



January 30, 1992.

Dr. A. E. Epp,
Department of History,
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Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5E1.

Dear Dr. Epp:

At the September 1991 Workshop on the proposed Native Access Program for Engineering there was:

- unanimous support for program development provided that there was involvement of the native community;
- a request for a follow-up conference to report progress.

I have included a copy of the proceedings for your information.

The purpose of this letter is to invite you or your delegate to the proposed "Follow-Up Conference" which will be held on Friday, February 21, 1992 at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder bay. A draft agenda is attached for your information. Since the workshop in September three different committees have been struck:

- a Program Development Committee which has nearly completed their task;
- a Finance Committee which is working to obtain supplemental support and awards for students;
- a Recruitment and Selection Committee which has begun its work to develop the ways and means to locate and select quality students for the program.

The membership of these committees is attached for your information.

In addition to bringing you up-to-date and obtaining your input, it is most important that we discuss the recruitment and selection process because we still expect to have students in this program by mid-July 1992. We plan to put the program before Lakehead University's Native Advisory Council, and various University academic groups including the Senate within the next couple of months. During that period, the funding should also be secured. We are on schedule so your input and support are important.

If you are personally unable to attend, please try to send a colleague who is involved in education counselling. You will appreciate our need for your early response to this invitation so we can confirm our arrangements with the hotel. I am enclosing a response form; please fax your reply (807) 343-8928, however, a stamped return envelope is also enclosed for your convenience. If you wish to arrange for accommodation now, please contact the Valhalla Inn (1-800-268-2500 toll free or for Northwestern Ontario, 1-800-465-5037 toll free; or fax 807-475-4723) where a block of room has been reserved under the group confirmation number G2797.

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We do expect representatives to take care of their own expenses for travel, accommodations and some meals, as our funds are quite limited. However, we will be able to consider some funding assistance to a very limited number of invited representatives if we hear from them soon. Whether you are able to attend or not, we intend to provide you with a written account of the conference and invite your input and reactions.

I sincerely hope that you or your representatives will be able to attend; we continue to need your help to make this program successful and to provide students with the opportunity for an engineering education.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. G. Locker', written in a cursive style.

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J. G. LOCKER, Ph.D., P.Eng.,
Director,
School of Engineering.

NATIVE ACCESS PROGRAM FOR ENGINEERING

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

School of Engineering

COMMITTEES

Program Development Committee

1. Ron Dokis, P.Eng., Canadian Pacific Forest Products.
2. Murray Cohen, Program Development Officer, Lakehead University.
3. Jo-Anne Fisher-Wade, Lakehead University Native Advisory Council.
4. Laurie Garred, P.Eng., Chairman, Dept. of Chemical Engineering, Lakehead University.
5. Derek Hill, P.Eng., Supervisor, Technical Services, Mushkegowuk Council.
6. Gary Locker, P.Eng., Director, School of Engineering, Lakehead University.
7. Buddy Loyie, Chief's Advisory Services, Fort Frances.
8. Richard Lyons, Elder.
9. Rebecca Maki, Consultant.
10. Myrna Goodwin, Engineering Student, Lakehead University.
11. Floyd William, Engineering Student, Lakehead University.

Finance Committee

1. Alfred Eli, Dept. of Indian & Northern Affairs.
2. John Nabigon, Ojibway 1850 Treaty Council.
3. Brad Thompson, Ontario Metis and Aboriginal Association.
4. Gary Locker, Director, School of Engineering, Lakehead University.
5. Daniel Anderson, Shibogama Tribal Council.

Recruitment and Selection Committee

1. Murray Cohen, Program Development Officer, Lakehead University.
2. John Dudley, Northern Nishawbe Education Council.
2. Gary Locker, Director, School of Engineering.
3. Patty McGuire, Native Nurses Entry Program, Lakehead University.
4. Mark Sault, Rainy Lake Ojibway Education Authority.
5. Ron Thomas, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.