

## O-AGC LUNSA Update January 7 – February 13

### Powwow

-LUNSA secured funding from LUSU of \$5,300 (as well as funding from AI of \$15,000). We will be attending the next meeting with AMC with a proposal for more funding. This year's budget expenses are just under \$36,000.

-LUNSA is continuing to complete tasks for the upcoming powwow, some updates on this include:

-We encountered a roadblock with the artist we had planned to work with on our poster advertising the event, so we are working with LUSU graphic designer, Trevor.

-Sent invitation to the President of Lakehead, Dr. Brian Stevenson and President of LUSU, Emma Brightwell, respectively.

-We have three vendors committed, ensuring they are Native Arts and Crafts

-We intend to have a sacred fire for the first time in three years, offsite. Cher Chapman is getting permission from Fort William First Nation, and Sarah Nelson has secured some free firewood.

-Nathan Moses is committed to being our MC, Todd Genno to be our arena director. Little Bear has accepted to be our hostdrum and Mud Puddle our co-host drum, both local talents.

-We will be featuring Inuit throat singers, throughout the event, Lakehead student Romani Makikik (who is coordinating with financial assistance from AI) and Becky Qilavvaq traveling from Iqaluit, Nunavut.

-We will be raffling off two men's and women's jackets, as well as sealskin mitts handmade by Romani Makikik. We are pursuing a deal with Wasaya to raffle off an airline ticket as well.

-Robert Robson has kindly donated a beaver and Nicole McKay has offered to store and cook it. LUNSA members will assist her and we will photograph the process.

-We have put a public callout, as well as contacted various news organizations and the L.U. archives and photographer, Peter Puma, to obtain photographs for posters we will use to illustrate the transition the L.U. powwow has taken from its humble beginnings in the Agora in 1988, with one drum group to how large it has become today.

-We would also like to request photographs or contacts from executive of the O-AGC Council. E-mail information to [lunsa@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:lunsa@lakeheadu.ca) or contact Sarah Nelson at 807-472-1760. Miigwetch!

### General Events

-LUNSA has continued to host volleyball bi-weekly on Saturday evenings in the Bora Laskin building. Our sports coordinator, Pamela, and cultural coordinator, Jordan, organize the event. A variety of up to fifty students participate regularly.

-LUNSA promoted events and welcomed new members on Club Day in the Agora January 21, 2013.

-LUNSA participated in International Development Week February 4-7 in the Agora with a food table, where we handed out homemade bannock, jam and cedar tea with information on the benefits. We promoted volleyball nights and the powwow with the student body at large and received some donations for future LUNSA events. We had at least fifty people, students and staff alike; visit our table over the day.