

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2013

2:00 – 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
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Orillia Campus*
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Ms. Judy Flett, Board of Governors
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. John Hodson, Chair & Associate Prof., Aboriginal Education
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Psychology, Aboriginal Faculty

Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary & Secretary of O-AGC
Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty, Natural Resources Management
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing
Dr. Herman van den Berg, Acting Dean (Orillia Campus)*
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Acting Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee & Aboriginal Faculty, Education

Guests

Dr. Kristin Burnett for Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning
Dr. Richard Maundrell, Chair of the Research Ethics Board

Ms. Tove Tronslien, Manager, Web Development Services
Dr. Rui Wang, Vice-President (Research, Economic Development & Innovation)

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
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. 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
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology
Ms. Nicole McKay, Lakehead University Native Student Association

Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering
Mr. James Mishquart, Northern Superior Chiefs
Mr. Sarah Nelson, Lakehead University Native Student Association
Dr. John O'Meara, Education
Mr. William Perrault, Member-at-Large
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Dr. Lee Stuesser, Law
Ms. Suzanne Tardif, Native Access Program
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

***Teleconference**

1. **Opening Prayer and Welcome**

Mr. Bruce Beardy led the opening prayer.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made around the table and via teleconference.

2. **Guest Presentations**

2.1 Lakehead University Website

Ms. Tove Tronslien, Manager, Web Development Services reviewed the process used to develop the new website. A consultant was hired to conduct stakeholder interviews with users and administration to determine the goals for the site and how to organize the site. The new website will require each unit to be responsible for its own content such as images, video and text.

The University is working toward a new “branding” and if changes are necessary, the website will be updated to reflect the current branding exercise results.

Roll-out will likely be before the end of February. Ms. Tove Tronslien noted that feedback is welcome.

Syllabics run left to right not up and down. There is a character missing. Mr. Bruce Beardy noted that the colours are too light and fade in the background.

2.2 "What are the Strategies for Supporting Aboriginal Research at Lakehead University Going Forward?"

Dr. Rui Wang, Vice-President, (Research, Economic Development and Innovation) noted that the objective of research going forward will be – “continuing what we are doing and doing it better”. Research uses the following strategy: formulate a strategy; build up capacity; provide resources; and measure success.

What metrics are used to measure Aboriginal research? As a whole, Lakehead University should be very proud of its work in Aboriginal research. There have been 73 Aboriginal research projects in the last year. Publication intensity is another measure. Lakehead University is on top of the nation in publishing. Ranking – Lakehead University is number one in the area of Aboriginal research and publications.

Aboriginal research is not isolated. It is supported by all Faculties and by students. The Research Office and the Aboriginal Initiatives work together on very successful initiatives.

The Research Plan, the Academic Plan, and the Strategic Plan all list Aboriginal research as the highest importance.

How will Aboriginal research be supported over the coming years? Every academic unit is preparing its workplan. There will be a new Mining Centre of Excellence – the Centre will be focussed on partnerships with Aboriginal communities.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOVED (T. Pile/J. Flett) that the agenda for the January 21, 2013 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. **Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED (J. Flett/Y. Wanakamik) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of November 19, 2012 be approved.

CARRIED

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

6.1 Recommendation request for “One full time faculty member whose research involves Aboriginal people” to serve on the Research Ethics Board (REB).

Dr. Maundrell reminded the O-AGC that he was here to discuss the memo that O-AGC sent to the REB asking that the REB set up a sub-committee to review proposals for Aboriginal research. Dr. Maundrell had discussed this concept with the REB since the last O-AGC meeting. The REB was not in favour of creating a sub-committee to review Aboriginal research proposals. Dr. Maundrell noted that the REB’s Terms of Reference do provide for an individual with legal expertise and an individual with experience in aboriginal research. Dr. Maundrell noted that the TCPS 2 requires all REBs to perform a careful review on Aboriginal research proposals with respect for cultural differences.

