

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- Present:** S. Schell (Chair), P. Quesnele (Secretary)
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| Y. Alphonse | S. Kousta | M. Pitcher |
| R. Assiniwai | B. Lloyd | H. Stevenson |
| J. Belisle | M. Moraca | S. Taylor |
| M. Borowicz-Sibenik | J. Pastore | A. Vezina (President) |
| P. Dupuis | E. Pitcher | |
- Regrets:** P. Sewell, M. Turco
- Guests:** R. Battisti, C. Fowler, D. Rogers, M. Wabano-McKay
P. Steeves

1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 6:12pm

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territories

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on sacred lands set aside for education as envisioned by Chief Shingwauk for our children and for those as yet unborn.

1.1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Open session and advised that the Board is committed to actions of the Shingwauk Site Partners to ensure that every current measure available will be used to address the potential that there may be unmarked burial sites outside of the marked graves in the Shingwauk cemetery. She reiterated that this would be done in a culturally respectful and responsible way and would be guided by the Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association.

1.2 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None.

1.3 Consent Agenda

1.3a OPEN Agenda for meeting dated June 24, 2021

1.3b OPEN Minutes - April 29, 2021 [**Appx. 1**]

1.3c Reports from Board Committees/University Bodies [**Appx. 2**]:

Committee/University Body	Chair	Report
Board Executive	M. Moraca	i. OPEN Apr 20/21
Board Finance	S. Taylor	ii. OPEN Apr 20/21 iii. OPEN May 11/21
Nominating & Governance	E. Pitcher	iv. OPEN Apr 14/21
APC	T. Kakapshe	v. Mar 10/21

MOTION: *That all items listed under the date June 24, 2021 ‘Consent Agenda’ be approved as amended.*

Moved by: E. Pitcher

Seconded by: H. Stevenson

Carried.

2.0 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT - N/A

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Honouring our Commitment - Calls to Action [FLIPBOOK LINK]

- **SHARED STATEMENT - Shingwauk Site Partners: Commitment to Action following Kamloops Residential School Findings**

J. Jones, President of the CSAA joined M. Wabano-McKay, Vice President Nyaagaaniid: Anishinaabe Initiatives, Equity and Student Success, to address the Board regarding the shared Commitment to Action by the Shingwauk Site Partners following the recent findings of unmarked burials at various former residential school sites across Canada. J. Jones shared that the Survivors have the expertise, knowledge, patience and bravery to provide guidance through this process; he advised that this will be conducted through ceremony to ensure proper care is taken, honouring the responsibility guided by the Children of Shingwauk.

M. Wabano-McKay also presented *Honouring our Commitment*, Algoma University's recommitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. She advised that this was a collective effort and provided an overview of the vision from the past, present and future perspectives related to the work that has been undertaken and is yet to come in moving toward reconciliation. A. Vezina acknowledged the significant efforts of the committee.

3.2 Research Advisory Committee Presentation [Appx. 3]

- **Dr. Paulette Steeves, Associate Professor of Sociology, Canada Research Chair Tier II Healing and Reconciliation**

D. Rogers provided an introduction to Dr. Paulette Steeves who presented her research related to the denial of a human presence in the Americas prior to 11,200 years ago which led to denial of archaeological sites older than this being denied, destroyed or ignored. Her research has shown that this denial is a political construct and remains an ongoing practice of a colonial midst that has worked to erase Indigenous history, diversity and humanity. She further outlined that the acknowledgement of Indigenous peoples links to the land in deep time is crucial to education and discussions to combat racism and discrimination, as well as to inform laws, policies, and land claims. The Board was provided an opportunity to ask questions and thanked Dr. Steeves for her research presentation.

4.0 BUSINESS ARISING - N/A

5.0 ITEMS FOR DECISION / DISCUSSION

5.1 Calls to Action & Commitment to Action

MOTION: *That the Board approve "Honouring our Commitment" a renewal of the Universities original response to the Calls to Action as recommended and presented by the working group.*

Moved by: M. Moraca

Seconded by: B. Lloyd

Carried.

MOTION: *That the Board is supportive of the Shared Statement - Shingwauk Site Partners: Commitment to Action following Kamloops Residential School Findings.*

Moved by: S. Taylor

Seconded by: Y. Alphonse

Carried.

5.2 2021-23 Strategic Plan Extension

A. Vezina provided an overview of the six objectives of the Strategic Plan extension which emerged from the work of a committee composed of members of the Board, Senate and administration.

MOTION: *To approve the 2021-2023 Strategic Plan Extension as recommended by the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee.*
Moved by: E. Pitcher **Seconded by:** M. Pitcher **Carried.**

6.0 NEW BUSINESS ITEMS - N/A

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Sociology Executive Summary Report [Appx. 4]

Questions on Information Items
None.

8.0 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: *That the Board move into the CLOSED Session*
Moved by: S. Taylor **Seconded by:** H. Stevenson **Carried.**

17.0 APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: *To approve the motions that were made in the CLOSED Session.*
Moved by: S. Taylor **Seconded by:** B. Lloyd **Carried.**

18.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: *That Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.*
Moved by: H. Stevenson **Seconded by:** S. Taylor **Carried.**

SIGNATURES



Chair



Secretary