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President's Report
to Board of Governors

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Lakehead University Faculty Ratify New Collective Bargaining Agreement

This August, Lakehead University's Board of Governors and the Lakehead University Faculty Association (LUFA) ratified a new four-year collective agreement. The new collective agreement is effective September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2020, and includes a general economic increase on total faculty salaries, enhancements to benefit plans, as well as a voluntary retirement incentive program.

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Eccles Appointed General Counsel & University Secretary

On August 26, I was pleased to announce the appointment of **Barbara Eccles**, HBSc, JD, LLM as Lakehead University's General Counsel & University Secretary. Her purpose is to provide in-house legal services to the University, work with external counsel, support and advise Lakehead's governing bodies (including Lakehead's Board of Governors, Senate, Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council) in exercising their respective legislative, monitorial, and judicial functions, as well as liaising between those governing bodies and Administration.

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Pozihun Renewed as Vice-President (Administration & Finance)

On September 9, we announced the renewal of **Kathy Pozihun** as Lakehead University's Vice-President (Administration & Finance). Over the last four years, Kathy's role as our Chief Financial Officer, and her commitment to the leadership, oversight, and stewardship of the University's administrative functions, has continued to ensure that Lakehead remains financially sustainable and poised for growth. She successfully led the transformation of Lakehead's annual budget process, as well as the development of capital and technology projects in Thunder Bay and Orillia.

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Lakehead's First Chair on Truth and Reconciliation

On September 16, I announced the appointment of **Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux** as our University's Chair on Truth and Reconciliation. This historic appointment takes effect immediately. Since July 2013, Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux has served as our University's Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives.

In her new role as Chair, Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux will advocate for Truth and Reconciliation within the Lakehead University community, while serving as an ambassador for Truth and Reconciliation issues in Northwestern Ontario and Simcoe County, as well as at the provincial and national levels.

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Smith, Associate Professor in Natural Resources Management, will serve as Interim Vice-Provost, Aboriginal Initiatives.

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Strategic Enrolment Management

In 2015, a study was commissioned to develop a Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) framework to help inform the University's approach to enrolment planning over the long term. The development of the framework was informed by a series of interviews with Deans, administrative leaders, faculty, staff, and students on both campuses and a review of internal documents. Over the past year, implementation of the recommended SEM Framework has included initiation of a SEM Steering Committee and related sub-committees, development of a phased implementation plan and development of an approach to support faculties, departments, and the broader University community in initial enrolment planning cycles.

Starting in Autumn 2016/17, enrolment planning will be initiated through a phased approach — **Phase 1**: Throughout Autumn 2016, the Provost and the Office of Institutional Planning and Analysis will work with a select group of faculties to build awareness and understanding of enrolment planning for 2017/18, and to test data, supports and processes that are being developed to support full implementation of SEM at Lakehead University. **Phases 2 and 3** will be carried out in 2017. Throughout all of these phases, 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.

Nurturing Scholarship

MOU creates research opportunities for Lakehead University, FAPEMIG

In July, Lakehead University signed a five-year memorandum of understanding with Brazil's Fundacao de Amparo a Pesquisa do Estado de Minas Gerais (FAPEMIG) to allow an exchange of researchers, and create new joint research projects and training programs.

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Indigenous Content Requirement begins

I am pleased to report that we have followed through with a May 2014 commitment that by the beginning of the 2016/17 academic year, all academic units would have calendared for all of their undergraduate degree programs a degree requirement of at least one 0.5 Full Course Equivalent course containing at least 50% (equivalent to 18 hours) of Indigenous knowledge and/or Aboriginal content,

Click here to learn more about Lakehead University's Indigenous Content Requirement...

New Scholarship in Honour of Dr. Naysmith

On September 30, we honoured Dr. John Naysmith with the creation of the Naysmith Scholar. Each year, a student who has completed their third-year of an HBSc in Forestry or Honours Bachelor of Environmental Management, and demonstrated the values and principles that Dr. Naysmith embodies — leadership, a willingness to listen, the ability to motivate and inspire others, and more — will be named as the Naysmith Scholar.

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Lakehead researchers receive over $500,000

Lakehead University is receiving more than $500,000 in funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to provide insight into some important issues facing Canadians today.

