

Provost's Report to Senate

September 2017

Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM)

During the last academic year, nearly all of the academic units participated in developing a first round of multi-year enrolment forecasts at the program level. This was 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 will be continuing to have 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.

An enrolment update will be provided during the Senate meeting.

New Faculty Orientation

One of our largest orientation for new members of faculty and teaching staff was held on August 29-30, 2017. New faculty on both campuses attended a series of excellent sessions. We would like to thank all who contributed to the delivery of the two days of sessions as well as TSC for all of their technical support. The newest edition of the Faculty Orientation handbook is now available on the University website under [Faculty Resources](#).

An Orientation for all our contract lecturers is being organized for Thursday, September 21. The Orientation will take place in ATAC 5036 (Thunder Bay) and in OA 2005 (Orillia) from 1:30 – 4:30 pm and will be repeated from 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Aboriginal Initiatives

Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services and Aboriginal Student Recruitment

Aboriginal Cultural and Support Services' Annual Fall Harvest was postponed to this Saturday, Sept 23 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm at the Sweat Lodge Site. Everyone is welcomed to attend. There will be cultural demonstrations by Elders and a dedication of the Medicine Garden the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives built this summer—a nice spot to go for a walk and contemplate life.

Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education, working closely with members of Sandy Lake First Nation, will be offering a modified version of its Honours Bachelor of Education program to community members in Sandy Lake. The community has a strong commitment to education, and a long-standing relationship with the Faculty, and with Lakehead University. The program will be stretched out an additional year, with courses over the first few years offered online, as well

as by face-to-face instruction in Sandy Lake scheduled around the students' work schedules. Students will travel to Thunder Bay in the third and fourth spring or summers, to complete some coursework. For the final two years, students will move to Thunder Bay to complete our professional program, including their practicums.

Bora Laskin Faculty of Law

The Welcome to the Legal Profession Ceremony was held on August 31 at the Thunder Bay Courthouse. The 79 first-year students participated in the Bora Laskin Faculty of Law's annual ceremony. Justice Bonnie Warkentin, Superior Court of Justice and Justice Joyce Pelletier, Ontario Court of Justice presided. The students were also welcomed by Paul Schabas, treasurer with the Law Society of Upper Canada; Rene Larson, president of the Thunder Bay Law Association; Ross Murray, vice-chairman of the Lakehead University Board of Governors; and Dean EagleWoman.

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

Ontario Master Naturalist Certificate program - Mr Bob Bowles, local award-winning naturalist, worked throughout the spring with local field naturalists and numerous Lakehead faculty and staff in this first-ever offering of this program in Thunder Bay. The certificate program was a week-long mix of classroom and field experiences held from July 10-16, 2017. This community program, in partnership with Ontario Nature, is now in its 3rd year on the Orillia Campus. *"The Ontario Master Naturalist Program (OMNP) is a community program established by Lakehead University Orillia in partnership with Ontario Nature. The first of its kind in Canada, the OMNP provides naturalists and those interested in nature and environmental stewardship the opportunity to receive a Master Naturalist certificate."* (<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/about/orillia-campus/community-programs/omnp>). Time generously volunteered by the following faculty and staff (and emeritus members) contributed to a high level of program content: Dr Mary Louise Hill, Dr. Brian Phillips, Dr. Scott Hamilton, Dr. Lada Malek, Don Barnes, Barb Barnes, Dr. Janice Hughes, Jason Freeburn, Josh Levac, Dr. Peggy Smith, Lisa Harris, Dan Brazeau, Erika North, Emma Lehmborg, Dr. Brian McLaren, Dr. Harvey Lemelin and Dr. Steve Hecnar. Plans are already in the works for Mr. Bowles to lead a second offering of this program in Thunder Bay in July 2018.

Superior Science and Aboriginal Mentorship Program Micro Maker Camps - As part of the Canada 150 celebrations, the Faculty's Superior Science team and Lakehead's Aboriginal Mentorship team worked with Actua, a national funder of science outreach programs, to deliver three days of programming to youth in grades 5 to 8 at the end of June using the Maker Mobile. Three one-day workshops were held at the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre and at Lakehead University. The Maker Mobile is an interactive classroom on wheels and Thunder Bay was the mid-point of its 2017 journey between Victoria, BC and St. John's, NL. The Maker Mobile enhanced the Superior Science programming with special Innovation 150 Workshops designed to engage youth in meaningful and enriching experiences and to foster a nationwide culture of science and innovation. Youth designed and built with sophisticated maker tools including 3D printers, laser cutters, micro-controllers, and block programming while they solved real-world challenges. Credit to the successful hosting the Maker Mobile goes to the Superior Science co-Directors Nicholas Bel (4th year student in Applied Biomolecular Sciences) and Ashley Andrea (3rd year student in Chemical Engineering) and to Lisa Harris (AMP Coordinator) and Esther McKay (AMP Assistant Coordinator).

