

**REPORT TO THE LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY SENATE  
FROM**

**OGIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL, LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY**

**Next Ogimaawin meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2012, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, in ATAC 3004.**

**Business conducted at the Ogimaawin - Aboriginal Governance Council meeting held September 24, 2012.**

At an early point in the meeting, Mr. Cam Clarke, Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors and Mr. Gerry Munt, Senior Advisor to the President for Planning and Implementation, presented an overview of the draft Lakehead University Strategic Plan. Ogimaawin is one of the organizations with whom the Board of Governors is consulting. Members noted the absence of planning for Social Justice, which had been and remains a key feature of the Lakehead University Academic Plan.

In addition, Dr. Peter Hollings, Chair of the Department of Geology, presented information to Ogimaawin about the planned Centre for Mineral Exploration and Sustainable Mining Development. Ogimaawin members formed an ad hoc committee to meet with Dr. Hollings to discuss what is known and needs to be considered regarding First Nations concerns about mining, the land, and people living on the land.

Ms. Nancy Bouchard was re-elected to a second two-year term as Chair of Ogimaawin Aboriginal Governance Council.

Members of Ogimaawin next discussed ways to begin implementation of that part of the Academic Plan that requires the inclusion of Aboriginal content in Lakehead University courses. Members agreed to reactivate the former Joint SAC/AMC, renamed Senate Academic Committee/Ogimaawin – Aboriginal Governance Council, to begin addressing that issue.

Appointment of members to serve in the Search Committee for the Vice-Provost of Aboriginal Initiatives took place at this meeting. Two members were elected.

President Stevenson extended an invitation to members to meet with the Honourable Michael Gravelle to discuss plans for the Gichi-Kendaasiwin Centre. That meeting, originally scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012, has been postponed. When the meeting is rescheduled, members will share their vision of how the building will positively impact the future direction of the relationship of Lakehead University and Aboriginal communities across northwestern Ontario.

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