He noted that Ms. Karen Drake will be returning to the REB. Two community members are on REB. When one of them retires, the vacancy may be filled with an individual from an Aboriginal community. If there is ever a question about expertise around the table additional ad hoc committee members can be appointed to assist as stated in the Terms of Reference.

The REB asked the O-AGC to recommend someone to fill that position using the structure as it is now. A faculty member noted that Aboriginal faculty members are so few at LU that the proposal was intended to create a way to share the communal work. Many committees have the mandate to include an Aboriginal faculty member and therefore the Aboriginal faculty members have increased demands on their time.

There was no recommendation for an individual to fill the position on the REB.

MOVED (S. Wolf/J. Flett) that the REB or representatives of REB be invited to have a discussion with O-AGC about reconsidering their decision pertaining to the establishment of a sub-committee to review Aboriginal Research projects.
CARRIED

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

Dr. Peggy Smith reported on the draft Terms of Reference that were developed and distributed by email.

MOVED (S. Wolf/R. Hanley) to accept the Terms of Reference for the O-AGC Committee to Liaise with the Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development.
CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Appointment of Representative from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre

Notice of Motion and a copy of the correspondence from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre were distributed by email on December 7, 2012.

MOVED (T. Pile/K. Beardy) that Ms. Tamara Spence be appointed to the O-AGC as the representative from the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre and that Mr. Wilfred King be appointed as her alternate.
CARRIED

O-AGC will send a letter asking if Mr. Wilfred King will be continuing on the Lakehead University O-AGC.

7.2 Revisions to the O-AGC Bylaws

Dr. Peggy Smith noted that a Notice of Motion was given at the November 19, 2012 meeting. Revisions were distributed to O-AGC voting members by email on January 15, 2013.

MOVED (S. Wolf/Y. Wanakamik) that the revisions to the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Bylaws be approved.
CARRIED

It was noted that the Bylaws now allow for the appointment of an Aboriginal faculty member to the O-AGC.

MOVED (S. Wolf/Y. Wanakamik) that Dr. Raymond Neckoway be appointed as the Aboriginal faculty member.
CARRIED

7.3 Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Dr. John Hodson updated the O-AGC on the work being undertaken by the Joint SAC-O-AGC.

7.4 Proposed O-AGC Meeting Schedule 2013-2014

Ms. Nancy Bouchard requested that O-AGC give consideration to 1:30 pm. start time for O-AGC meetings.

By consensus it was agreed that meetings will begin at 1:30 pm. Every effort will be made to end the meetings by 3:30 pm.

8. Other Business

8.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Mr. Tim Pile updated the O-AGC on the Daniels case decision. Metis land decisions will coming from the Federal government.

8.2 O-AGC Advisors Report and Recommendations

Dr. Sandra Wolf summarized the Advisors Report. Dr. Wolf will be on sabbatical next year therefore her position on the Advisors and on Senate

will need to be filled.

8.3 Update on the Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives Search

Dr. Rodney Hanley reported that the Search Committee has been struck and has met twice. The position has been advertised nationally. Thirty applications were received and interviews are expected to begin within the next few weeks.

9. Updates/Reports

The following reports were received by the O-AGC:

- 9.1 Aboriginal Education (Dr. John Hodson)
- 9.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik)
- 9.3 Board of Governors' (Ms. Nancy Bouchard)
- 9.4 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee (Dr. Peggy Smith)
- 9.5 Lakehead University Native Students Association (Ms. Sarah Nelson & Ms. Nicole McKay)
- 9.6 Native Nurses Entry Program
- 9.7 Orillia Campus (Dr. Herman van den Berg, Acting Dean, Orillia Campus)
- 9.8 Senate (Dr. Sandra Wolf)

10. Information Items

- 10.1 The O-AGC Advisors Committee Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2012 are available on the O-AGC website at http://aboriginalinitiatives.lakeheadu.ca/uploads/docs/OAGC21Jan13/11-06-2012_O-AGC_Advisors_Committee_Minutes.pdf.

11. Upcoming O-AGC Meetings

- 11.1 February 25, 2013
- 11.2 April 15, 2013

Both of these meetings will be scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in AT 3004.

12. Adjournment

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