

# Provost's Report to Senate

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**October 2016**

## **Strategic Enrolment Management**

Starting this week, the Vice-Provost Institutional Planning and Analysis and I will be meeting with half of our faculties to build awareness and understanding of enrolment planning for 2017/18, and to test data, supports and processes that are being developed to support full implementation of Strategic Enrolment Management at Lakehead University.

Over the course of the next 18 months, all faculties and departments will participate in developing enrolment forecasts at the program level as Lakehead University implements Strategic Enrolment Management. This is the first of many future cycles in a comprehensive approach to multi-year enrolment planning that will inform how all units of the University operate.

In addition to the discussions we'll be having at the faculty and department level, implementation of Strategic Enrolment Management will include ongoing alignment to the Strategic and Academic Plans; review of recruitment, retention and student success initiatives; continued improvements to data/information accessibility, collaboration and transparency, communication, engagement and partnership across the University; and ongoing process improvement with a focus on supporting enrolment goals.

Your participation, input and feedback on implementation of Strategic Enrolment Management are welcome as Lakehead University continues to implement evidence-based enrolment planning.

## **Contract Lecturer Orientation**

An Orientation specifically for Contract Lecturers was held on October 13. More than 40 lecturers from both campuses took advantage of the afternoon and evening sessions. Topics included roles and responsibilities, relevant policies and regulations, teaching resources (highlighting the Library and IDC), and accommodations, accessibility and human rights. We wish to thank Karen Keiller, Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Dreeni Geer, Lynda Kitzen, Cathie O'Connor and Ashely Beda for their contributions!

Presentations and other material are available on the [Instructional Development Centre](#) website.

## **Aboriginal Initiatives**

Dr. M.A. (Peggy) Smith, the new Interim Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) will continue to work with the staff and Committees to implement the Indigenous Content Requirement (ICR). The recruitment of a new Indigenous Curriculum Specialist is well underway. This is a key step in Lakehead's commitment to ensuring the ICR is effectively implemented.

## Faculty of Law

On September 23, 2016, 36 of the 58 law graduates attended the Law Society of Upper Canada Call to the Bar for Ontario in Toronto. Dean EagleWoman offered remarks on the accomplishment and Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler received an honorary doctor of laws.

Lakehead University welcomes Mr. Gilbert Deschamps of the Red Rock First Nation (Lake Helen Reserve of Ontario) in the role of Director of Indigenous Relations, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law.

Assistant Professor Karen Drake (Metis Nation of Ontario) was appointed one of five new Commissioners to serve on the Ontario Human Rights Commission in September 2016.

## Library

After consultation with faculty-library representatives, 46 journal titles have been identified for cancellations. A full list of titles is available from <https://library.lakeheadu.ca/blog>.

The Chancellor Paterson Library hosted therapy dogs on October 4. In addition to the regular student visits to the library that evening, over 350 more students visited with the dogs.

The Library is coordinating copyright clearance for course related material when the copying is beyond fair dealing guidelines. To find out more about the guidelines and services visit <http://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/copyright> and the *Copyright 101* course in MyCourseLink.

Ms. Trudy Russo, Special Collections Librarian has been appointed as an Ontario member to the newly formed [Truth and Reconciliation Committee of the Canadian Federation of Library Association](#). The Committee exists to promote initiatives in all types of libraries to advance reconciliation by supporting the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and to promote collaboration in these issues across the Canadian library communities.

## Student Affairs

### Enrolment Services

#### Academic Advising, Records and Registration

If anyone is interested in learning more about Academic Standing and University Regulations, how to submit Calendar Changes or use Marks Management, the staff of Academic Advising, Records and Registration are available to meet and provide support and information. Please contact Ms. Cathie O'Connor, Associate Registrar.

The final date for students to withdraw/drop a Fall 2016 course with no academic penalty is Monday, November 7, 2016.

#### Undergraduate Recruitment

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF) held September 23-25, 2016 in Toronto marked a record attendance with 135,945 attendees (up by 3,000 from last year). Lakehead welcomed over 3,300 inquiries from interested future students, parents

and guidance counselors (an increase from last year). Participation was also up in the presentation room, with over 350 attendees. Our new 3D Virtual Reality Campus Tour and Facebook Live daily broadcasts viewed over 5,000 times. Thank you to all of the faculty and staff who worked together to continue to grow our student body from the Greater Toronto Area.

