



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC) MEETING

April 18, 2016

2:30 – 4:30pm

Governance Conference Room UC2001

MINUTES

In attendance

Mr. Bruce Beardy

Ms. Kathy Beardy

Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Vice-Chair

Mr. Paul Capon, Chair

Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary

Ms. Tareyn Johnson*

Dr. Kim Feddersen*

Dr. Donald Kerr

Elder Gerry Martin

Dr. Moira McPherson

Dr. Christopher Mushquash

Ms. Joy Nieminen

Dr. Ulf Runesson

Ms. Stephanie Seymour

Dr. Chander Shahi

Dr. Peggy Smith

Dr. Brian Stevenson

Mr. Howard Twance

Ms. Yolanda Twance

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-

Esquimaux

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong

Dr. David Barnett

Mr. Tom Beardy

Dr. Michel Bedard

Ms. Anna Chief

Ms. Loretta Collins

Mr. Paul Cormier

Dr. Bahram Dadgostar

Mr. John DeGiacomo

Dr. Leisa Desmoulins

Ms. Karen Drake

Dr. Ruby Farrell

Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette

Mr. Christopher Glover

Ms. Lisa Harris

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans

Ms. Tracey Larocque

Mr. Dennis McPherson

Ms. Elizabeth Michano

Ms. Heather Moynihan

Dr. Raymond Neckoway

Dr. John O'Meara

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Ms. Frances Picherack

Mr. Tim Pile

Dr. Todd Randall

Ms. Marian Ryks-

Szelekovszky

Dr. Michelle-Marie

Spadoni

Ms. Tamara Spence

Dr. Roger Strasser

Ms. Wanda White

Guests

Ms. Sarah Browne

Ms. Marcie Morrison, Recorder

*Videoconference

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

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Opening Prayer:

Elder Gerry Martin led the opening prayer.

Welcome & Introductions:

Members and guests introduced themselves.

2. Guest Presentation

Aboriginal Self-Declaration Statistics and Project Update

Ms. Sarah Browne provided members with the results of the 2015-2016 Aboriginal Self-Declaration Survey that was conducted by Lakehead. Highlights included:

- Breakdown of the statistics
- Estimated number of Aboriginal students at Lakehead (2010-2016)
- Aboriginal self-declaration 2015-2016 by campus
- Aboriginal self-declaration by faculty
- Aboriginal self-declaration by academic level
- 2015 self-declared Aboriginal graduates

In addition to the statistics presentation Ms. Browne reported that updates are being made to the current Aboriginal self-identification process to reflect the best practices of the Council of Ontario Universities (COU). It was estimated that the updated Aboriginal self-identification section of the Lakehead website will be ready to launch in the spring 2017. The next step will be to update the Aboriginal self-identification survey.

Ms. S. Browne left the meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (C. Wesley-Esquimaux/N. Bouchard) that the agenda for the meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. 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.

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2016 O-AGC meeting were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

MOVED (K. Beardy/G. Martin) that the minutes of the O-AGC meeting of January 25, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

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

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

The Secretary indicated that paragraph 3.1a(iii) of the O-AGC Bylaws indicates that O-AGC shall have two voting members from the Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA). O-AGC currently has one LUNSA member. There is one remaining vacant LUNSA seat to fill on O-AGC.

Members discussed possible interested candidates for next year. The current President of LUNSA, Ms. Brianna Decontie was recommended and will be contacted to see if she is interested in the filling a vacancy for the 2016-2017 term.

7. Other Business

7.1 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

Ms. Nancy Bouchard provided members with a verbal update on Anishinabek Employment & Training Services.

Mr. Paul Capon provided members with a verbal update on the Matawa First Nations.

7.2 Joint SAC/O-AGC Update

Dr. Peggy Smith reported that the Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) program will be launched this September 2016. Administration is working on a communications plan to handle the media coverage expected during the launch.

7.3 O-AGC Advisors Committee

7.3.1 Appointment of the O-AGC Advisors Committee Chair

Dr. Peggy Smith declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting on this matter.

MOVED (G. Martin/N. Bouchard) that Dr. Peggy Smith be appointed as the Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
CARRIED

7.3.2 Appointment to the O-AGC Niishtaam Watabin Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee

Dr. Christopher Mushquash volunteered to fill the vacant position that has recently become available due to the resignation of Yolanda Wanakamik, one of the Ad Hoc Committee members.

Dr. Christopher Mushquash declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting on this matter.

MOVED (G. Martin/S. Seymour) that Dr. Christopher Mushquash be appointed to the Niishtaam Watabin Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Committee
CARRIED

8. New Business

8.1 Preliminary Response from President to the Report "The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015"

The preliminary response from the President regarding "The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015" report was distributed via email to members at the beginning of the meeting.

Dr. Brian Stevenson and Dr. Moira McPherson commented on the seven recommendations that were mentioned in the report:

1. Strategic Planning
2. Communications
3. Recruitment & Retention of Indigenous Faculty
4. Recruitment, Retention & Graduation of Indigenous Students
5. Indigenizing the Academy
6. An Indigenous Center
7. Funding

A discussion ensued regarding the seven recommendations outlined in the report, specifically recruiting and retaining aboriginal scholars, transfer students from the Confederation College, and funding.

The O-AGC will receive a final report from the President.