Researchers will be examining a number of diverse issues, including the study of domestic violence and community policing, Aboriginal land use in northern communities, and how history has shaped Canada – U.S. relations.

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Learner-Centred Student Experience

Fall Orientation

Thunderwolves Howl! 2016 ran from Monday, Aug. 29 through Saturday, Sept. 10 in Thunder Bay, and from Thursday, September 1 to Sunday, September 4 in Orillia, and focused on helping students successfully transition to Lakehead University. This year's orientation will feature a first – students in Thunder Bay connected with their peers at our Orillia campus via live stream for the opening commencement ceremony on Friday, Sept. 2 in the Hangar.

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MobileSafety App

Lakehead University has partnered with *AppArmor* to give students, faculty and staff a faster way to access resources on campus. The new MobileSafety app includes emergency contacts, a safety toolbox, and other important resources available at the touch of a button. The safety toolbox includes a flashlight, a loud alarm, and the ability to send security a photo. AppArmor custom mobile safety apps improve emergency response in a crisis and make campus security resources more accessible. To download the app search for Lakehead Mobile Safety. It is available on all IOS, Android and BlackBerry devices.

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Homecoming Weekend Celebrates the Exceptional

Lakehead University held its 2nd annual Homecoming celebrations over the weekend, hosting alumni and their families from across the country. A Welcome Reception was held on Friday evening, hosted by the Thunder Bay Alumni Chapter. Held in the Study Coffeehouse, guests enjoyed an opportunity to mingle and learn about the latest news and developments on campus.

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Alumni Award recipients, from left to right, include Bill Keeler, Coleman Hell, Liana Frenette, Nathan Lawrence, Joy Himmelman, and David Lod.

Law graduates called to the Bar

Thirty-six graduates from our inaugural Bora Laskin Faculty of Law class were called to the Bar on Friday, Sept. 23.

Our graduates joined approximately 240 other individuals who participated in the ceremony at Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

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Community Engagement

William G. Tamblyn Legacy Society + Art Gallery

On September 1, Lakehead University announced the new William G. Tamblyn Legacy Society and opened a new art gallery space at our Orillia campus's Simcoe Hall. Community leaders and friends of the University gathered to learn about the new initiative and view the unveiling of the New Sun Art Gallery, located in the Alumni Commons.

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Lakehead Orillia Celebrates 10th Birthday

The University marked an important milestone in 2016 – the 10th Anniversary of our Orillia campus. The community was invited to join in the festivities that began on September 6 with the raising of the Lakehead Orillia 10th Anniversary flag in front of the Orillia Opera House. On September 8, we hosted a "Hole in Ten" golf tournament, followed by a birthday party and barbeque on campus.

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THANK YOU FROM OUR GRATEFUL STUDENTS!

On behalf of Lakehead University's Alumni Association and Athletics department, along with our title sponsor RBC, we would like to thank all participants and sponsors of the Annual RBC Alumni Golf Classic. With your support we had a full field once again this year.

Our golf tournament continues to be an important event to raise money for student financial aid. This year we raised $44,200!

Thunderwolves varsity athletes thank our sponsors and golf participants

Sincere thanks to the golf committee members: Jim Marostica, Robert Paterson, Lou Pero, John Phyllis, Angelo Santin, Amanda Gerow, Mark Tilbury, and Tom Warden. Our student athletes and RBC volunteers were amazing.

Thank you to our major sponsors
Bee Clean, Buset & Partners, Gluskin Sheff & Associates, i4Architecture, Keating Insulation, TD Insurance, and WSP

RBC Alumni Golf Classic

The 34th annual Alumni Golf Classic, presented by RBC, was held at Whitewater Golf Club on August 9.

A full compliment of 144 golfers raised $44,200 for student financial aid at Lakehead University, with a particular focus on supporting our student athletes.

Thank you to all participants and sponsors.

Growth & Capacity Development

NOHFC Announces $1 million for our Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre

On July 15, our **Minister of Northern Development & Mines, The Honourable Michael Gravelle**, announced an investment of $1 million through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to support Lakehead University proceeding with the engineering and design phase for our Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre.

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Welcoming our Largest Group of International Students

Lakehead University welcomed a record number of international students at this year's orientation. Around 400 students from 44 countries participated in the International Orientation at the Hangar on Wednesday, Aug. 31.

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