## **Orillia Student Affairs**

### **Aboriginal Initiatives**

On November 9, 2016, a day of activities is being planned which will include visiting Elders and classroom talks from Dr. Cynthia Wesley Esquimaux, Lakehead University's Chair on Truth and Reconciliation. The day will be capped off with comedian Ryan McMahon as part of his "Stories From The Land" Canada Tour and Reconciliation Project. Special thanks to the Turtle Island Student Circle and the Centre for Place and Sustainability for their generous sponsorship of the event.

### **Wellness Centre**

Wellness Week will take place on campus during the week of October 17 to 21. The week will include visits from therapy dogs, health snacks, a health practitioner fair, and more. The volunteer Peer Health Educator Team is planning various health promotion initiatives this year - the first campaign will emphasize the statistic of 1 in 5 individuals who struggle with mental health concerns.

## **Student Accessibility Services**

Student Accessibility Services participated in a number of Orientation activities for students and New Faculty Orientation Sessions. Staff are meeting with new and returning students to put academic accommodations in place for this term, facilitate referrals for Psychological assessments, and recommend supports available through the Bursary for Students with Disabilities.

## **Student Success Centre**

The student traffic in the new **Academic Support Zone** (formerly Math and Writing Assistance Centres) has surpassed last year's numbers during the same period. The Zone is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Chancellor Paterson Library.

Skills For Success Workshops have been running for the past two weeks with more scheduled over the course of the semester. Topics include Academic Integrity, Study Tips and Tricks, Getting Back On Track, Writing Essay Exams and more.

The Orillia Academic Support Zone will be in full operation following Reading Break.

The Fall Calling Campaign to all Lakehead students will be initiated in the coming weeks. All Lakehead students will receive an automated call from the SSC inquiring whether or not they would like more information on support services at the University. Student Success staff will follow with a student request for support.

The Fall Career Fair (Thunder Bay Campus) held on October 4 was a great success with 26 employers and over 350 students in attendance. Professional photos were offered to students as well as free resume reviews.

### **Student Health and Counselling Centre**

Students are taking advantage of the new service hours on Wednesday evenings and Saturday morning. A new Mental Health session – *Working Effectively on Group Projects* addressing challenges and benefits of working collaboratively and how to work effectively on assignments as a group is being offered. The Session details will be advertised to students via the Communication Bulletin.

### **Web Development Services**

Web Development Services has launched a new ticketing system. Any requests, questions or changes to the website must now be forwarded through the system in order to prioritize and respond in a timely manner. This service can be accessed from the following location at [wds.lakeheadu.ca](http://wds.lakeheadu.ca).

### **Office of Sustainability**

In September, the Office of Sustainability in partnership with the Centre for Place and Sustainability offered guided walks to explore some of the natural features and lesser-known stories of campus. Tour sites and discussion included Lake Tamblyn, the fish ladder, and Student Health and Counseling. A walk through the McIntyre River path introduced students to some of the self-guided heritage trails located on our very own campus.

In partnership with EARTHCARE, Lakehead's Office of Sustainability presents a **Guest Lecture by Charles Marohn of Strong Towns: "Strong Towns, Strong Citizens: How To Impact Local Communities For Good" on Tuesday, October 18 at 11:00 am – 12 noon in the Faculty Lounge.**

Mr. Marohn will help expand our ideas about pursuing purposeful work and a meaningful life in response to the deepest challenges of our time. Take advantage of this guest lecture and be inspired through topics involving community leadership, design of our places, and financial successes. The event is open to all students and the public.

The Office of Sustainability has created a "Guide to Sustainable Living on Thunder Bay Campus". This features a campus map specifically tailored to showcase sustainability-related features on campus, as well as a list of sustainability services and locations. The goal is to make a sustainable lifestyle on campus more accessible to the Lakehead community. An Orillia version is forthcoming.

Respectively submitted,

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