



Lakehead
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**Ogimaawin/Aboriginal
Governance Council**

OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014

1:30 – 3:30 P.M.

SENATE CHAMBERS

MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. David Barnett, Engineering
Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program
Ms. Kathy Beardy, Nishnawbe Aski Nation
Ms. Nancy Bouchard, (Vice-Chair) Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Paul Capon, (Chair), Matawa First Nations
Ms. Bobbi Jo Chenier, Union of Ontario Indians/Northern Superior Representative
Dr. Kim Fedderson, Dean (Orillia Campus)*
Ms. Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences

Dr. Wayne Melville, Acting Chair, Aboriginal Education
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, O-AGC Aboriginal Faculty Member
Mr. Tim Pile, Métis Nation of Ontario
Ms. Karen Roche, University Secretary
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities
Dr. Peggy Smith, Aboriginal Faculty (Natural Resources Management)
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee
Mr. David Tamblyn, Board of Governors*
Ms. Tanis Thompson, Ontario Native Women's Association
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)

Guest

Dr. David Richards, Joint SAC/O-AGC

Regrets

Ms. Tina Armstrong, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education
Mr. Art Beaver, Ogemawahj Tribal Council
Mr. Frank Cappadocia, Orillia Campus
Ms. Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science and Environmental Studies
Mr. John DeGiacomo, Anishinabek Employment & Training Services
Ms. Karen Drake, Law & Aboriginal Faculty
Ms. Bernice Dubec, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning
Ms. Dobi-Dawn Frenette, Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Sreekumari (Sree) Kurissery, Chair, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Dr. Judy Iseke, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Education
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty (Kinesiology)
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Aboriginal Faculty (Indigenous Learning)

Chief Georjann Morrisseau, Fort William First Nation
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty (Psychology)
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program
Dr. Constance Russell, Acting Dean, Faculty of Education
Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)
Mr. David Snake, Aboriginal Liaison Advisor (Orillia Campus)
Ms. Tamara Spence, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work & Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus
Dr. Brian Stevenson, President
Dr. Lee Stuesser, Law
Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Coordinator of Graduate & External Relations
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Aboriginal Faculty (Education)
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty (Education)
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty (Education)

***Teleconference**

1. Opening Prayer and Welcome

Opening Prayer

Mr. Bruce Beardy offered the opening prayer.

Welcome & Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves around the table and via teleconference.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (T. Pile/N. Bouchard) that the agenda for the meeting be approved.
CARRIED

3. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts declared.

4. Approval of Minutes

MOVED (T. Pile/T. Thompson) that the Minutes of the O-AGC meeting of November 18, 2013 be approved.
CARRIED

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. New Business

6.1 Guest Speaker – Joint SAC/O-AGC

Dr. David Richards updated the O-AGC on the work that the Joint SAC/O-AGC has been working on to ensure the Aboriginal content of courses is proceeding as required by the Academic Plan. This work included an inventory of courses with Aboriginal content – looking at both the numbers of courses with Aboriginal content as well as the proportion of course content that meets the Aboriginal content criteria.

The committee has defined some learner outcomes related to Aboriginal content noting the emphasis on important history, culture, agreements, treaties, etc. Dr. Richards summarized some samples of categories of learner outcomes and gave examples of what would be expected as learner outcomes.

The information will be reported to the Senate Academic Committee and with its approval the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee will examine the

identified courses and recommend to Senate that the courses meet the criteria.

Academic units will have the opportunity to develop additional courses.

MOVED (T. Pile/N. Bouchard) that O-AGC supports in principle the direction that Joint SAC/O-AGC has taken to address the Aboriginal content in courses at Lakehead University.

CARRIED

6.2 Nishtam Watapiin Sub-Committee Update

- Draft O-AGC Work Plan is available on the O-AGC website at <http://tinyurl.com/kz7rnjq>.

Dr. Esquimaux noted that to date the O-AGC does not have a strategic plan. Although the O-AGC conducted a workshop in 2011-12, facilitated by a consultant, to gather ideas about what the O-AGC members felt were areas to be addressed. The material has been consolidated, categorized, and formatted into a draft report by the Aboriginal Initiatives Office. It was noted that the workshop exercise was based on “with unlimited resources, what should Lakehead University address?”.

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux noted that O-AGC should strike a sub-committee to assist in reviewing the material that has been prepared, to examine timelines, to determine whether the suggestions have been addressed since the workshop, and to examine what/who should be responsible for the item.

The draft document will be distributed and O-AGC is encouraged to submit comments.

The Chair asked if anyone would be interested in assisting on this project.

