

Provost's Report to Senate

April, 2014

Strategic Mandate Agreement

Lakehead has submitted another draft of the document informing the Strategic Mandate Agreement. We are now working with MTCU to finalize details of the final Agreement.

Enrolment Report

The following highlights the Undergraduate Applicant and Application numbers compared to the same time last year in the cycle for these primary application types:

APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICANTS				APPLICATIONS			
	2013F*	2014F*	+/-	%	2013F	2014F	+/-	%
101 (Ontario High School)	3465	3335	-130	-3.80%	4402	4212	-190	-4.30%
105 (Mature, Transfer, Int'l, Out of Province)	2164	2102	-62	-2.90%	2710	2628	-82	-3%
Other International (FT)	220	269	49	22.30%	280	394	114	40.70%
Law	1133	916	-217	-19.20%	1133	916	-217	-19.20%
TEAS (One-Year Education)	1515	1489	-26	-1.70%	1846	1808	-38	-2.10%

- As per the Ontario Universities' Application Centre, this cycle is the first year since 2004 where an overall decline in 101 Ontario High School Application numbers has been seen. As of April, the system is down -0.8% representing 3,311 less 101 Applications than last year.
- At this point in the cycle, the majority of applications remain open and applications continue to be reviewed for admission.
- Although still early in the cycle, very early preliminary confirmations are indicating a slight increase compared to the same time last year.
- The primary focus now is assessing applications for admission and moving admitted applicants to confirmed students.

Faculty of Business Administration

The Faculty of Business Administration has announced that Naureen Mushfique, an MBA student was awarded second place in the FOCUS 2040 Challenge. FOCUS 2040 is facilitated by the DeGroote School of Business at McMaster University in association with SCNetwork. The competition required participants to identify what the world of work will look like in the year 2040 and required them to predict future trends that will change the course of business practices and their impact. The competition is the first of its kind in the HRM and Organizational Strategy domain, and leverages the value of industry-academic affiliation to deliver experiential learning.

Lakehead's accounting students placed first out of 12 undergraduate teams from across Canada at the 2014 Gathering of Accounting Associates, Professionals, and Students

(GAAPS) competition. The winning Lakehead team was comprised of fourth-year accounting students Ben Anderson, Lucas Bauer, Nick Dzikowski, and Taylor Hosanna.

Faculty of Education

Dr. Lisa Korteweg in the Faculty of Education has been selected to represent Lakehead University at a special Research Matters expo and reception with federal MPs, Senators and political staff on Parliament Hill on April 30, 2014. Dr. Korteweg's research is concerned with the integration of Indigenous perspectives, histories and knowledge's into teacher education for greater student success and reconciliation through education. A total of 12 university researchers have been picked to interact with parliamentarians on topics of particular interest to federal ministries and to discuss university research and its positive impacts on Canadian society.

Ms. Eleanor Albanese, contract lecturer in the Faculty of Education, was the recipient of the Sybil Cooke Award for her play *Night Wings*, entered into the "written for children" category in Ottawa Little Theatre's 73rd National One-Act Playwriting Competition.

Faculty of Engineering

Lakehead University Civil Engineering students competed in the Mid-West Region ASCE Student Conference and Steel Bridge Competition held at the University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Representing Lakehead, Richard Kam took first place in the student paper competition on the topic "Natural Disasters - What are the Civil Engineers responsibilities". Students are judged both on their paper and a presentation.

In the steel bridge competition, eight universities entered bridges. Lakehead took first place in every award category: Display, Lightness, Construction Speed, Stiffness, Construction Economy, Structural Efficiency, and the Overall First Place award. The bridge team included students Jordan McDonald, Zach Sterling, Eric Buchanan, Layne Pukalo, Jared Boguski. The team has now qualified for an invitation to the National Student Steel Bridge Competition, which will be hosted by University of Akron, Ohio on May 23-24, 2014. The team is mentored by Dr. Tony Gillies from the Civil Engineering Department.

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

School of Nursing faculty members Prof. Karen Poole, Dr. Pat Sevean, and Dr. Michelle Spandoni, will receive (April 23rd) the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN) 2014 Teaching Innovation Award for the project: Mask Making - Discovering Self and Other: A First Year Nursing Student Aesthetic Teaching/Learning Experience Rooted in Indigenous Knowledge Practices.

