

**February 2019**



**President's Report  
to Senate**



**Lakehead**  
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## Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

### SSHRC awards \$140K in Indigenous Capacity and Reconciliation – Connection Grants

Lakehead University researchers from both our campuses are receiving more than \$140,000 in SSHRC Indigenous Research Capacity and Reconciliation – Connection Grants for important studies that will have a profound impact on the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

These projects will:

- engage Indigenous youth to use video to present research stories about Lac Seul First Nation
- explore the development of a consultative research process in the resource-based economy using tourism outfitters in Northern Ontario as a case study
- bring together community members and educators at an Indigenous Mathematics Education Conference at Lakehead Orillia

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## Office of the President

### Provincial Government Announces Changes to changes to PSE

On January 17, the Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities announced changes to:

- university and college tuition levels for all funding-eligible enrolment;
- how ancillary fees are categorized (mandatory or optional) and charged to students; and
- how OSAP award amounts will be calculated and the repayment of Ontario student loans.

Recognizing the impact on institutional revenues, the Ministry also announced that is committed to a short-term sustainability fund to support smaller, northern institutions that demonstrate immediate financial need in 2019-20, and a commitment to developing a plan to achieve long-term sustainability at lower domestic tuition levels.

The delivery of quality education for our students remains Lakehead University's top priority. This includes protecting the supports and services that our increasingly-diverse student population relies on.



## Expand our International Reach

### East Asia and South East Asia outreach

Lakehead continues to work to broaden its internationalization efforts.

In January, Dr. Betsy Birmingham, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Dr. Lori Chambers, Chair/Professor, Women's Studies visited REVA University in Bangalore, India as the first collaborative project between REVA University and Lakehead. The purpose of the visit was to deliver a 1-week workshop titled "Gender studies: Gender Roles & Identity - the Canadian context/global perspective", and to explore further opportunities for collaboration in Social Sciences and Humanities programming and research.

Also in January, I was accompanied by James Aldridge, Vice-Provost International, on a 1-week trip to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Malaysia. In Hong Kong, we hosted a gathering of some of our Hong Kong alumni chapter members who expressed strong support for our new international student support initiatives.

In Vietnam, we had meetings at Ton Duc Thang University's Ho Chi Minh City campus as a follow-up to the MOU signing that took place during a senior delegation visit to Lakehead Thunder Bay in 2018. We are working on student exchange, faculty mobility and transfer credit initiatives. We are thrilled that one of our faculty members will be presenting at Ton Duc Thang later this year.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, we met with Malaysian alumni and our partner, Sunway University. Sunway and Lakehead are close to completing the program mapping for articulation agreements in Business Administration that will allow Sunway to add Lakehead to its list of overseas institutions that accept Sunway students for completion of their undergraduate programs.





## LUSU wins World University Service of Canada award

In 2018, **Masoud Manzouri**, Coordinator for the Lakehead University Student Union's Multicultural Centre, and Co-Chair of WUSC's Local Committee at Lakehead University, promised to win one of the awards at WUSC's 2019 Campus Awards.

In January, Manzouri attended the 2019 International Forum in Ottawa to accept the WUSC Campus Award for *Event of the Year* on behalf of Lakehead's Student Refugee Program. He credits winning the award to his team's outstanding planning and teamwork.

## Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

### Professors hosting *In Conversation* talks at Thunder Bay Public Libraries

Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay Public Library have informative *In Conversation* talks planned for February and March. *In Conversation* talks are free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend.

On February 2, Lakehead history professor Dr. Michel Beaulieu explored how historical amnesia has contributed to the rise of fake news, at the Mary JL Black Library.

On March 2, join Lakehead English professors Dr. Judith Leggatt and Dr. Monica Flegel in the Brodie Library's Fireside Reading Room for a discussion called: *Is Superman an Immigrant?: Race, Ethnicity and the Superhero*.

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## **New Director of Industry Research Partnerships**

The Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation is pleased to welcome **Bill Maloney** as Lakehead's new Director of Industry Research Partnerships. In his role, Bill will lead the development of research partnerships with industry and enhance the leading role of Lakehead University in knowledge-based innovation and economic development in our regions.

Bill graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Commerce and Biology. He has over six years of experience building partnerships with government, First Nations, industry and academics. In his new role, Bill is looking forward to building new partnerships, supporting research initiatives and innovation, and fostering greater economic development.

Please feel free to contact Bill at [bmaloney@lakeheadu.ca](mailto:bmaloney@lakeheadu.ca) or by phone at (807) 343-8793.

## **Enhance Support of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Students**

### **Celebration of the United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages**

On January 15, Lakehead University hosted the opening ceremony of our year-long celebration of the United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages. The event was held in the Agora and featured an opening prayer by Elder Gene Nowegejick, and keynote speaker, Fort William Frist Nation Chief Peter Collins.

The next year will provide opportunities for members of the University and external communities to understand the importance of languages through various activities, including a large language-through-arts project, and a July celebration of Lakehead's Native Language Instructor's Program's 30 years on our campus.