



MEMORANDUM

To: Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary of the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council

From: Dr. Raymond Neckoway, Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee

O-AGC Meeting Date: Monday, January 30, 2017

Subject: **O-AGC Advisors Committee Report**

1. 2014-2016 O-AGC Advisors Committee Self-Assessment Report

The committee approved the 2014-2016 O-AGC Advisors Committee Self-Assessment Report prepared by Dr. Peggy Smith, Interim Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives and Former Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee. This report will go forward to O-AGC for approval at the next O-AGC meeting on January 30, 2017.

2. Discussion on the use of the word "Indigenous" to replace "Aboriginal" and "Native." "Indigenous" is the current globally used term. The federal government has renamed its department 'Indigenous' and Northern Affairs Canada. The U.N. uses the word "Indigenous" for its reports e.g., UNDRIP. However, the Constitution Act uses the word "Aboriginal to refer to Inuit, Metis, First Nations Peoples.

Some people prefer to use their linguistic designation of Ojibwe, Cree, etc.

While others use their terms to designate themselves, e.g., Anishnabe, Mushkegowuck, Innu, etc.

3. Discussed amendments to the O-AGC Advisors Committee Terms of Reference as it relates to the "Communications Recommendation" in the "President's Draft Response to the Status of Indigenous Initiatives Report at Lakehead University 2015." We didn't have a full discussion, therefore will revisit this item at the next O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Raymond Neckoway
Chair of the O-AGC Advisors Committee