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**OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)**

**November 26, 2018**

**2:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

**Thunder Bay Location: SENATE CHAMBERS UC 1001**

**Orillia Location: OA 2005**

**MINUTES**

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**In attendance**

Mr. James Aldridge

Dr. David Barnett

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Chair

Ms. Anna Chief

Dr. Paul Cormier

Ms. Ann Dumyn (Videoconference)

Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary

Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau

Dr. Nancy Luckai (Videoconference)

Elder Gerry Martin, Vice-Chair

Dr. Moira McPherson

Dr. Raymond Neckoway  
(Videoconference)

Ms. Sheryl O'Reilly

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Dr. Ulf Runesson

Dr. Chander Shahi

Mr. Robin Sutherland

Ms. Yolanda Twance

Mr. Murray Waboose

Ms. Allysha Wassegijig  
(Videoconference)

**Regrets**

Ms. Kathy Beardy

Dr. Michel Bedard

Ms. Denise Baxter

Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham

Mr. Paul Capon

Dr. Bahram Dadgostar

Mr. John DeGiacomo

Dr. Leisa Desmoulins

Ms. Serena Essex

Ms. Lisa Harris

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans

Dr. Antony Gillies

Mr. Christopher Glover

Mr. John Kimball

Ms. Tracey Larocque

Dr. Joseph LeBlanc

Mr. Dennis McPherson

Ms. Elizabeth Michano

Ms. Heather Moynihan

Dr. Christopher Mushquash

Ms. Joy Nieminen

Professor Doe O'Brien

Dr. John O'Meara

Mr. Tim Pile

Dr. Todd Randall

Dr. Lana Ray

Dr. Robert Robson

Professor Nancy Sandy

Ms. Bryanna Scott

Dr. Michelle-Marie  
Spadoni

Dr. Roger Strasser

Ms. Valerie Stortini

Mr. Howard Twance

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-  
Esquimaux

**Invited Guests**

Ms. Dreeni Geer, Director of Human  
Rights & Equity

Mr. Nathan Jensen, Mitchell Jensen  
Architects (Videoconference)

Mr. Paul Mitchell, Mitchell Jensen  
Architects (Videoconference)

Ms. Marcie Morrison, Assistant  
University Secretary

Dr. Heather Murchison, Vice-  
Provost (Institutional Planning and  
Analysis)

Mr. Jonathan Osekhueken Erua,  
Administrative Assistant, Office  
Human Rights and Equity

Mrs. Kathy Pozihun, Vice-President  
(Administration and Finance)

Ms. Yvonne Roussel,  
Associate University  
Secretary

Dr. Peggy Smith,  
Professor Emeritus

Mr. Jensen, Mr. Mitchell, Dr. Murchison and Mrs. Pozihun joined the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 2:35pm.

Elder Gerry Martin led the opening prayer, followed by members and guests introducing themselves.

Item 7 was discussed prior to approval of the agenda.

1. Approval of Agenda

By consensus, the agenda was approved.

2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Members were reminded of their duty to declare a conflict of interest should awareness of conflict arise at any time in the meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – October 15, 2018

The minutes of the October 15, 2018 meeting were circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

By consensus, the minutes were approved as presented.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

The Chair's report for the period of October 17, 2018 to November 5, 2018 was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Ms. Bouchard reported that the O-AGC Bylaw review has commenced and that the O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee has scheduled several meetings from January through to March 2019. Members were encouraged to send recommendations for amendments to the Bylaws to the Chair for consideration by the Bylaw Review Committee.

## 6. President's Report

The President's November 2018 report to the O-AGC was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

Dr. McPherson gave a verbal report on funding initiatives for the Gichi-Kendaasiwin Centre project.

Items 8 and 9 were discussed next.

## 7. Gichi-Kendaasiwin Presentation from Mitchell Jensen Architects

Dr. McPherson provided background information and an update on fundraising initiatives to date for the Gichi-Kendaasiwin Centre project. Highlights from the Mitchell Jensen Architects presentation included:

- arial view of the new proposed building site plan
- digital rendering of new building's exterior design, landscaping, walkways and ceremonial circle
- square footage of new design compared to original design
- next steps

Following the presentation, members discussed:

- the new proposed building design and location in comparison to the original design and location
- the new design budget compared to the original design budget
- areas of the design that will be effected by the overall reduction in square footage
- possible future growth and expansion of the new space
- partnership opportunities

Members were assured that the integrity of the original building design and function will be maintained as much as possible.

Mr. Jensen, Mr. Mitchell and Dr. Smith left the meeting.

Item 1 was discussed next.

8. Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Background information was provided and Dr. Barnett, Dr. McPherson and Dr. Murchison gave a presentation on the implementation of the Strategic Plan. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Strategic Plan overview
- implementation approach
- guiding principles
- creating alignment through implementation
- integrating planning and budgeting overview

Discussion ensued.

9. Academic Plan Update

Dr. Barnett and Dr. Murchison were invited to provide an update on the development of the new Academic Plan. Highlights from the presentation included:

- Academic Plan approach overview
- consultation and academic priorities update (for the period of February 2018 – November 2018)
- draft priorities and strategies
- next steps

Dr. Murchison, Ms. Orr and Ms. Chief left the meeting.

Item 11 was discussed next.

10. President's Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Action Plan Consultation Session

Ms. Geer and Mr. Erua joined the meeting.

A memo from the Office of Human Rights and Equity outlining the EDI Action Plan Consultation Process was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

The memo included:

- An introduction and background information about the Universities Canada's Seven Principles of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- A report on consultation efforts to date with external and community partners

Ms. Geer provided background information, an overview of the five-year action plan and an update on the consultation process. Members were assured that the comments, feedback and notes taken during this session are confidential and anonymous.

Ms. Geer referred to the documents that were circulated in advance of the meeting and open the floor to discussion. Members were encouraged to participate in this EDI consultation session and had opportunities to provide recommendations, comments and feedback.

Members who did not wish to participate in the session during the meeting were invited to access the online consultation form. It was noted that the Administrative Assistant, Aboriginal Initiatives would be emailing the link to the online form to all members. Ms. Geer will also be accommodating one-on-one sessions or group sessions by request.

Ms. Geer, Mr. Eura and Ms. Roussel left the meeting.

Items 12 – 17 were discussed next.

#### 11. Elders Eligibility as O-AGC Members

Elder Gerry Martin declared a conflict of interest and remained in the room for the discussion.

The Chair reported that in order to deal with some tax implications, Lakehead has recently made several Elders that provide guidance to the University part time employees.

To ensure that the voting members of the O-AGC are predominately members of the external Indigenous community, the O-AGC Bylaws (paragraph 3.1b (iv)) specifically require that at least eight members, including "one Elder from the

external community” not be employed by Lakehead University.

By consensus, members agreed to a suspension of paragraph 3.1b (iv) the O-AGC Bylaws to allow for Elders from the external community, who are employed by Lakehead University on a part-time basis as Elders, the ability to continue serving on the O-AGC.

The O-AGC Bylaw Review Committee will be considering whether a revision to the Bylaws is necessary to address this issue on an ongoing basis.

Item 10 was discussed next.

12. Appointment(s) to the O-AGC

12.1 Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA) Appointments to O-AGC

This item was deferred.

12.2 Appointment of Aboriginal Member from the Orillia Campus Region

This item was deferred.

13. Appointment to Other University Bodies and Committees

13.1 Appointment of O-AGC Representative on the Senate

Ms. Eccles provided background information on the vacant position. Because the call to the floor for volunteers and/or nominations was unsuccessful, the Chair instructed the Secretary to send an interest to serve email to all members.

The Chair acknowledged the departure of Dr. Farrell-Morneau.

14. Updates from Indigenous Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Elder Martin provided an update from the Elders Council.

15. O-AGC Advisors Committee Report

Dr. Neckoway reported that the last meeting of the O-AGC Advisors Committee was cancelled because there was not enough business to warrant a meeting and that the bi-annual self-assessment report of the Committee's Terms of Reference will commence in the new year. The role of the Advisors Committee over the long term will be examined.

16. Informational Items

16.1 Aboriginal Education Report

Members received a report from the Department of Aboriginal Education in advance with the meeting materials.

16.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives Report

Members received a report from the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (for the period of October 1, 2018 – November 15, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

16.3 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation Report

Members received a report from the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (for the period of October 15, 2018 – November 15, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

16.4 Indigenous Certificate in Geological Studies

A document that included the goals and timeline of the Indigenous Certificate in Geological Studies was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

16.5 Indigenous Curriculum Specialist Report

Members received a report from the Indigenous Curriculum Specialist (for the period October 15, 2018 – November 16, 2018) in advance with the meeting materials.

16.6 Native Nurses Entry Program Report

Members receive a report from the Native Nurses Entry Program in advance with the meeting materials.

16.7 2018-2019 O-AGC Meeting Schedule Revised

The 2018-19 revised meeting schedule was circulated with the meeting materials for information.

16.8 2018-2019 O-AGC Membership List

The O-AGC membership list was circulated in advance with the meeting materials.

16.9 Members were reminded of the next meeting on Monday, February 25, 2019 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm in the Senate Chambers UC 1001 (Thunder Bay) & OA 2005 (Orillia).

17. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.