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A Brief History of Algoma University College

- 1831 Chief Shingwauk (1779-184) develops idea of teaching wigwam
- 1833 First Mission School built on top of Pim Hill
- 1871 Wilson purchases 90-acre parcel of land with help of \$500 municipal grant.
- Sept 1873 Shingwauk's sons Chief Augustin Shingwauk (1800-1890) and Chief Henry Buhkwuijenene (1811-1900), along with Wilson, start Shingwauk Home for native children at Garden River; burns down six days later.
- 1874 School rebuilt on AUC site
- 1875 Wilson deeds land to Anglican Church under condition it's held in permanent trust for the education of Native youth
- 1892 Wilson resigns
- 1910 Anglican church says it is free to dispose of land as it pleases
- 1935 Existing AUC main building constructed
Shingwauk home demolished
- 1956 Anna McCrea Public School opened on Shingwauk property
- 1957 Sir James Dunn opened on Shingwauk property
- 1961 Provincial legislation to establish Ontario Vocational Centre (now Sault College)
- Nov 1965 Algoma University College gains affiliation with Laurentian University
- Early 1967 AUC buys 353 Acres of land at Fourth Line and Brule Road for future campus
- Sept 1967 First AUC classes offered at Sault College site in 14 subjects;
Ontario Vocation Centre becomes Sault campus of Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology;
AUC begins occupation, as a separate institution, of several buildings on the Cambrian College campus
- June 1970 Shingwauk closed as a residential school
Keewatinung Anishnabek Institute opens as a centre for culture,

education and research

- May 1971 AUC moved to current location
1972 Principles of association agreed upon by University and Keewatinung Institute
- June 1973 Convocation conducted in Sault Ste. Marie for first time; previous ones held in Sudbury
- 1975 Keewatinung Institute closes and evicted by Algoma
- 1975 Anglican Diocese sells AUC land to province
- Feb 1975 Dr. Donald Watkins of Red Deer College in Alberta appointed principal and Chief Executive Officer; Minister of Colleges and Universities announces public inquiry into college.
- July 1975 Dr. Akram Rajput files discrimination complaint with Ontario Human Rights Commission after failing to win advertised position in Sociology Department
- Sept 1975 Faculty contract negotiated, but instructors wouldn't sign
- Oct 1975 Faculty Association applies for certification
- Aug 1975 Trustees appointed to run AUC
- 1981 First Shingwauk Reunion
- 1982 AUC Board supports idea of multi-campus system
- 1983 Government report (Parrott) suggests AUC, Nipissing, Hearst and Laurentian merge into one multi-campus bilingual institution
- 1984 AUC asks for new affiliation agreement with Laurentian
- April 1988 AUC board sets up committee to study implications of applying for independent charter
- April 1989 Education Minister accepts Ontario Council on University Affairs recommendation against granting AUC independence
- 1989 New \$3.1-million Arthur A. Wishart Library opened

- 1990 AUC board ratifies First Nation/Canadian cross cultural development
- Feb 1991 Board increases its composition with the addition of three aboriginal representatives
- May 1991 Garden River First Nation files \$10-million lawsuit against Anglican Church for 90 acres of land, including AUC BRIDGE initiative with Sault College and Lake Superior State University gets underway
- Summer 1991 Second Shingwauk Reunion
- Dec 1991 First Nations request name change to Shingwauk University
- Jan 1992 AUC announces it will seek independence charter
- 1992 New \$3.1-million George Leach Athletics Centre opens
- Oct 1993 AUC wipes out deficit
- Oct 1994 Lawsuit settled; Garden River gains title of 20 acres of water front opposite AUC plus \$722,000 for loss of 35 acre AUC campus
Formal independence charter application sent to Minister of Education and Training