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President's Report to Board of Governors



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Asbestos Information Sessions & Update

In response to concerns, earlier this year, about asbestos on our Thunder Bay campus, we invited our asbestos management company, *True Grit Consulting*, to host several information sessions. These sessions included a presentation by True Grit about what asbestos is, where it's found, how our University manages it, as well as a Q&A with faculty, staff, students, and the expert consultants.

During the summer, several ceiling repairs were completed in our Centennial Building and the 2015 annual asbestos audit was completed. Required repairs identified in the previous asbestos audit have recently been tendered and work will commence in the near future. Anyone with concerns are reminded to contact Physical Plant.

Interim University Secretary and Acting Senior Advisor Appointed

After eight years as a valued member of our Lakehead University community — the last four as University Secretary — Karen Roche decided to take her retirement at the end of June 2015.

Under Karen's dedicated stewardship of Lakehead University's governing bodies — including the Board of Governors, Senate, and Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council — she oversaw the extensive revision of the University's bylaws, the restructuring of our Board of Governors, and made countless more contributions to the advancement and evolution of the Office of the University Secretariat.

A search process for the new University Secretary will be initiated in the near future.

Effective July 1, Barb Eccles (Senior Advisor to the President & Legal Counsel) assumed the duties of University Secretary on an interim basis.

Subsequently and simultaneously, Toby Goodfellow (Director, Media Relations) assumed the role of Acting Senior Advisor to the President.

I know you'll join me in thanking Karen Roche for her tireless and dedicated work as we wish her the very best on a hard-earned, and well-deserved retirement.



Dr. Andrew P. Dean Appointed Vice-President (Research & Innovation)

On August 11, I was pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Andrew P. Dean** as our University's new Vice-President, Research and Innovation.

Dr. Dean had been interim vice-president since July 1, 2014. He is thrilled to accept this position and excited to grow the University's research profile around the world

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Student Appeals Report

During the 2014-2015 academic year two (2) student appeals were heard by SAAC Tribunals under the Senate Policy Regarding Academic Appeals. One was an appeal from an academic decision other than a final course mark, which was dismissed. The second involved an appeal concerning a final course mark; in this case the SAAC ordered a reassessment of an assignment in the course in question.

Orientation 2015

Lakehead University opened its doors to the start of another academic year. Hundreds of new students began university classes for the first time, but not before they are welcomed at Lakehead's annual Orientation event, *Thunderwolves Howl 2015*, a week-long event on both our campuses that introduce new students (and their parents) to university life.





County of Simcoe Presents \$2M Cheque

On September 10, County of Simcoe Warden Gerry Marshall presented Lakehead University with a \$2 million cheque during a special celebration event at at our Orillia campus. This brings the total amount of contributions to Lakehead by the County of Simcoe to \$5.5 million since 2009.

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50th Anniversary Celebrations

Homecoming 2015 — Lakehead's first ever Homecoming event is happening, next month, at both our campuses. Email invitations (Evites) for our Thunder Bay and Orillia events were sent to over 26,000 people, including alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors, dignitaries and other friends of the University around the world.

Our Thunder Bay Homecoming Gala is sold out, and our Orilla campus Dinner & Dance is also expected to sell out. For more information and details about 50th Anniversary events and tickets, visit 50.lakeheadu.ca. All proceeds from our Homecoming Dinner & Dances will go to student financial aid.

50th in a Box — Two hundred 50th in a Boxes have been shipped to recipients all across Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Malaysia, and Hong Kong.

Scholarship Fund — To date, we have approximately \$4,000 for the fund. Proceeds came from selling hats and t-shirts at various events including varsity games, research week, and grad fair.

Nurturing Scholarship



Mining Engineering MOU between Lakehead and Queen's

Opportunities in the field of mining engineering took a step forward for students at Lakehead University and Queen's University with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the institutions, on June 23.

Dr. David Barnett, Lakehead's Dean of Engineering, and **Dr. Kimberly Woodhouse**, Dean of Engineering and Applied Science at Queen's University, signed an MOU at Lakehead University's Thunder Bay campus proclaiming a commitment by the two universities to work together on expanding opportunities for students studying in the field of mining engineering

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Molecular Imaging Research Receives Generous Grant

Dr. Mitchell Albert, Department of Chemistry, and Lakehead University TBRII Chair in Molecular Imaging and Advanced Diagnostics has received a substantial research grant from the Westin Brain Institute. Dr. Alla Reznik, Canada Research Chair in the Physics of Molecular Imaging, and Department of Physics is a co-applicant, along with two collaborating local physicians.

The goal of the research study is to develop a high-resolution, high-sensitivity novel tool for early detection of Alzheimer's disease. This novel MRI method will seek to provide a more sensitive method of measuring neural function aiding in early detection of the disease. This will eventually provide for more effective and earlier intervention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

This generous grant is in the amount of \$709,650 over four years.