Science Week (July): First Nations Natural Resources Youth Employment Program - It was another successful summer (3rd) of the First Nations Natural Resources Youth Employment Program, in which Lakehead University partners with Outland Camps, Confederation College, various levels of government and Lac La Croix First Nation. Led by our AMP coordinator, Lisa Harris, Lakehead University and Confederation College delivered science week to First Nations youth from both the Mink Lake and Sandbar camps during the last week of July. Amongst other hands-on learning activities, youth were tasked with constructing a water filter that could address water concerns at various communities, given realistic constraints on resources presently faced by these communities. This activity was conceptualized by Dr. Amanda Diochon, Director of the Water Resource Sciences program and delivered by several senior undergraduate and graduate students from the Department of Geology. Media coverage of this is included starting at 7:16 from the TBTV News clip at the following link:

<https://www.tbnewswatch.com/video/tbt-newshour/july-26-2017-traffic-congestion-681679>

Let's Talk Science Sites (Thunder Bay and Orillia) - The Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies will add to its interest in science outreach to high school students in both Simcoe County and Thunder Bay district through the creation of Let's Talk Science (LTS) sites. LTS is "is an award-winning, national, non-profit, science outreach organization" that partners with post-secondary institutions to keep students engaged in science and to assist them in being the next generation of innovators and science-literate citizens and stewards for the 21st century. More information about LTS can be found at www.letstalkscience.ca. Each site at Lakehead's two campuses will have a faculty mentor which oversees a part-time student coordinator to deliver this outreach programming – Dr. Chris Murray in Orillia and Dr. Mike Rennie in Thunder Bay.

Anthropology Field School at Lac Seul First Nation (summer 2017) and 3D Printing of Artefacts for Educational Purposes - The Department of Anthropology continues to work with First Nations communities on experiential learning opportunities. Building upon the success of the field school held on the Thunder Bay campus in spring 2015, the Department offered a field school this past summer in partnership with Lac Seul First Nation. This field school aimed to train Lakehead students and Lac Seul high school students in methods of Archaeology and Sociocultural Anthropology, and involved contributions from several members of Lakehead Anthropology: Dr. Frederico Oliveira, Dr. Scott Hamilton, Dr. Martha Dowsley and Clarence Surette. The field school was viewed as highly successful by both Lakehead and by the Chief

and Council of Lac Seul FN and it is the intention that this field school would be offered every year. The following link to a YouTube video captures the essence of this year's camp <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUApdaWf2Gc>. In addition, the Department, under the leadership of Dr. Hamilton, has developed 3D replicas of First Nations artefacts to make them more accessible as educational materials to rural and remote communities. The following is a link (<http://afinia.com/3d-printing-accessible-educational-materials/>) to the larger piece about his work with with printing 3D educational materials. The Department can provide advice to other groups on campus who might see value in using a 3D printer for research and/or teaching. Some examples of printed materials are included in the link.

Library & Teaching Commons

Library

The [Library Annual Report 2016/17](#) is now available on the Library's web site.

Course Resources

Processing of requests for course resources and course packages made through the [Course Resources Request Form](#) are well underway with 63 courses having items listed in D2L/Brightspace. Once material is submitted either for Course Reserves or a Course Package, library staff ensure that if copyright clearance is required, it is obtained.

Also, a reminder that [Copyright Information & Resources](#) on the Library's web site, includes a guide to fair dealing.

Questions about course resources or copyright can be directed to Karen Keiller, Vice-Provost (Teaching & Learning) and University Librarian or Debra Gold, Acting Law Librarian.

Website

A number of improvements have been made to the Library's website including:

- Top menu and footer are now synchronized.
- The main page search box now includes a link to [Topic Guides](#) (e.g. Copyright, Grammarly)
- The Top Five has been changed to Popular and we've added a sixth item "Printing Services" which links directly to the TSC help page for printing.
- [Book a Research Consultation](#) now goes straight to the calendar and links to librarians.
- Our social media feed now includes a more obvious link to our [Events](#) calendar.

Chancellor Paterson Library

A number of changes have been made to the Library over the summer including:

- Microforms (MF) are now located in the northeast corner of the 3rd floor. MF readers / printers are in Northern Studies Resource Centre and on the main floor.
- The tunnel accessibility entrance to the Library is now open. The door is unlocked during regular library hours.
- The student printers on the main floor have been moved out of the centre of the floor to a place closer to the entrance and within line of sight of the library services desk.

Technology

The Student computers in all libraries (Paterson, Orillia, Law, and Education) have been replaced which has greatly reduced login times. As well, wireless printing is now available in all of the libraries, which means that students can print directly from laptops, tablets, and phones. New students will get the new tap (RFID) student cards while returning students will have the option of replacing their existing cards with a new card for a fee (\$10). Using the new tap cards means students don't have to enter their IDs when they go to print.

