

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
NATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Preamble

Lakehead University has a history of participating in Native endeavours. For example, the Native Nurses Entry Program, the Native Teacher Education Program, the Native Language Instructors' Program, and the Native Student Support Services Program are testaments to this institution's commitment to make the Native students' academic goals more successful. Most recently, Lakehead University established the Native Studies Study Group and the position of Co-ordinator of Native Programming to assist in the University's objectives of developing programming relevant to Native people and of helping Native students succeed. A further initiative by the University is to establish a Native Students Access Program to further the ability of Native students to enter University programs and to succeed in their work.

Lakehead University is committed to involving and consulting the Native community at large with respect to such objectives and programs. It needs a mechanism for regular and mutually useful participation of representatives of the Native population. The University proposes to establish the *Lakehead University Native Advisory Committee* as a means of involving Native people in University programs of interest to them. The Committee would have the following terms of reference.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Advisory Relationship within the University

The *Lakehead University Native Advisory Committee* (LUNAC) is established to give advice to the President at Lakehead University on programming in Native Studies, on University relationships with Native communities and students, and on other matters of interest to Native people and the University.

2. Membership

The *Lakehead University Native Advisory Committee* shall consist of fifteen persons:

- 1) The Grand Council Chief of the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation
- 2) The Grand Council Chief of Grand Council Treaty #3
- 3) The Grand Chief of the Union of Ontario Indians
- 4) The Grand Chief of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians
- 5) The President of the Ontario Métis and Aboriginal Association
- 6) The President of the Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres
- 7) The President of the Ontario Native Women's Association
- 8) The President of the Lakehead University Native Students' Association

The elected leaders named above may be represented by such other qualified and formally designated representatives as she/he appoints.

- 9) Two Native persons from Northwestern Ontario to be nominated and appointed by the Committee, one of whom shall be an elder.
- 10) The Chairperson of the Native Studies Study Group
- 11) Two persons appointed by and from the Native Studies Study Group
- 12) The Co-ordinator of Native Programming
- 13) The Vice-President (Academic), who shall be Secretary of the Committee.

The Chairperson of the Lakehead University Native Advisory Committee shall be a Native person, nominated and selected from the Committee membership.

3. Representation and Advice

The representation of the Native community served by Lakehead University, with their special knowledge and trust within their community, are expected to represent the interests of their people in the deliberations of the Advisory Committee. They are in a position to know the concerns and needs of their people, to bring these to the attention of the Advisory Committee and the Vice-President (Academic), and to influence the actions of the university.

4. Responsibilities

The *Lakehead University Native Advisory Committee* is established to:

- 1) provide ongoing support and advice to Lakehead University through the Offices of the President and the Vice-President (Academic);
- 2) review data and statistics on the recruitment and retention of Native students, the courses of study in which they are enrolled, and their success in and after their University studies;
- 3) review and advise on general policy additions and changes to University programs, as these relate to the Native communities and students, through such procedures as periodic program reviews and evaluations;
- 4) advise on the promotion of University programs and services, program budgets, recruitment of Native staff, faculty and students, application procedures, admissions procedures and criteria, the support of Native students and proposals for Native specific initiatives;
- 5) advise and educate the University and the general public on Native issues;
- 6) assess ways in which courses of study may be offered in Native communities in northern Ontario;
- 7) advise on the establishment of a Centre or Department of Native Studies, and,
- 8) submit specific recommendations with regard to the above named matters.

5. Meetings

The Committee may meet as often as it sees fit, provided that it does so within the budget provided. The University shall pay appropriate travel, meal, and accommodation expenses according to established University accounting practices.

The University shall provide secretariat services through the Office of the Vice-President (Academic).