MOVED (T. Pile/K. Beardy) that Ms. Nancy Bouchard, Dr. Laura Buker, and Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni volunteered to assist as a sub-committee to continue work on this project – Nishtam Watapiin.

CARRIED

6.3 Kendaasiwin Centre Committee Update

Dr. Peggy Smith joined the meeting.

A letter and a poster were distributed to groups and communities to gather endorsement and support of the Kendaasiwin Centre project. Updated letters have also been sought from groups previously indicating support. The committee will be discussing a fund-raising plan in the future.

6.4.1 MOVED (R. Neckoway/K. Beardy) that the following individuals be appointed to the Kendaasiwin Centre Committee for a term commencing immediately through the September 2015 O-AGC meeting:

- Dr. Peggy Smith (Chair)
- Elder Gerry Martin
- Mr. Tim Pile
- Dr. Carney Matheson
- Dr. Gillian Siddall
- Dr. Andrew P. Dean
- Ms. Nancy Bouchard
- Ms. Karen Roche
- Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni
- Ms. Isabelle Mercier
- Dr. Karen Drake

CARRIED

6.4.2 MOVED (N. Bouchard/C. Wesley-Esquimaux) that the Kendaasiwin Centre Committee be tasked with developing its Terms of Reference for O-AGC approval at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

CARRIED

Reference Section 5.1 Ad hoc Committees (taken from the O-AGC By-laws):

From time to time the O-AGC may require the focused activities of an ad-hoc committee. With the approval by resolution of the O-AGC, an ad-hoc committee may be formed. A proposal to form a committee will include terms of reference, its membership, and its length of duty. At the completion of an ad-hoc committee's task, the O-AGC will dissolve the committee by resolution.

6.5 Ogimaawin- Aboriginal Governance Council Membership

6.5.1 Orientation for O-AGC members

The Secretary reviewed the draft plans for orientation for O-AGC and asked for additional input. The Advisors had the opportunity to provide input as well. The Secretariat will contact the individuals who will be assisting to determine a suitable date. All members will be invited to participate. It was noted that an orientation session for O-AGC has not been offered the past few years. Orientation will include a tour of the Aboriginal departments and supports.

6.5.2 Recommendations for Member at Large

The Member at Large position on the O-AGC has been vacant since April 2013. O-AGC is encouraged to solicit nominations from individuals with background and experience aligned with the O-AGC mandate. An advertisement will be sent out to Aboriginal media sources to encourage nominations.

6.5.3 Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee Appointment

Terms of Reference –

Composition: “One faculty member recommended by the Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council”

Term: “two-year term renewable”

MOVED (N. Bouchard/T. Pile) that Dr. Christopher Mushquash be appointed to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee effective immediately to June 30, 2014.

CARRIED

6.5.4 Vacancies – Students on the O-AGC

O-AGC By-laws: “Two (2) members of the Lakehead University Native Students Association (LUNSA)”

It was noted that there are two vacancies for LUNSA students on the O-AGC since last spring. The LUNSA has been inactive but as of two days ago completed its elections and will be providing the names of the students to fill these vacancies.

6.6 Updates from Organizations – Priorities and Issues

There were no updates provided.

6.7 Update from the O-AGC Advisors Committee

Dr. M. M. Spadoni summarized the items discussed at the last O-AGC Advisors Committee meeting. Many of the Advisors were present at this O-AGC meeting. There was considerable input and discussion provided to Dr. David Richards on the aboriginal content work that the Joint SAC-OAGC Committee has been working on.

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux commented that Lakehead University is working with a university in Mexico and noted that one of the universities is planning

video dialogues with the Mexican university. The first is planned for February 4th on Canadian Aboriginal history; then March 5th on Mayan history; and March 17th on Canadian Traditional Aboriginal medicines followed by a session on Mayan medicines.

7. Items for Information

The following information reports were received:

- 7.1 Aboriginal Education (Dr. Wayne Melville)
- 7.2 Office of Aboriginal Initiatives (Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux)
- 7.3 Native Nurses Entry Program (Ms. Sandra Cornell)
- 7.4 Orillia Campus (Dr. Kim Fedderson)
- 7.5 President's Report (Dr. Brian Stevenson) – available on the O-AGC website at <http://tinyurl.com/k3hgtvo>.
- 7.6 O-AGC Advisors Committee Minutes of September 10, 2013 available on the O-AGC website at <http://tinyurl.com/p687cku>.
- 7.7 Gichi-Kendaasiwin Project Video available for download on the O-AGC website at <http://tinyurl.com/l25oyrs>.

8. Next O-AGC Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2014
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Senate Chambers – Rm. UC 1001

9. Adjournment

MOVED (T. Thompson/T. Pile) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Paul Capon, Chair

Karen Roche, Secretary