

## Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council – Chairs Report

### Board of Governors' Meeting – March 28, 2013

- Joint Senate / Board of Governors Meeting to highlight communication and planning between these two boards which oversee academic (Senate) and Management (Governors) at Lakehead University.
- Attended March 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Governors meeting. Highlights:
  - Lakehead University Law School - Integrated Practical Curriculum Pilot: integrating practical learning throughout the law program instead of articling for period at the end. Placement will be assessed and monitored during this program
  - LUCU president spoke to the board about tuition fee increase of 3%. Board approved an on-going dialogue process with LUCU on points of their letter - 3<sup>rd</sup> party financial review, letter to Premier, more library hours, respect for teachers, adequate learning environment (capital) and better communications between the University and students
  - President re-appoint process – with outside comments, include Aboriginal organizations
  - Appointment of Murray Walberg as incoming chair.
- Attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lakehead University Leaders Breakfast in Toronto at Prospectors and Developers Conference highlighting the work of the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME). Good to see LU students there and LU staff which has been working with Aboriginal organizations.
- Sub-committees :
  - Due to work related activities, I was not able to attend the External Relation Committee meeting.
  - Learning and Research Committee or External Relationship Committee met on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Strategic Mandate Agreement – (i.e.: report to Ontario on Strategic Direction for the university – shows regional, Aboriginal and economic development highlights) as sent to the board, amended and then will be forwarded to Ontario.
  - Orientation of member members to the board happened on March 17<sup>th</sup>. I greatly appreciated the presence of former O-AGC chairs Time Pile and Nancy Bouchard who welcome new members in my absence.
- Approached Dr. Peggy Smith / Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux and the Advisors Committee on Indigenous Governance Program. Will be addressed at the upcoming O-AGC meeting as February 24, 2014 meeting did not have quorum.
- Submitted by Paul Capon, Chair