

## **Report to Senate – April 13, 2012 Provost and Vice-President (Academic)**

Four candidates have been invited to interview for the position of Dean, Faculty of Engineering. Two were here the week of April 2<sup>nd</sup> and two will be here the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. Details of Public Presentations are communicated to the university community via communication bulletin.

### **Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences**

The first in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences Speaker Series will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2012, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. ATAC 1003 (Thunder Bay Campus), OA 1025 (Orillia Campus) and MSE 119 (NOSM East Campus)

Dr. Shepard Siegel, Emeritus Professor, McMaster University, will give a talk entitled, The Ghost in the Addict: Drug Anticipation and Drug Addiction.

Professor Siegel is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Society of Experimental Psychologists.

### **Highlights from Aboriginal Initiatives**

#### **Aboriginal Recruitment/Outreach Activities**

##### **McKellar Park Sport & Tour Afternoon**

- In partnership with the Department of Athletics we organized an afternoon activity session with 28 McKellar Park school students from grade 3-5. The students participated in 2 fun activities of low organization and a campus tour. The group also got to enjoy a snack at the conclusion of the afternoon.

#### **Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services (AC-SS)**

**Academic:** ACSS organized several academic study sessions with Writing Centre, Student Success Centre and Peer Mentors. Assistance was provided to 120 students in regards to academic, funding, transitional and cultural support.

**Cultural:** ACSS organized a sweat lodge ceremony (32 participants), monthly pot luck (70 students). ACSS assisted with LUNSA Pow Wow on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> that had over 1100 participants, which was a great success.

In addition, the Lakehead University Native Students Association “New Beginnings” Pow Wow was broadcast live on NetNewsledger.com via an HD Livestream+ © Internet broadcast.

Through the course of the week leading into the event, and over the weekend, there were three articles published online about the event. Those articles were published on March 11, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. As well a page was created on the site that was the direct menu link to the HD Livestream+ © broadcast.

2774 individuals read those articles.

This resulted in a total of 3978 viewers watching the broadcast. Two of the videos are now online on YouTube and are continuing to generate views.

The sources for the viewers /readers:

Viewers came from across Northern Ontario, Thunder Bay and Toronto. As well there were a number of visitors from Winnipeg, Sudbury, and Montreal.

The bulk of the referrals to the videos came via Facebook.

We have seen some significant growth in readership from Northern Ontario addresses since the broadcast as the James Bay Network has grown as well. We attribute part of that to the bump in interest in the Pow Wow, in addition to the coverage of other issues of interest to our Northern readership.

Of interest, the majority of the readers read the pre-broadcast pieces. As we are finding in all coverage in Thunder Bay and across Northwestern and Northern Ontario, people are very interested in what is coming up, and less interested in reading about what has happened.

Shaw 22.86%
Tbaytel 15.02%
K-Net 7.99%
Sympatico 5.59%
Microsoft 4.58%
Rogers Wireless 2.58%
Telus 1.66%
Lakehead University 1.37%

### **Aboriginal Counsellor/Liaison**

#### **Personal Support (Includes academic and financial)**

- 81 student appointments
- 2 referrals to community resources

**Métis Student Liaison:** March 19th, 2012 - Métis Identity Learning Circle, with Benny Michaud, Mitch Case who are members of MNO. There were approximately 10 people who attended this informative event, which was open to all faculty, staff and students.

### **Native Access Program**

- Chili & Bannock Fundraiser in partnership with the Native Nurses Entry Program was held on March 2, 2012 at the Fort William First Nation Health Centre.
- Attended the Matawa Education Conference on February 28, 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> at the Valhalla Inn.
- Two NAP Instructors meetings were held (monthly & year-end).
- Native Access Program Year End Gathering took place on Friday, March 30, 2012.
- Planning interviews and selection for the September 2012 is well underway.

### **Orillia Campus Highlights**

### **Summary/Progress of Special Project Work**

- Ontario College Athletics Association (OCAA) is in its final stages and is awaiting Athletics Approval.
- Orientation: The Orientation Steering Committee was formed and an initial meeting has taken place. Ambassador applications were taken (35 apps) and interviews were performed. Training has been booked at Geneva Park for April 25-27.
- Athletic Banquet: An Athletics Banquet was held for all club and varsity athletes in the café. Overall, the event went very well. Awards were given out by coaches of each sport.
- Camp U: The website has had 570 hits since it went live on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. We also had a booth at the Barrie camp fair and posters were circulated downtown and throughout West Ridge.

## **Aboriginal Initiatives**

### **Elders' Traditional Teaching Series**

- The series was a huge success with an average of 35 people in attendance each week! The feast was delicious and it was wonderful to have the Elders talk about the importance of food in the culture and the spiritual aspects of food. The feedback forms that participants were asked to fill out were well received and all enjoyed the opportunity to participate. Participants look forward to future events and hope the series will continue in the fall.

### **Projects in Progress**

- Planning for the Lakehead University/Georgian College *Pathways to Education Day* is underway. The invite list has been changed to only include Orillia First Nations and Métis students (Grades 9-12) for the first event. Future events will be opened up to a greater audience. Faculty have been invited and a couple have already confirmed. Posters and information have been disseminated at the school level.
- APSIP plans continue to be developed for the Southern Georgian Bay Area. A meeting will take place with Education Managers and Aboriginal Guidance Counsellors to talk about a different approach to the usual recruitment fair that APSIP coordinates. Both Lakehead and Georgian are hoping to break up the recruiters into smaller groups so that students receive a more in-depth look at the different colleges and universities.

- Métis programming planning for the 2012-2013 academic year is underway. We will be coordinating with Ginny Gonneau, Métis Workshop Facilitator, in Toronto to host events on campus, and also connecting with Joanne Parent of the Education and Training Branch in Midland. Aboriginal programming and planning in general is also in the works (guest speakers, film nights, etc.).

### **Accessibility Services**

#### **Accessibility and PAL Services**

- As midterms came to an end in late February and early March, students were busy writing essays and/or reports, and preparing for final exams. A total of 74 midterms were written with Accessibility Services.
- March 10 was the mandatory Math Content exam for all BEd students. A total of 24 students wrote with Accessibility Services, five of which were new intakes. Overall, the exam went well and students were pleased with the services.
- One new full time student registered with Accessibility Services this month and six academic skills appointments were scheduled.
- The Peer Assistant Learning Program (PAL) was in high demand as students were writing reports and essays. PAL will continue to operate until the last day of classes to assist Lakehead students with essay editing and/or writing.

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