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**Ojimaawin/Aboriginal  
Governance Council**

**ADVISORS COMMITTEE FOR THE OGIMAAWIN-ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL (O-AGC)**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014**

**2:00 – 3:30P.M.**

**ATAC 3004**

**MINUTES**

- Present:** Mr. Bruce Beardy, Native Language Instructors' Program  
Dr. Laura Buker, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Sandra Cornell, Native Nurses Entry Program  
Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Science & Environmental Studies  
Ms. Karen Drake, Law & Aboriginal Faculty  
Dr. Lori Livingston, Health & Behavioural Sciences  
Dr. Raymond Neckoway, Social Work & Aboriginal Faculty  
Dr. Ulf Runesson, Natural Resources Management  
Dr. Gillian Siddall, Social Sciences & Humanities  
Dr. Peggy Smith, Natural Resources Management  
Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni, Co-Chair, O-AGC Advisors Committee, Aboriginal Faculty, Nursing  
Ms. Yolanda Twance, Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services  
Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik, Coordinator of External and Graduate Relations, Office of Aboriginal Initiatives  
Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives)
- Guests:** Dr. David Richards, Joint SAC/O-AGC  
Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of O-AGC
- Recording:** Ms. Ashley Dokuchie, Secretary, Advisors Committee for the Ojimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council
- Regrets:** Ms. Tina Armstrong, Aboriginal Affairs, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Dr. David Barnett, Engineering  
Mr. Tom Beardy, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Ms. Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment  
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar, Business Administration  
Dr. Ruby Farrell, Aboriginal Faculty, Indigenous Learning  
Dr. Kim Feddersen, Orillia Campus  
Ms. Judy Flett, Aboriginal Education Programs Coordinator  
Dr. Rodney Hanley, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)  
Dr. Philip Hicks, Graduate Studies  
Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery, Interdisciplinary Studies, Orillia Campus  
Ms. Tracey Larocque, Aboriginal Faculty, Kinesiology  
Mr. Dennis McPherson, Chair, Indigenous Learning  
Dr. Wayne Melville, Acting Chair, Department of Aboriginal Education  
Ms. Heather Moynihan, Engineering (Dean's Alternate)  
Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Aboriginal Faculty, Psychology  
Ms. Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program  
Dr. Constance Russell, Acting Dean, Education  
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs)  
Mr. David Snake, Aboriginal Liaison Advisor, Orillia Campus  
Dr. Roger Strasser, Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
Prof. Lee Stuesser, Law  
Ms. Nancy Stevens, Lecturer, Social Work, Orillia Campus  
Ms. Dolores Wawia, Education Elder in Residence & Aboriginal Faculty  
Ms. Wanda White, Aboriginal Faculty, Education  
Dr. Sandra Wolf, Aboriginal Faculty, Education

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni and Dr. Laura Buker, Co-Chairs of the O-AGC Advisors Committee welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as distributed.

**3. Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**4. Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2013**

The Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2013 were approved as distributed and will be posted on the O-AGC website.

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

**5.1 Nishtam Watapiin Sub-Committee**

It was noted that the Nishtam Watapiin Sub-Committee was struck following the O-AGC Retreat held on June 25, 2012 to refine the priorities outlined in the O-AGC Retreat Summary Report.

Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux has taken that summary report as well as the framework that was developed by the Nishtam Watapiin Sub-Committee and has crafted a draft O-AGC Work Plan.

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux has requested that a copy of the draft work plan be distributed to committee members for their review and comment. She would all feedback to be submitted to her by email no later than January 31, 2014. Ms. A. Dokuchie will distribute the plan to committee members.

Dr. C. Wesley-Esquimaux will also provide an update on the draft O-AGC work plan at the O-AGC meeting on January 27, 2014.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Joint Sub-Committee of the Senate Academic Committee and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council**

Dr. David Richards updated the O-AGC on the work being done by Joint SAC/O-AGC on the Aboriginal content of courses as required by the Academic Plan. This work included a list of courses with Aboriginal content looking at both the number of courses with Aboriginal content as well as the percentage of course content that meets the Aboriginal content criteria.

It was noted that Dr. Richards would also be providing an update to O-AGC at their

upcoming meeting on January 27, 2014.

## 6.2 Faculty of Law Protocol Agreement

Ms. Karen Drake reviewed the Faculty of Law Protocol Agreement that was distributed to committee members and noted that the partners would be meeting on January 16, 2014 and that a one-day retreat would be planned for May 2014.

## 6.3 Orientation for new O-AGC members – discussion

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of O-AGC informed the committee that she would like to plan an orientation session for new members. She noted that there have been eight new members appointed to O-AGC since the last orientation session held in January 2010.

Ms. K. Roche requested feedback from the group as to what should be included and Dr. Livingston suggested that a tour of Aboriginal programs and services would be an excellent addition to this session.

Ms. K. Roche is planning this session for sometime in March 2014.

## 6.4 Recommendations for Member at Large – discussion

Ms. K. Roche advised that a call for nominations for an O-AGC Member at Large will be forthcoming.

Below are the sections in the O-AGC Bylaws that outline the requirements for this position:

- Section 3.6 (b) – two-year renewable term – 2/3 vote. This is a different position could be from the same external organizations.
- Section 3.1 (b) Aboriginal community; not employed by Lakehead University.

Ms. K. Roche encouraged committee members to share this information with any qualified individuals who might be interested in serving as a member on O-AGC.

Ms. K. Roche noted that this agenda item will be discussed again at the O-AGC meeting on January 27, 2014.

## 6.5 Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee Appointment – discussion

Terms of Reference:

Composition: "One faculty member recommended by the Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council"

Term: "two-year term renewable"

Ms. K. Roche advised that the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee is seeking a faculty member to participate on the committee.

It was suggested that Ms. K. Roche contact Dr. Christopher Mushquash to see if he would be interested in serving as a member on this committee.

Ms. K. Roche will follow up with Dr. C. Mushquash and will provide an update at the O-AGC meeting on January 27, 2014.

**7. Draft Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Agenda of January 27, 2014**

The draft O-AGC Agenda of January 27, 2014 was reviewed as distributed. It was noted that the following items would be added to the agenda.

1. Joint SAC/O-AGC Update (Dr. David Richards)
2. Nishtam Wapatiin Sub-Committee Update (Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux)

**8. Reports on status of ongoing initiatives**

8.1 The updates from the Aboriginal specific programs were postponed due to time limitations.

8.2 Kendaasiwin Steering Committee

Dr. Peggy Smith advised that the Kendaasiwin Steering Committee will be requesting letters of support for the proposed centre from local and provincial organizations as well as First Nations and PTO's.

Dr. P. Smith will also be scheduling a meeting with Ms. Bernice Dubec of the Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Centre and Ms. Ann Magiskan, Aboriginal Liaison for the City of Thunder Bay to discuss the newly proposed youth centre for the TBIFC. She would like to explore opportunities on how the newly proposed youth centre and the Kendaasiwin Centre can work together in terms of fundraising and community support.

**9. Upcoming Meeting**

Tuesday, February 11, 2014  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
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**10. Adjournment**