

Provost's Report to Senate

November 2017

Strategic Enrolment Management

This autumn, the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis will be hosting meetings with heads of academic units, the Acting Vice-Provost of Student Affairs, and the Director of Student Affairs to discuss projected enrolment for each department for 2018/19, opportunities, challenges and best practices related to the enrolment projections, recruitment, retention and graduation of students. Continuing this dialogue with the academic units is seen as key to the achievement of our SEM goals.

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

Aboriginal Initiatives

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives and the Department of Aboriginal Education coordinated and assisted with the facilitation and participated in a community consultation for the Department of Canadian Heritage co-development of Indigenous Languages Act. The sessions included community Elders, Dean of Education, Acting Chair of Aboriginal Education, Indigenous Education Programs Coordinator, and community members and partners. The session was part of a nation-wide community consultation process.

The Vice-Provost has been engaging in outreach meetings with the Lakehead University community. Meetings with senior administration, faculty, staff and community partners are underway. The primary themes of conversation are on how the Aboriginal Initiatives Office can collaborate to support recruitment, retention, research, education and community partnerships. The Vice-Provost's first visit to our Orillia campus is on November 21 and 22, 2017.

Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services (ACSS)

ACSS continues to focus on the retention and success of students through opportunities such as workshops as listed below:

- *Dealing with Procrastination*
- *Time Management and Exam Prep Workshops* – co-hosted with Student Success Centre
- *Self-Care Workshop*
- *Anti-Racism Workshop*
- *Aboriginal Mentorship Program*
- *In-STEM Canoe Outreach Development*

Aboriginal Mentorship Program (AMP)

The AMP staff met with the President and Administration of the Lakehead University's Engineering Students Society (ESS) and Superior Science to plan and coordinate our

Indigenous STEM (Science Technology Engineering & Math) outreach project with Kingsway Park Elementary School. This project is designed to showcase both the conventional and the Indigenous science/engineering of the birch bark canoe using Indigenous Elders, university students and community experts to deliver programming to grades 7 and 8 youth. Indigenous AMP mentor Amanda Michano was hired as the lead for this outreach project.

Bridging Ways of Knowing Over Water Project

In October, Lisa Harris (AMP Coordinator) and Dr. Amanda Diochon (Director, Lakehead University Water Resource Lab) travelled into Shoal Lake # 40 and Grassy Narrows First Nation's to meet with community members directly involved in their own community water associations. Both communities are participating in our 'Bridging Ways of Knowing Over Water Project'. This was an initial meeting as we work together to begin creating an educational package which will supplement current Ontario curriculum.

Aboriginal Initiatives Coordinator – Orillia Campus

The Aboriginal Mentorship Program hosted seven (7) high school students, three (3) undergraduate students, two (2) master's students, one (1) alumni, and (one) 1 elder on November 15, 2017 to establish mentorship relationships, take a campus tour, and participate in a joint lecture on Clan Families and the Medicine Wheel with Social Work and Education students in our main lecture hall.

Native Access Program

The Office of Aboriginal Initiatives, the Teaching Commons, the School of Social Work, the Department of Psychology and the Chair on Truth and Reconciliation, supported Dr. Martin Brokenleg's recent visit to Lakehead University. Dr. Brokenleg presented the following five (5) sessions:

- Indigenous Content Requirement Workshop: Culture in the Classroom
- Aboriginal Education ED4359: Culture in the Classroom
- 5th Year Social Work Research Course: Cultural Patterns
- Mobilizing Communities: Aboriginal Student Lounge (ACSS)
- Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Agora (Community Event)

Dr. Martin Brokenleg is the co-author of the book *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future* and co-developer of the Circle of Courage model and provides training worldwide for individuals who work with youth at risk. (<http://martinbrokenleg.com/about>)

Aboriginal Outreach

The Aboriginal Outreach Coordinator is supporting the preparation of the Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School to be held at the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law in February, 2018.

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

Members of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies - Girls Club were excited to participate in the annual "Go ENG Girl" event held at Lakehead University on Saturday, November 4.

Go ENG Girl provides an exciting opportunity for girls in grades 7-10 across Ontario (and now, other provinces) and a parent/guardian to visit their local university campus and learn from women professionals, academics and students about the wonderful world of engineering.

Teaching Commons

Just a reminder that during renovations to create the Teaching Commons on the 5th floor of the Chancellor Paterson Library, the temporary new home of the Teaching Commons is UC 1007 (across from Security).

15 workshops for faculty and instructors were offered during November. We also participated in or will be participating with a number of Library initiatives such as the “Petting Zoo” introducing new technology to staff on November 21. For more information about upcoming events go to teachingcommons.lakeheadu.ca.

There are currently 54 students registered for the graduate-student offering, the Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Certificate for 2017-2018. For more information on this program go to <https://teachingcommons.lakeheadu.ca/GraduateStudents>.

Contract Lecturer Orientation

Contract Lecturer Orientation designed to support instructors of Winter 2018 courses will be held on Thursday December 14 in the afternoon. Topics include Academic Integrity, Marks Management, University Regulations and Policies, Teaching Resources, Human Rights and Equity and Accommodations. Watch for details in an upcoming Communications Bulletin.

Library

New Resources for Students and Faculty

- Statista - General statistical database with worldwide coverage
- National Bureau of Economic Research Working Papers - Access to several thousand economics-related documents

The Library’s booth at the ‘Get To Know Us Fair’, held on October 19 in Thunder Bay, gave students a “blast from the past”: they enjoyed trying out two typewriters, electric and manual, as well as loading paper and experimenting with the coloured ribbon. Bring on the whiteout! Engineering students were particularly entranced with the mechanics of this ancient relic.

Research Data Management Workshop

As part of the Research and Innovation Professional Development series, Librarian Moira Davidson presented a session on research data management on November 15. For further information, see: <https://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/rdm>.

Extended Hours

The Library is offering extended hours (closing at 3:00 am) from **November 5 to December 16, 2017**.

Respectively submitted,

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