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President's Report to Senate



Lakehead
UNIVERSITY





OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Faculty of Engineering Celebrates 40 Years

On April 26, our Faculty of Engineering celebrated the 40th anniversary of its first graduating class with a special dinner in the Agora. Approximately 120 people attended, including graduates from Lakehead's very first Engineering class, Engineering alumni from over the years, former and present deans, faculty and staff, as well as Dr. Robert Rosehart, Lakehead University's President between 1984–1997.

Alumni from Lakehead's first class of Engineering students (1964-1965) receive gifts of Lakehead Engineering backpacks.



AUCC President, Paul Davidson, visits Lakehead

On May 2, our Thunder Bay campus welcomed Paul Davidson, president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. He toured the campus and various research labs, and met with researchers, members of senior administration, and our Board of Governors' Committee of the Whole. A presentation he gave to the Committee, entitled *Canada's Universities Towards 2017: Strengthening Canada and Preparing Young Canadians for a Global Future*, discussed emerging issues in post secondary education.

Search for New Provost Begins

As we begin our search for our next Provost & Vice-President (Academic), we have retained the services of search firm *Laverne Smith & Associates*. I have also started assembling our search committee and have issued a survey to our faculty and staff asking for their input and names of potential candidates. **Click here to access the survey.**

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) comes into effect on July 1, 2014. There are questions in the Canadian university legal community regarding what university activities are covered by CASL. We are currently developing a policy and educational workshops to assist our University community in complying with the legislation, as necessary.



Parking Lot Maintenance 2014

As part of a consultative process, Physical Plant has spoken to Senior Management Team (STM) and is scheduled to speak to Internal Relations committee and LUSU to advise them of plans for parking lot maintenance during summer 2014.

We have over 2,800 parking spots at our Thunder Bay campus and approximately 70% of them have a receptacle to plug in your car. Many of these receptacles no longer work due to various types of damage, including frost, rust, and covers that do not meet current code.

Physical Plant's plan is to prioritize the use of the receptacles by retaining those in Residence Parking lots (for students living there) and Lot 5 (our premium lot). Remaining receptacles will be disconnected and made safe. A quick survey across the City of Thunder Bay showed that Confederation College only has 100 receptacles in a premium lot, Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre has none, and St. Joseph Care Group has a few legacy systems in place.

Physical Plant also plans to sweep the parking lots and repaint the lines along with some patching and paving of the asphalt. A review and repair of street lights will also be undertaken.





EXTEND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Official Unveiling of 'Simcoe Hall'

In recognition of the County's ongoing, tremendous support, it was a pleasure to announce that our Orillia campus's academic building would be named 'Simcoe Hall'. The official unveiling saw the building's new name mounted onto its façade.

The County of Simcoe presented Lakehead University Orillia with a \$1 million cheque during County Council on November 26, 2013. Since 2009, the total amount of contributions by the County to the University is approximately \$3.5 million.

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Representatives from the County of Simcoe and Lakehead University gather for official unveiling of 'Simcoe Hall'.



EXTEND OUR INTERNATIONAL REACH

Dalarna University Delegation visits Thunder Bay

A delegation from Sweden's Dalarna University visited our Thunder Bay campus, April 21-24, including Dalarna's Vice-Chancellor and several senior members of their faculty. Over the course of their visit, they enjoyed meetings with senior administration and faculty from Lakehead, as well as a tour of our campus and the region.

Our cooperation with Dalarna University goes back more than 15 yrs, sparked by connections made between Lakehead and Dalarna during the 1993 Nordic Skiing World Championships in Falun, Sweden, and the 1995 Championship held in Thunder Bay. The majority of Lakehead students on our exchange program with Dalarna have been in Social Sciences & Humanities, and Business Administration. The goal of the visit was to expand our cooperation into new areas of study, including the addition of faculty exchanges and research cooperation.



Myself with representatives from Sweden's Dalarna University.



ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, LEARNING, AND RESEARCH

Lakehead University's Convocation 2014

Over 2,000 degrees will be conferred during our 2014 Convocation ceremonies at our Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses, between May 30 and June 7. In addition to celebrating our students and their achievements, convocation will include the presentation of several awards and five honorary degrees, as well as naming two Fellows and this year's professors emeriti.

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FELLOWS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Jacqueline Dojack

Elizabeth McWeeny

ALUMNI AWARDS

Scott Kress, HBOR/BSc '93
Alumni Honour Award

Dr. Gary Polonsky, BSc '77
Alumni Honour Award

Eric McGoey, HBA '02
Alumni Horizon Award

Ahmoo Angeconeb, HBFA '93
Alumni Honour Award

Mae Katt, HSBcN '86/MEd '95
Alumni Honour Award

Ashleigh Quarrell, HBComm '09
Young Alumni Award

Christopher Mushquash, HBSc '02/MA '04
Young Alumni Award

Mark Tilbury, HBComm '94
Alumni Legacy Award

PROFESSORS EMERITI

Dr. Richard Berg
Department of Philosophy

Dr. Jane Crossman
School of Kinesiology

Dr. Allan Gilbert
Department of Chemical Engineering

Dr. Patricia Jasen
Department of English

Dr. Robert Payne
School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Dr. Medhat Rahim
Faculty of Education

Dr. Dolores Wawia
Faculty of Education

HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Arnold Aberman
Doctor of Science

Richard Wagamese
Doctor of Letters

The Hon. Bob Rae
Doctor of Laws

The Hon. Frank Iacobucci
Doctor of Laws

The Hon. Mary Anne Chambers
Doctor of Laws

CIVITAS AWARD

Robert Bowles

