 and that events will be held at both campuses.

8. **Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Ms. A. Dokuchie will put together a new O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting schedule for 2012-2013 and will circulate a copy to committee members.