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1965 - 2015



March 2015

President's Report to Board of Governors



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2015-2016 Budget Process

The process for the development of the 2015/16 operating budget is well underway. Budget packages were sent out mid-November and were due January 9. Our senior executive team met with various staff who have budget responsibility during two weeks of consultations and discussions. Work is now underway consolidating the results of all budget submissions. Budget updates will be brought forth to the Board Finance & Operations Committee in April.

Deputation to Thunder Bay City Council

On January 12, I made a deputation to Thunder Bay City Council to update them on Lakehead University's recent achievements, informed them about our 50th Anniversary and invited Council to participate in our year-long celebrations.

2015 Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada (PDAC) Conference

More than 100 alumni, students, politicians, and friends of Lakehead University were in attendance at the 2015 PDAC Conference in Toronto, March 2.

The Honourable Minister Michael Gravelle spoke about the important role that Lakehead University and our Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME) will continue to have on mineral development in Ontario, while CESME Director Dr. Pete Hollings presented CESME's first report (authored by Lakehead's Dr. Peggy Smith), entitled the *Role of Government Policy in Sustainable Mining*.



Other highlights of the conference include the announcement of recent donations to the University and CESME, donor stewardship and cultivation meetings, and the fact that this was the first time Lakehead University, Confederation College and the Thunder Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC) hosted a booth together.

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Learner-Centred Student Experience

New Canadian Roots Exchange Office in Office of Aboriginal Initiatives

A Work Study position has begun in the Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) office to work with the Northwestern Coordinated Learning Access Network (CLAN) and the development of a Canadian Roots Exchange office and program at Lakehead. Two Confederation College practicum students will also be working with the Work Study. These students will be responsible for building a strong foundation and preparing guidelines for the Lakehead Canadian Roots Exchange Program and assisting with the coordination of the Lakehead Pow Wow.

Nurturing Scholarship

MOU signed with ITESM

Dr. Kim Fedderson and I signed an agreement with the **Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, México Guadalajara campus** (ITESM). The memorandum of understanding is an umbrella agreement that will allow Lakehead University to pursue academic cooperation with any of ITESM's 26 campuses in Mexico.



Community Engagement

Thunder Bay Industry Connector Dinner

The 3rd Annual Industry Connector Dinner sponsored by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) was a great success. The intent of the event was to bring researchers, industry, and funders together to meet and network in an informal setting with a view to nurturing new and existing industry partnerships. The event, held in our Faculty Lounge on Thursday, January 29, brought out over 60 attendees from 17 different businesses, over 25 faculty and staff members, and six funders and government program personal.

Feedback from guests was very encouraging as many had made new connections, that evening, and a number of meetings were still in progress after the event officially closed. NSERC also informed us that from that evening's event a local company applied for an Industrial Scholarship and was a successful candidate.

Alumni Visit to Victoria & Vancouver

On January 25 in Victoria, B.C., Alumni Relations staff and I held a brunch at the Canoe Brewpub for eight local alumni where I had the opportunity to discuss the growth of Lakehead University. We planted the seeds for a 50th Anniversary event using our 50th-in-a-Box resources. A highlight of the event was meeting 1965 graduate, Marlene Grand Maitre, who completed her BA in French in the spring of 1965 when we granted our first University Degrees.

On January 26, in Vancouver, we hosted a 50th Anniversary reception at the Pan Pacific Hotel with over 75 alumni, friends, and donors (from the mining sector). The reception in Vancouver coincided with the annual Round Up Conference (read more, below, in this Report).

Frances Picherack brought greetings on behalf of Board of Governors Chair Murraray Walberg, Dr. Pete Holings spoke about our Centre for Excellence in Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME), and I spoke about the 50th Anniversary celebrations and encouraged everyone to come to Homecoming in October. Dr. Bruce Jago (Lakehead - HBS'80, MSc '82), Director of the Goodman School of Mines at Laurentian won the door prize.

According to Lakehead's Mining Sub Committee Chair Dr. John Mason and Philanthropy Director Jennifer Childs, it seems I was the only University President to attend the Round Up Conference.

Cultivating Support in and around B.C. Mining Conference

Between January 26-28, CESME Director Dr. Pete Hollings, Mining Sub Committee Chair Dr. John Mason, Philanthropy Director Jennifer Childs, and I travelled to Vancouver B.C. for the 2015 Mineral Exploration Round Up Conference. While in the region, meetings were held with Presidents and CEO's of eight major mining companies to cultivate and solicit support for CESME (Centre for Excellence in Sustainability and Mineral Exploration).

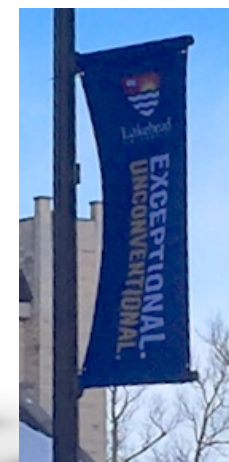
As a result of these meetings, two gifts were secured (valued at \$40,000) for scholarships, and a proposal submitted for \$1.5 million to support a research Chair for CESME.

GTA Alumni Chapter Dinner

On Sunday March 1, I had the pleasure of meeting and dining with members of the GTA Chapter of our Alumni Association in downtown Toronto. Chapter members shared with me their plans for a special 50th Anniversary Celebration event to be held on Friday, July 10 – a Toronto Harbour cruise on the tall ship *Empire Sandy*. Also in attendance at the dinner were 1960's graduates Bruce Brymer and John & Linda Hickey, Vice President Deb Comuzzi, former Chair of our Board of Governors Cam Clark, as well as Alumni Association Board members Jennelle Therrien and Paul Popo-Ola.

50th Anniversary Banners around Thunder Bay

Our 50th Anniversary banners can now be seen hanging from street lamp posts in various area in Thunder Bay, including the Bay & Algoma neighbourhood, the Westfort Village Business District, the Waterfront District, around our Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, and along Red River Road towards the waterfront. Designed by Korkola Design Communications, the banners will remain up until December 2015 in celebration of Lakehead's 50th Anniversary.





10th Anniversary Research & Innovation Week

This week (March 7–13), Lakehead hosted its 10th annual Research & Innovation Week to celebrate the important work being done by our students and faculty. The week featured exciting interactive displays at the Intercity Shopping Centre, fascinating guest speakers, and the annual Research & Innovation Awards Reception.

[Click here for everything about Research & Innovation Week 2015...](#)

Lakehead University Town Hall

We held our second University town hall of the academic year on Monday, March 9, 2015. Topics included the annual budget process, the state of our WiFi Network, and Lakehead's sustainability initiatives.