Archives

Several more collections are now available for public access and research, including the Margaret Phillips fonds, two decades of the Lakehead University Library fonds, the United Steelworkers District 6 fonds, and the Thunder Bay Co-Operative Dairy fonds.

Teaching Commons

The renovations to the Teaching Commons on the 5th floor of the Paterson Library are scheduled to begin in October with a planned completion for the end of the Fall 2017 term.

Workshops

The offering of workshops is available at <http://teachingcommons.lakeheadu.ca>. These include:

- Creating a Teaching Dossier Workshop
- D2L Quiz Session
- Indigenous (Ojibwe and Cree) Cultural Astronomy
- Online Games for Content Mastery
- Information Session: Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Certificate Program (for Graduate Students)
- Testing Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS)
- Teaching Commons? We Have a Teaching Commons?

Culture in the Classroom

Monday, September 25 at 9:00 – 10:30 am, Faculty Lounge

In the presentation entitled "Culture in the Classroom," Dr. Brokenleg will speak about "how to make your classroom effective and fair for today's [Indigenous] students." This presentation is geared towards faculty and instructors who are looking to hear and learn more about best teaching practices for incorporating Indigenous content into courses and teaching strategies with Indigenous students.

Indigenous Curriculum Specialist

Dr. Amy Farrell-Morneau joined Lakehead University in July, 2017 as our new Indigenous Curriculum Specialist. She is part of the new Teaching Commons located on the 5th floor of the Chancellor Paterson Library. She will be providing consultation and support services for faculty and staff around instructional resources, instructional design, assessment strategies, best practices, and the integration of learning technologies as they relate to the delivery of Indigenous curriculum to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

Grammarly

The Writing Initiatives Committee, Library, and Teaching Commons are offering a one-year pilot of Grammarly Premium (<http://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/grammarly> on how to sign-up).

Grammarly can be used by students, staff and faculty to improve spelling, grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, and style in your writing. Students can also use Grammarly to check for plagiarism before handing in work. If faculty are interested in participating in the evaluation of the pilot please contact teachingcommons@lakeheadu.ca.

AWARE

The Writing Initiatives Committee and Student Success Centre have developed an online course on Academic Writing and Research E-Learning (AWARE). The first module is on Academic Integrity and is intended to help students learn about academic skills, strategies, and regulations/policies and includes text-based resources, videos, and links to additional support materials. AWARE is available from the Self-Register link in myCourselink (D2L/Brightspace). Contact teachingcommons@lakeheadu.ca if you would like to integrate AWARE into your courses.

ePortfolio

ePortfolio tool has been added to myCourselink (D2L or Brightspace). An ePortfolio is an online version of the traditional paper-based portfolio which is used to showcase and demonstrate knowledge, skills and achievements. Please contact teachingcommons@lakeheadu.ca if you are interested in learning more.

Student Affairs

Student Central is Open!

On August 23, 2017, Student Central officially opened its doors to students. Student Central is our new integrated service model that provides students with a “one stop” for matters pertaining to everything from applying and admissions to an undergraduate program through to graduation. It offers students a simplified university experience, as they will meet one-on-one with a Student Central Professional to discuss, plan, and prepare for any of these topics using a holistic student centered approach.

All students should be referred to Student Central where Student Central Professionals have the expertise to handle admissions, financial aid, academic advising, records and registration. Our newly launched ASK LAKEHEAD service is also available 24/7 for students to ask questions and receive instant responses. New self-service options have also been added to myInfo. A new web experience integrating the areas has also been launched – www.lakeheadu.ca/studentcentral.

A Grand Opening event will take place on September 28 at 11:45 am. All are welcome to attend!

Enrolment Services

Recruitment Season Begins

Enrolment Services is pleased to announce the hiring of Chad O’Halloran as the Manager of Undergraduate Recruitment. Chad looks forward to reaching out and connecting with academic departments to learn more about each area and ways we can partner to recruit our future students. The Recruitment Team has started its recruitment visits to high schools across Ontario. Over 800 high schools will be visited this fall.

The largest student recruitment fair in North America – the Ontario Universities’ Fair (OUF) – is taking place September 22-24, 2017 in downtown Toronto. We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to all the faculty, staff and students that will be joining us.

Plans are also underway for our on-campus Preview Day events designed for prospective students, family and friends. This year’s open house style event will take place on November 4, 2017 (Orillia Campus) and December 5, 2017 (Thunder Bay Campus).

Important Dates/Reminders

- **November 4** - Preview Day Orillia Campus
- **December 5** - Preview Day Thunder Bay Campus
- **September 18** - Last Date for student to register for Fall/Year-long courses
- **September 30** - In-Course Scholarship & Bursary Application opens to current students

Respectively submitted,
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