It was noted that the O-AGC will be sharing the "The Status of Indigenous Initiatives at Lakehead University 2015" report with the Board of Governors Committee of the Whole on April 21, 2016.

8.2 Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

Dr. Brian Stevenson provided members with a verbal update on the Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre.

8.3 Ministry of Training, College and Universities, Postsecondary Education Funding for Aboriginal Learners and Targeted Initiatives Fund

8.3.1 Postsecondary Education Funding for Aboriginal Learners (PEFAL) 2016-2017

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux provided an update on PEFAL funding.

8.3.2 Targeted Initiatives Fund (TIF) 2015-2018

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux provided an update on the TIF funding.

8.4 Status of Women Canada Call for Proposals

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux provided an update on the position of the Status of Women Canada proposal.

8.5 O-AGC Membership – For Information

The Secretary reported that, prior to the meeting, the O-AGC voted on the appointment of Elder Gerry Martin and Mr. Howard Twance as new members to O-AGC using an electronic poll.

The following motions were distributed electronically on April 4, 2016 to all voting members and were approved. (In favour of Approval =9; Opposed =0; Abstained=1)

MOVED that Mr. Gerry Martin, an Elder from the external community, be added as a voting member of the O-AGC pursuant to paragraphs 3.1b(iv) and 3.6a of the O-AGC By-Laws.

MOVED that Mr. Howard Twance, Director, Post Secondary Student Support Program with the Seven Generations Education Institute, be added as a voting member of the O-AGC pursuant to paragraph 3.1b(i) (Aboriginal service organizations with an interest in Aboriginal students and Aboriginal issues in post-secondary education) and paragraph 3.6a of the O-AGC By-Laws.

Biographies of the above two individuals were attached for information, pursuant to paragraph 4.9 of the O-AGC Bylaws.

8.6 O-AGC Meeting Schedule 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 proposed meeting schedule was distributed in advance

with the meeting materials.

MOVED (N. Bouchard/P. Smith) that the O-AGC 2016-2017 meeting schedule be approved as follows:

1. Monday, September 26, 2016
2. Monday, November 14, 2016
3. Monday, January 30, 2017
4. Monday, April 24, 2017

All meetings will be scheduled from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Governance Conference Room – UC 2001.

CARRIED

8.7 O-AGC Appointments to Joint SAC/O-AGC

Ms. Stephanie Seymour declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting on this matter.

MOVED (P. Smith/K. Beardy) that Dr. Raymond Neckoway and Ms. Stephanie Seymour be appointed to Joint SAC/O-AGC effective September 1, 2016 to August 31, 2017.

CARRIED

8.8 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of O-AGC Update

It was noted that Mr. Paul Capon, Matawa First Nations and Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services have served three consecutive one-year terms as Chair and Vice-Chair since being elected on November 18, 2013.

8.9 O-AGC Appointment to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee

Dr. Christopher Mushquash declared a conflict of interest and refrained from voting on this matter.

MOVED (N. Bouchard/K. Beardy) that Dr. Christopher Mushquash be appointed to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries

Committee from June 30, 2016 to July 1, 2018.
CARRIED

8.10 Member-at-Large

Subject to Ms. Elizabeth Michano accepting the position, the members passed the following motion:

MOVED (N. Bouchard/P. Smith) that Ms. Elizabeth Michano be appointed as the Member-at-Large from June 1, 2016 to May 30, 2018.
CARRIED

8.11 Lakehead University Responsible Investment Policy Consultation – for information

The Secretary, who is also Secretary to the Board of Governors, reported that the Board of Governors has commenced a consultation process to further inform the development of a Responsible Investment Policy. Consultation is a key component of the Board strategy to develop a Responsible Investment Policy, and to that end the Responsible

Investment (RI) Ad Hoc Committee has invited potentially interested parties, such as members of the O-AGC, to submit views that may inform its deliberations.

The Board Consultation webpage (www.lakeheadu.ca/about/sg/board-of-governors-board-committees/ri-consultation) contains further background information in a Consultation Brief, the Consultation Plan, and information on how to make submissions to the Ad Hoc Committee on Responsible Investing.

Interested parties should send their submissions to the Ad Hoc Committee on Responsible Investing c/o University Secretariat by mail (Board of Governors of Lakehead University, c/o University Secretariat, UC-2002, 955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5E1) or email univsec@lakeheadu.ca no later than April 30, 2016.

In addition, the RI Ad Hoc Committee is holding a public consultation session on Friday, April 22, 2016 at 10:30 am in UC-2020.

Dr. C. Shahi left the meeting.

9. Reports & Items for Information

9.1 Aboriginal Education

Dr. Donald Kerr's report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux's report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.3 Chair's Report

Mr. Paul Capon's report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.4 Native Nurses Entry Program

Ms. Joy Nieminen's report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.4.1 Evaluation of the Native Nurses Entry Program 2014-2015

The 2014-2015 Evaluation of the Native Nurses Entry Program was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.5 Orillia Campus

Dr. Kim Fedderson's report was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.6 O-AGC Membership List

An updated O-AGC Membership List was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

9.7 Aboriginal Programs Open House

An invitation to the Aboriginal Programs Open House was distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

10. Adjournment

MOVED (S. Seymour/P. Smith) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.