

Provost's Report to Senate

January 2019

Academic Plan

Throughout 2018, the Academic Planning Committee met with a number of stakeholders and conducted an online survey to gain input as we plan for our future. The responses we received informed the development of a draft 2019-2024 Academic Plan by the Committee, on which we are now seeking feedback.

In December all Senators, members of the O-AGC and members of Lakehead University's Board of Governors were invited to review and provide comments on the draft 2019-2024 Academic Plan.

I would like to thank those members of the university community who have already provided input, and would like to remind Senators that feedback is requested by Tuesday, January 15, 2019 to provost@lakeheadu.ca.

This input will inform the development of a revised draft by the Academic Planning Committee over the coming weeks.

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

In the Fall 2018, the Department of Economics took part in the fourth annual Bank of Canada Governor's Challenge. Universities across Canada took part in this competition, which is designed to promote the understanding of the role that monetary policy plays in Canada's Economy. www.bankofcanada.ca/research/governors-challenge/. The team of students, consisting of Raven Wheesk, Scott Magill, Laura Polcyn Victory Xiao and Kyle Bonnie, placed second within their group. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Aboriginal Initiatives

The Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) (VPAI) attended the Second National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Suicide Prevention Conference and the Second World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference held in conjunction with the University of Western Australia, in November. Joining the VPAI was Alyssa Hoey of Bearskin Lake, who participated as part of the Nishnawbe Aski Youth delegation [Wiicihitowin: Youth Crossing the Waters to Help One Another](#). The Third World Indigenous Suicide Prevention Conference will be held in 2020 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

In collaboration with the Department of English, two courses will be delivered in a unique program partnership with the Keewaytinook Okimakanak Council in the remote communities of Poplar Hill First Nation, Keewaywin First Nation, and Fort Severn First Nation. These courses are the first of three FCEs to be delivered using this model and designed to support a cohort of students who are beginning their journey towards a Bachelor of Arts - General.

Courses will be delivered via video conference with student support provided by the Native Access Program Coordinator. This program with the Keewaytinook Okmakanak (KO) communities, will give these students who live in the remote North an opportunity to have a postsecondary experience in their communities by taking two university courses and learn about Lakehead before leaving their communities and coming to Thunder Bay. Upon completion of these courses, in July, this cohort of students will be coming to Lakehead to continue on with their educational journey.

Library

New signage, in different languages, now welcome students, faculty and staff to the Northern Studies Centre. The signs were prepared in consultation with elders and Aboriginal Cultural Support Services.

On December 11, the Library hosted a Kairos Blanket Exercise facilitated by Jerri-Lynn Orr, Native Access Program Coordinator and Anna Chief, Aboriginal Outreach/Recruitment. The exercise was attended by Library, Teaching Commons and Office of Human Rights staff.

Library Special Collections

The Library contains a collection known as the University Collection, which details the history of the institution. The collection contains such resources as university yearbooks, student newspapers, alumni magazines, Senate Minutes, Board of Governor minutes, University statistics, varsity sport programs, academic plans, viewbooks, university & technical institute calendars (1949-2008), Agora newsletters, convocation bulletins, and more. This research collection has been moved from the 5th floor to the 2nd floor and remains non-circulating. In addition, the Library has a print collection of Lakehead University Faculty Offprints. These are print copies of published journal articles of LU faculty over the years. It too has been relocated from the 5th floor to the 2nd floor and remains non-circulating.

The Library routinely collects monographs authored by Lakehead faculty, acknowledging the scholarly output by faculty at this University. All Lakehead faculty-authored books post 2000, are available in the Teaching Commons on the 5th floor and books pre 2000 are available in the library stacks.

For assistance with these special collections please contact Trudy Russo, Special Collections Librarian. Email trusso@lakeheadu.ca or call 343-8728.

Makerspace

[Makerspace@Paterson](#)'s online guide is available from the Library website. Featured on the first page of the guide, is a calendar listing a series of 3D Printing Orientation sessions. Anyone interested in using the 3D printers must first attend a 3D Printing Orientation. Pre-registration is required – registration forms are available when selecting one of the dates in the calendar. The Orientation sessions also appear in the [Library Events Calendar](#). If you have any questions or would like to book a time to visit, email makerspace.lib@lakeheadu.ca.

New Draft Library Website

The [draft new library website](#) is now available for comments. Comments/questions are welcome and can be sent to jmutz@lakeheadu.ca. Or if you prefer, you can fill out this google

form: <https://goo.gl/forms/YNuDIJkJIll1luMT2>. A link to the new site will be posted on the Library's current homepage in January, asking for user feedback.

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global (PDTG)

The trial for ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global ended November 30. PDTG is the world's most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses from around the world, spanning from 1743 to the present day and offering full text for graduate works added since 1997, along with selected full text for works written prior to 1997. It contains a significant amount of new international dissertations and theses both in citations and in full text. Please send any comments about PDTG to Karen Keiller.

Teaching Commons

The recruitment of a new Indigenous Curriculum Specialist is underway. If anyone has any questions regarding Indigenous content please contact Ms. Karen Keiller, University Librarian and Vice-Provost (Teaching & Learning) or Dr. Rhonda Dubec, Coordinator of Instructional Development.

Teaching Circles

The Teaching Commons staff have planned three Teaching Circles for beginning of the winter term.

A Teaching Circle isn't a workshop. Circles are opportunities for a small group to share ideas, ask questions, offer up suggestions, and just talk about teaching. There is no formal presentation.

All instructors, teaching faculty, and staff (including graduate students) are invited to attend the following sessions:

1. **The Courage to Teach** led by Dr. Kevin Brooks, Experiential Learning Coordinator. Wednesday, January 16, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm in the Teaching Commons (LI 5014)
2. **Teaching With and Around Technology** led by Ms. Leslie Malcolm, Coordinator, Learning Technologies and Innovation. Tuesday, January 29, 2:45-3:45 in the Teaching Commons (LI 5014)
3. **Engaging Students in Course Content** led by Dr. Rhonda Dubec, Coordinator of Instructional Development. Thursday, February 14, 8:45-9:45, in the Teaching Commons (LI 5014)

Come enjoy the view from the 5th floor of the library, meet the Teaching Commons staff, and strengthen the teaching community at Lakehead.

Quality Assurance

Contract Lecturer Orientations were held in mid-December and the first week of January. Attendees commented on the usefulness of the presentations and the opportunity to meet other instructors while gaining helpful insights into their role as teachers. We thank the presenters who come from both campuses and represent many of the academic and support services available to students, staff and faculty. Presentations can be accessed through the

self-registration D2L course site “Contract Lecturer Orientation Site”. The next series of Orientations will occur in August 2019.

Academic Units undergoing Cyclical Program Review (CPR) in 2019-2020 have all been contacted by the Office of the Deputy Provost. An introductory workshop was held in November 2018 and three more workshops are planned starting in late January. Topics include setting/reviewing Program and Course Learning Outcomes, working through the mechanics of the Self-Study and advice for using the Institutional DataPack and SEM data to inform the program analysis. These workshops will be advertised in the Communications Bulletins and all Academic Units are welcome regardless of the timing of their CPR. The upcoming schedule of Cyclical Program Reviews (until 2022-2023) is posted on the [Quality Assurance website](#) where a number of other useful resources can also be found. Any questions regarding CPR should be directed to qa.academic@lakeheadu.ca or to Breanne Neufeld, Quality Assurance Assistant at ext. 7948.

Respectively submitted,

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