



OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

November 27, 2017

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Senate Chambers (UC1001)

MINUTES

In attendance

Ms. Denise Baxter

Mr. Paul Capon

Ms. Anna Chief

Dr. Paul Cormier

Ms. Ann Dumyn*

Prof. Angelique EagleWoman

Ms. Barbara Eccles, Secretary

Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau

Mr. Christopher Glover*

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans*

Dr. Nancy Luckai

Elder Gerry Martin (Vice-Chair)

Ms. Elizabeth Michano*

Dr. Raymond Neckoway

Dr. John O'Meara

Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr

Mr. Tim Pile

Dr. Lana Ray

Ms. Bryanna Scott

Mr. Robin Sutherland

Ms. Valerie Stortini*

Ms. Yolanda Twance

Ms. Allysha Wassegijig*

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong

Dr. David Barnett

Ms. Janice Battiston

Ms. Kathy Beardy

Dr. Michel Bedard

Ms. Nancy Bouchard (Chair)

Dr. Bahram Dadgostar

Mr. John DeGiacomo

Ms. Serena Essex

Dr. Moira McPherson

Ms. Lisa Harris

Dr. Donald Kerr

Dr. Rhonda Koster

Mr. John Kimball

Ms. Tracey Larocque

Mr. Dennis McPherson

Ms. Heather Moynihan

Ms. Joy Nieminen

Dr. Todd Randall

Dr. Robert Robson

Dr. Ulf Runesson

Dr. Chander Shahi

Dr. Brian Stevenson

Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni

Dr. Roger Strasser

Mr. Howard Twance

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-

Esquimaux

Guests

Ms. Marcie Morrison - Assistant University Secretary (Recorder) (Lakehead University)

**Teleconference*

In the absence of Ms. Bouchard (O-AGC Chair), Elder Martin chaired the meeting.

Ms. Battiston joined the meeting.

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

themselves.

The meeting was called to order at 2:40pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

By consensus, the agenda was approved as circulated.

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

The draft minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were distributed in advance with the meeting materials.

By consensus, the October 2, 2017 minutes were approved.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Chair's Report

A report from the Chair was circulated in advance with the meeting materials for information.

6. Lakehead University Cultural Protocol Policy Discussion

The draft Lakehead University Cultural Protocol Policy was circulated prior to the meeting.

Ms. Baxter provided background information and reported that Dr. Peggy Smith had the opportunity to consult with Prof. EagleWomen, the Elders Council and the Orillia campus during the process. The Council received an overview of

major amendments being proposed. During a discussion on the draft policy several concerns were raised.

By consensus, the Council endorsed the draft policy that was presented and recommended to the President that it be approved. In addition, the Council requested that Administration revisit the policy, taking into consideration the six major recommendations that were made during the discussion.

Administration will present a revised policy to the O-AGC at a future next meeting.

Prof. EagleWoman and Ms. Michano joined the meeting during the item 6 discussion.

7. Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR) Update

Members received a verbal update on the ICR from Dr. Farrell-Morneau.

8. Approval of Lakehead University Native Student Association (LUNSA)
Appointment to the O-AGC

It was noted that the Ms. April Head who was recently appointed by the O-AGC for the term November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018 has decided to fulfill her obligations and a replacement is no longer required.

9. Recommendation to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee

Members received background information and an overview of the workload and responsibilities of the Committee.

A call to the floor for nominations was made.

By consensus, the Council agreed to recommend Mr. Paul Cormier to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee effective immediately through June 30, 2019.

10. O-AGC Bylaws Review Committee Update

A call for nominations to fill one External Member position on the Bylaw Review Committee was made electronically one week prior to the meeting. No nominations were received.

A call for nominations from the floor was made, none were received.

11. O-AGC Advisors Committee Report

Dr. Neckoway provided a report on the O-AGC Advisors Committee.

By consensus, the Council agreed to take a five minutes recess.

12. Joint SAC/O-AGC Report

Ms. Baxter reported that the SAC/O-AGC has not met since the last O-AGC meeting.

13. Proposed Board/Senate/O-AGC Liaison Event Update

Ms. Eccles provided an update, reporting that planning is in the works and the Council will receive an email once a date and time has been determined.

14. Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

The Council received updates from the following organizations:

- Faculty of Law (Prof. EagleWomen)
- Matawa First Nations (Mr. Capon)
- Metis Nation of Ontario (Mr. Tim Pile)

Dr. Luckai left the meeting.

- Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre (Ms. Valerie Stortini)
- Elder (Mr. Martin)

A discussion ensued regarding the development of Lakehead's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan and how Aboriginal and Indigenous initiatives and the O-AGC Strategic Plan fits

into the new plan.

The Secretary provided an update on where Lakehead's 2018-2023 Strategic Plan is in the consultation process, noting that the draft plan will be made available for feedback and consultation.

Members were encouraged to submit their comments and concerns via the Strategic Plan consultation page on the Lakehead University website.

At the Councils request, the Secretary will re-circulate the O-AGC Strategic Plan to all members via email.

Ms. Michano left the meeting during the Strategic Plan discussion.

15. Informational Items

15.1 O-AGC Composition

The Secretary provided a review of the composition of the O-AGC and reminded the external members about their rights to send an alternate to O-AGC meetings in their place.

There was further discussion about the composition of the O-AGC and it was suggested that the Fort William First Nation and the Northern Superior Chiefs be represented on the O-AGC. The Secretary suggested that an amendment to the membership be considered during the upcoming O-AGC Bylaw review.

There was a discussion regarding the vacancy of one Aboriginal member from the Orillia campus region on the O-AGC.

15.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (AI) Report

A report from the Office of AI for the period of September 29, 2017 – November 17, 2017 was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information. Ms. Baxter provided an overview of the report.

Ms. Orr left the meeting during the item 15.2 discussion.

15.3 Board of Governors Report

A report of the September 28 and November 16, 2017 Board meetings were distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

Ms. Twance and Ms. Battiston left the meeting.

15.4 Chair on Truth and Reconciliation (CTR) Report

A report from the CTR for the period of October 2, 2017 – November 17, 2017 was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

15.5 2017-18 O-AGC Membership List

The 2017-18 O-AGC membership list was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

It was noted that a call for nominations to replace Mr. Gilbert Deschamps as the O-AGC representative on Senate will be circulated via email by the University Secretariat.

15.6 Members were reminded of the next meeting on Monday, February 26, 2018 from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. The 2017-18 meeting schedule was distributed in advance with the meeting materials for information.

16. Other Business

It was recommended that the O-AGC consider holding meetings in a conference room in the ATAC building so that video conferencing with members from the Orillia Campus would be possible.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.