Lakehead University Welcomes its First Fulbright scholar

Lakehead University is hosting its first Fulbright scholar this fall with the arrival of **Dr. James Hollenbeck** at the Orillia campus.

Dr. Hollenbeck comes to Lakehead from Indiana University Southeast's School of Education through Fulbright Canada's Visiting Research Chair Program, which is designed to encourage mutual understanding between Canada and the United States through academic and cultural exchange.

As the recipient of the program's Visiting Research Chair in Interdisciplinary Sustainability Solutions, Dr. Hollenbeck will work with Lakehead Orillia's Department of Sustainability Sciences for the fall term.

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Lakehead Orillia Receives *Scholastic Partnership Award* from BBBS of Canada

In June, a partnership between Lakehead Orillia and Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Orillia and District resulted in our University receiving a national award – the Scholastic Partnership Award – from BBBS. The award is a distinction presented annually to one school, school board and one university or college that has made it possible for BBBS agencies to serve increased numbers of children.

Initiated by James Maxwell, Executive Director with the Orillia organization, along with Frank Cappadocia, Associate Vice-President, Lakehead Orillia, the partnership helped to fill a gap in community services, while providing students with professional development opportunities

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The award was accepted by Lakehead's Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky, Vice-Provost, Student Affairs, and Frank Cappadocia, Associate Vice-President, Lakehead Orillia. Also celebrating the award are Karen Shaver, Interim CEO, BBBS Canada (l), James Maxwell, Executive Director, BBBS Orillia; and Marilyn Watson, Chair, BBBS Orillia Board of Directors.



Community Engagement

Celebrating Lakehead University's Charter Day

July 1st marked Charter Day, Lakehead University's official 50th birthday.

To celebrate, we partnered with the City of Thunder Bay, and had a tent at its Canada Day celebrations at Marina Park. The tent had different activities for children of all ages, with volunteers including varsity athletes and Superior Science. We participated in the City's Canada Day parade, and had a special Lakehead University cake to share with everyone. In Orillia, we participated in the celebrations at Couchiching Park, with a booth, cake, and other activities.



Truth & Reconciliation Commission Report

Our Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) and Honourary Witness of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, attended the closing event of the Truth and Reconciliation Closing in Ottawa in June 2015. She will support Lakehead's response to the Report in the coming months.

Maadaadizi 2015

In conjunction with Confederation College, Eabametoong First Nation, Fort William First Nation, Matawa Education, Northern Nishnawbe Education Council, Oshki-Pimache-O-Win, and 7 Generations Education Institute, the ACSS worked collaboratively on planning and organizing *Maadaadizi 2015* - which means he/she starts a journey in the Ojibwe language. This successful event was held on September 11, 2015.

SHAD Brings Amazing Youth to Lakehead University

In July, approximately 65 high school students from across Canada came to Lakehead University to participate in [SHAD](#). Students stayed in our Thunder Bay residence, attended lectures, and participated in workshops given by Lakehead faculty. Centred on science, technology, engineering and math, SHAD empowers exceptional youth to make the world a better place.

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Learner-Centred Student Experience

2012-2017 Academic Plan – Review and Refresh

The Academic Planning Review and Refresh Committee worked hard over the spring and early summer months to review the 2012 Academic Action Plans and implementation status reports. Clarifications and additions were drafted where necessary, progress noted where information was missing, and the individuals with lead responsibility for actions clearly identified. During the summer, a number of actions were forwarded to academic and senior administrators for additional review, consultation, and revision.

The Committee is meeting this week to review the revised action plans and will then be forwarding these along with the implementation reports to the next Senate Academic Committee meeting for their review and approval of next steps. The process is on target for bringing the refreshed Academic Plan documents to Senate this fall.

Orillia Campus Student Affairs' Enhancements

Orillia Student Affairs saw significant changes over the summer months, both physically and in terms of staffing. A realignment of reporting created direct ties for Orillia staff to functional departments, and Directors/Managers, in Thunder Bay. This change will allow for much improved flow of information and resources, increased collaboration, and ultimately, enhanced service delivery for students at the Orillia campus.

Student Awards & Financial Aid's Financial Literacy Plan

Student Awards & Financial Aid is currently developing a Financial Literacy Plan. When implemented, it will include a workshop series (e.g. budgeting, savings, credit card debt management), games and promotion of the ways the team can support students. The Work Study Program provided a total of 188 jobs for both the Spring/Summer and Fall/Winter work-study program initiatives. The number of students applying for jobs has increased over the total number of applicants from the previous year.



Growth & Capacity Development

Student Health and Counselling Centre

The Centre closed the office in the University Centre on June 17th and opened in the new location in Prettie Residence on June 19th. Much positive feedback has been noted by returning students.

The Centre has secured the services of a second part-time psychiatrist who starts her weekly half-day clinics on September 17th.

At this time, the number of family physicians and 'regular' clinics has been decreased slightly due to physician's moving to full-time practice, practice changes and a move/leave. Recruitment for additional physicians will continue.

