

Provost's Report to Senate

November 2016

Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM)

Throughout late October and November, the Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis) and I met with the Faculties of Engineering, Business and NRM to build awareness and understanding of enrolment planning for 2017/2018, and to test data, supports and processes that are being developed to support full implementation of SEM. Each of these meetings resulted in engaging discussion and identified opportunities as we continue to develop SEM at Lakehead University. In the coming weeks, we will meet with the Faculty of Education and the Department of Psychology to complete our Phase 1 faculty engagement in 2016.

Throughout late November and early December, the Associate Vice-Provost (Enrolment and Registrar) and the Vice-Provost (Institutional Planning and Analysis) will also meet with Administrative, Library and Student Support Services to initiate discussions on SEM and the implementation approach at Lakehead.

Over the course of the next 18 months, all faculties and departments/schools will participate in developing preliminary 2018/2019 enrolment forecasts at the program level as a first step to ongoing multi-year enrolment planning. In addition to the discussions occurring at the Faculty and department level, implementation of SEM 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 SEM is welcome as Lakehead University continues to implement evidence-based enrolment planning.

Maclean Rankings

Each year, Maclean's Magazine ranks Canadian universities on a number of variables that include Students, Faculty, Resources, Student Support and Reputation.

In addition to providing some national rankings, Maclean's categorizes all Canadian universities into one of three categories (i.e. Medical Doctoral, Comprehensive, and Primarily Undergraduate). Maclean's places Lakehead in the Primarily Undergraduate category, along with four (4) other Ontario universities (Trent, Laurentian, UOIT and Nipissing).

Lakehead is ranked third overall among five primarily undergraduate Ontario universities in the 2017 Maclean's Ranking of Canadian Universities and is ranked:

- First in Student Awards
- First in Total Research Dollars
- First in Total Library Expenses
- Second in Citations (scholarly output)

- Second in Scholarships and Bursaries
- Third in Student/Faculty ratio
- Third in Faculty Awards
- Third in Social Sciences and Humanities Grants
- Third in Reputation

Lakehead is continuing to develop a strategic approach to many of these indicators. The implementation of SEM is one avenue to address these factors.

Lakehead International

I am pleased to announce that Mr. James Aldridge, effective January 1, 2017, will assume the role of Lakehead University's Vice-Provost (International).

I know you will join me in thanking Tony Williams for his exceptional contributions to the development of LUI, and to Lakehead University's international enrolment growth.

Aboriginal Initiatives

Lakehead University will be featured in the Council of Ontario Universities upcoming publication, *Deepening our Relationship: An Overview of Indigenization-related Activities on our Campuses*. This is due to be released in December 2016.

Work continues on implementation of the Indigenous Content Requirement. The search for an Indigenous Curriculum Specialist has begun. Further details of this position are available on the [University website](#).

A Kairos Blanket Exercise was delivered in Orillia to students, faculty, staff, and community members. This is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. The exercise is an interactive learning experience that teaches the Indigenous rights history we're rarely taught. Developed in response to the 1996 Report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, which recommended education on Canadian-Indigenous history as one of the key steps to reconciliation, the Blanket Exercise covers over 500 years of history in a one-and-a-half-hour participatory workshop. From <http://kairosblanketexercise.org/about>. The sessions were very well attended.

The Province of Ontario designated November 7-12 as Treaties Recognition Week. Library staff created a page of Treaty-related resources and information in preparation for this Week at <http://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/c.php?g=412911&p=4046260>. The Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services also hosted the showing of the NFB film *Treaty 9, Trick or Treaty*.

On October 27-29, Aboriginal Initiatives together with the Centre of Excellence on Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME) and Dr. Terry Mitchell of Wilfrid Laurier University, hosted a workshop on a research project on *Free, Prior and Informed Consent*. This workshop was attended by Indigenous representatives from Matawa First Nations, as well as

representatives from other Canadian case study sites (NWT and Nunavut) and Indigenous leaders from South America. A highlight of the workshop was a well attended public talk given by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Victoria Tauli-Corpuz.

The Special Rapporteur's talk was video-recorded and is available at <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/faculty-and-staff/departments/services/ai/news-events/events/details/node/39212>

Library

Librarians are continuing to work with faculty departmental representatives on weeding the main stacks collection in the Paterson Library. Books will be given to Better World Books and be available to Lakehead University Students. Please contact your liaison librarian for more information (<https://library.lakeheadu.ca/about/liaison-librarians>).

The Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP) was held on November 21. The Library stayed open all night with activities that included a midnight pizza party, therapy dogs, workshops, moonlight yoga and a gaming/movie lounge. The LNAP kicks off exam hours in the Chancellor Paterson Library - from now until the end of exams, the Library will be open until 3:00 am daily.

Archives

November is significant for the Finnish-Canadian collections at the Archives: we acquired a new collection of records from Cairine Budner, improved descriptions for the Canadian Suomalainen Jarjesto (Finnish Organization of Canada) fonds, and increased public digital access to the Thunder Bay Finnish Canadian Historical Society collection (<http://archives.lakeheadu.ca>).

Education Library

The Education Library has been exploring options for optimal space utilization for both undergraduate and graduate students. To identify areas for change and improvement, input has been gathered from Education Library stakeholders during the month of November. In addition to the focus groups, a survey was sent to Education graduate students, faculty, contract lecturers and staff in Thunder Bay. In focus groups with students, the "Learning Commons" concept and suggested ideas for furniture, layout and a "technology practice area" were presented. The information and feedback gathered will guide the development of a plan for the Education Library. It is anticipated that the implementation of the plan will begin in the Spring/Summer 2017.

Student Affairs

Orillia Student Affairs

Student Central is now staffed by two Student Affairs Assistants who are available to answer inquiries related to program information, course registration, degrees and transcripts for graduates as well as information regarding OSAP.

Aboriginal Initiatives

The successful first Indigenous EcoReach workshop for indigenous youth to explore the science behind water treatment and oil spills in parallel and traditional Indigenous knowledge and teaching was held on November 9.

The Coordinated Learning Access Network continues to grow with more job seekers and employers creating profiles through <http://clan.magnet.today>.

Wellness Centre

The Peer Health Educator (PHE) Team was officially launched with seven volunteers and two volunteer leaders. The Team has participated in two days of sessions (Wellness Centre Orientation, SafeTALK, Sexual Health training, etc.). The PHE Team will be assisting with health promotion and student engagement events throughout the year.

The Centre is now offering service on Wednesday evenings. Counsellor Laura East is available to students from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Athletics

The Varsity Golf season is now complete while the Women's Extramural Basketball and Hockey has begun their competitions. Ms. Renee Williams (women's golf) was selected as September's Athlete of the Month.

Student Accessibility Services (SAS)

Student SAS registration has increased in 2016-2017 to 531 students (506 in 2015-2016). There are now additional services provided including advisor appointments, notetaking, alternate format tests, assessment referral and accommodated tests.

The SAS is utilizing the Prettie Residence space as a temporary Testing Centre. The Centre is used regularly during the term and extensively during mid-terms by students writing accommodated tests. The number of students using the Centre in the Fall of 2016 was 1185, up from 1098 in the same time in 2015.

Staff have been reaching out to local and regional high schools to provide information and respond to students with questions regarding transitioning to post-secondary.

Student Success Centre

The EXCEL Leadership Program is well under way in Thunder Bay with approximately 40 students involved. The program will be launched in Orillia in 2017.

This Fall, the Calling Campaign is again reaching out to students with information about support services at Lakehead. Over 6304 students have been contacted with staff following up with approximately 935 students.

The Fall Engineering Career Fair, held November 3, was very successful with 22 employers involved and over 300 students in attendance.

Student Health and Counselling Centre

In collaboration with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit, the Centre is developing educational sessions for students, focusing on alcohol/substance use. Implementation is anticipated for the winter 2017 term.

During the Long Night Against Procrastination at the Library, held on November 21, the Centre offered six educational/support sessions (*Meditation, Active Procrastination and Working in Groups*) and an information display during the evening.

Web Development Services

Web Development Services is pleased to announce the launch of a 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: wds.lakeheadu.ca.

Web Development Services actively works to ensure that all accessibility compliance obligations are met. Web Development Services respectfully asks that all website administrators cooperate to ensure that website content meets accessibility standards. If there are questions around that, please consult with the staff in Web Development Services.

Marks Report for Lakehead University

Attached is a summary of the undergraduate marks by department/school for Fall/Winter 2015/2016.

Respectively submitted,

Moira McPherson
Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Attachment