



**Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council  
Advisors Committee**

**MINUTES**

<b>Date:</b>	April 20, 2023
<b>Time:</b>	9:00am - 11:00am (EDT)
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom Meeting

**Members in Attendance:** Denise Baxter; Dr. Leisa Desmoulins; Lisa Harris (Interim Vice-Chair); Dr. Jula Hughes; Mercedes Jacko; Dr. Brigitte Leblon; Keira Loukes; Sheryl O'Reilly; Lisa Primavesi; Dr. David Richards; Dr. Chander Shahi; Robin Sutherland; Yolanda Twance

**Members not in Attendance:** James Aldridge; Tyler Armstrong; Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham; Anna Chief; Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux; Fionna Farquhar; Christopher Glover; Dr. Jessica Jurgutis; John Kimball; Dr. Janusz Kozinski; Dr. Rhonda Koster; Sreekumari Kurissery; Tracey Larocque; Dr. Wayne Melville; Heather Moynihan; Dr. Christopher Mushquash; Dr. Raymond Neckoway; Professor Doe O'Brien; Jerri-Lynn Orr; Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni; Dr. Mirella Stroink; Andrea Tarsitano; Dr. Anita Vaillancourt (Chair)

**Administrative Resources:** Vanessa Franklin - Governance and Administrative Assistant (Recorder); Yvonne Roussel (Interim University Secretary/OIEC Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am, without a quorum.

Denise Baxter assumed the role of Acting Chair in the absence of the Committee Chair.

New member Keira Loukes was welcomed and introduced to the group.

**Item**

1. Approval of Agenda

Prior to the meeting, members were invited to request that an item be added to the agenda for discussion during this meeting, if time permits.

The agenda was approved, as circulated.

2.	<p>Approval of the January 17, 2023 Minutes</p> <p>Discussion on the ITIP process ensued.</p> <p>By consensus, the January 17, 2023 minutes were approved, as circulated.</p>
3.	<p>Update/Report from the Committee Chair</p> <p>No update from the Chair was given.</p>
4.	<p>Update: Advisors Committee Terms of Reference Review (Lisa Harris, Chair of the Advisors Ad Hoc Committee)</p> <p>The Ad Hoc Committee met on May 1, 2023, and will continue its review over the summer.</p>
5.	<p>Indigenous Content Requirement Evaluation Framework Update</p> <p>Supporting documentation was circulated prior to the meeting. Some topics discussed in the update were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Framework Evaluation Document</li><li>● Background</li><li>● Methodology</li><li>● Peer Lead Engagement Sessions</li><li>● Data Analysis</li><li>● Timeline</li><li>● Evaluation Framework</li><li>● Next Steps</li></ul> <p>Discussion ensued following the update.</p>
6.	<p>Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Appointments</p> <p><i>For Information - An Interest to Serve email was circulated to all members on March 8 and March 21, 2023.</i></p> <p>A summary of the roles and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-Chair roles was provided.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Selection of Chair (Term = July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025)</li></ol> <p>Lisa Harris expressed her interest to serve as Chair prior to the meeting.</p>

	<p>By consensus, the Committee approved the appointment of Lisa Harris as OIEC Advisors Committee Chair, for a two year term, commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.</p> <p>2. Selection of Vice-Chair (Term = July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025)</p> <p>During the meeting, Lisa Primavesi expressed her interest to serve as Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Lisa declared a conflict of interest and temporarily departed the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding the Vice-Chair term length.</p> <p>Lisa rejoined the meeting.</p> <p>By consensus, the Committee approved the appointment of Lisa Primavesi as OIEC Advisors Committee Vice-Chair, for a one year term, commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.</p>
7.	<p>Approval of 2023-24 Meeting Schedule</p> <p><i>For information - In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, meetings have been scheduled prior to OIEC meetings.</i></p> <p>By consensus, the Committee approved the 2023-24 meeting schedule, as circulated.</p>
8.	<p>SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee Recommendations</p> <p><i>For information: An Interest-to-Serve Call out was circulated in The Bulletin on March 24 and April 4, 2023.</i></p> <p><i>Excerpt from SAC/OIEC Joint Subcommittee Terms of Reference: "Two individuals with knowledge and expertise in Indigenous content, pedagogy and curriculum recommended by the OIEC Advisors Committee."</i></p> <p>a. Current Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Wendy Parkes (term expires June 30, 2023)</li><li>● Jessica Metcalfe (term expires June 30, 2023)</li></ul> <p>b. Nominations Received:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>i. Wendy Parkes</li><li>ii. Jessica Metcalfe</li></ol>

	<p>By consensus, the Committee approved the re-appointment of Wendy Parkes and Jessica Metcalfe, for a one year term, commencing July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.</p>
9.	<p><b>Policy Review: Indigenous and Aboriginal Cultural Ceremonies Policy</b></p> <p>The following documents were circulated in advance of the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Policy Governance Framework (for information)</li><li>b. Current Indigenous and Aboriginal Cultural Ceremonies Policy</li><li>c. Committee Feedback: Members were invited to leave comments directly in the Google Doc prior to and following the meeting, or can send comments directly to the University Secretariat and/or the Advisors Committee Chair or Vice-Chair no later than the end of the day on April 27, 2023. Feedback will be brought forward to Administration during the regular scheduled review of this policy.</li></ol> <p>It was noted that the current policy will be brought forward to the Elders Council meeting on May 10th, 2023 for review.</p>
10.	<p><b>Internal Reports for Information</b></p> <p>The following written reports were circulated in advance of the meeting and will be shared with the OIEC at its next scheduled meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Office of Indigenous Initiatives</li><li>b. Chair on Truth and Reconciliation</li></ol>
11.	<p><b>Round Table Discussion</b></p> <p>Discussion ensued on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Indigenous Preview Day</li><li>● Access Program Spring Celebration</li><li>● Grants given to hire summer students</li><li>● Indigenous laws, land based learning and Treaty 3 criminal justice initiatives at the Law School</li><li>● Orillia Campus updates</li></ul>
12.	<p><b>Other Business</b></p> <p>It was noted that convocation dates have been posted.</p>

13. Informational Items

- a. January 30, 2023 OIEC Meeting Summary
- b. April 3, 2023 OIEC Meeting Summary  
*The next meeting of the OIEC is October 16, 2023.*
- c. 2023-24 OIEC Advisors Committee Meeting Schedule (pending approval at this meeting)
  - Next Meeting: Monday, October 2, 2023, 10am-12pm (EST)
- d. OIEC Advisors Committee Membership, Terms of Reference and Minutes Online (please notify Marcie Morrison with any corrections to membership)

The meeting adjourned at 10:28am.