Orillia Campus

Partnership with YMCA

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in December 2013 by Lakehead University and the YMCA of Simcoe/Muskoka that supports the development of a specialized leadership training program. The program will provide superior quality, cost-effective professional development opportunities for non-profit/charitable sector leaders in Simcoe County. The first opportunity is a Leadership Institute planned for May 20 – 22, 2014 at Geneva Park.

Math Olympics

Presented by the Ontario Association for Mathematics Education, the annual competition for grade 7 and 8 students will be held on May 30 and 31, 2014. This year's theme is "The Number Games". This leadership opportunity is open to all students in all programs of study.

Student Affairs

Successful Humanities 101 program

Humanities 101 is a community-based outreach program designed to ensure that community members with a love of learning have access to a university educational experience despite financial or others barriers.

Eighteen people who completed the program successfully – and enthusiastically – graduated on April 7, 2014 at a ceremony and dinner attended by students, their guests, and various stakeholders from the larger Lakehead and Simcoe County communities. Topics this semester included such things as “Can We Keep Children Safe: Social Work In Canada,” “Insects: Water vs. Terrestrial Relationships (with lab component),” “Managing Your Money: Personal Financial Planning,” and “Inuit Art: Creating the North.”

Celebrating Orillia Athletic Achievement

Lakehead congratulates the Men's Extramural Hockey team who in their inaugural year were invited to the year-end Challenge Cup hosted by the Ontario College Athletic Association

Lakehead University Orillia celebrated the achievements of its athletes and sports teams on March 29, 2014 at its Annual Athletic Awards Banquet, held at the Best Western Mariposa Inn in Orillia. The event paid tribute to the accomplishments of student athletes over the 2013-14 academic year. Awards were presented to top student athletes in each of the University's sports teams: men's hockey, women's hockey, men's basketball, co-ed soccer, and equestrian. Most Valuable, Most Improved and Leadership awards were announced and presented by the team coaches, who were also recognized and thanked by the University.

Students Take Advantage of CCR

111 students have activated their Co-Curricular Record in Orillia. With close to 50 approved activities, respective staff have validated 195 activities, workshops, seminars and leadership positions since the launch on February 5, 2014.

Student Affairs

Enrolment Services

Recruitment - Undergraduate

Extensive conversion efforts are underway to influence students in their choice to select Lakehead. The involvement of academic units in conversion efforts is critical to our success. Applicant Contact Lists are available for each academic program for outreach and communication.

Academic Advising, Records & Registration (formerly Registrar's Office)

The 2014/15 Timetable will be posted May 1st featuring new search functionality to make it easier for students to search for courses being offered.

Exams are underway running (April 7-17). The exam contingency date is April 19 with final grades due on April 25, 2014.

Student Awards & Financial Aid

Reminder: Nominate a student who has made a difference! The nomination deadline for the President's Awards (Graduate & Undergraduate), Lloyd Dennis Award (Orillia Campus) and Poulin Award (Thunder Bay Campus) is April 25, 2014.

Student Success Centre

The Career and Employment Office coordinated four successful Employment fairs with a total of 95 employers participating. Fifteen employers also had on-campus sessions/presentations that attracted over 500 students in attendance. On-campus employer Interviews with individual students numbered approximately 450. Student use of the Centre's resume and cover letter seminars and the personalized resume/letter critique service has increased significantly over last year.

The student leadership program, LEAD, has been relaunched and 33 students attended a leadership development workshop in early March. LEADers typically gain experience through assisting with orientation, events, special projects and, more generally, acting as ambassadors for Lakehead University in varied capacities. Ideas and suggestions for additional leadership development opportunities are welcome.

Student Health and Counselling Centre

- The Electronic Medical Record (EMR) vendor selection process is well underway; the Centre will transition to the selected EMR system during the summer period.
- The Centre is working with the Thunder Bay District Health Unit on creatives for an alcohol awareness campaign; launch planned for Fall 2014.
- Seventy-four students attended SafeTALK in February/March.
- The Leave The Pack Behind (LTPB) team ran their annual contest to quit, reduce, party without the pack or don't start smoking; 119 students enrolled. (LTPB is a post-secondary tobacco control initiative.)
- A full physician complement has been secured for 2014-2015 academic year; two additional physicians have been recruited.

Respectively submitted,

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