

Report to Senate – December 7, 2011 Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Decanal Search – Faculty of Engineering

Dr. Henri Saliba has decided not to renew his term as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, effective June 30, 2012. Details respecting opportunities to celebrate Dr. Saliba's accomplishments as Dean will follow.

The University has retained a search consultant who has begun a search for a new Dean of the Faculty.

Members of the Faculty of Engineering and of the university at large are invited to give comments concerning the general state of the faculty and its future development.

Mr. Jim Lundy, from the firm of Janet Wright & Associates Inc. will be on campus on Thursday, December 8, 2011. There will be opportunities to connect in person with Mr. Lundy during two Open Sessions, to be held in CB 4132, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., and again between 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. on December 8th.

Comments may also be submitted in writing, directly to the consultant, at jlundy@jwasearch.com.

Kindly address the following:

- 1) What are the achievements and highlights of Lakehead's Faculty of Engineering that you consider key to the future development of the Faculty?
- 2) What are the opportunities and challenges for the incoming Dean?
- 2) What experience, skills, personal qualities and credentials should potential candidates possess?
- 4) Potential candidates

Enrollment

Updated preliminary fulltime enrolment as of November 1, 2011 is at 7040 (compared to 7004 on the same date last year). This is made up of 678 graduate students and 6362 undergraduate students. Of the undergraduate enrolment 986 are based in Orillia.

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

Lakehead researchers from the School of Kinesiology (Dr. Moira McPherson, Dr. Lori Livingston with adjuncts Dr. Susan Forbes and Dr. William Montelpare) are co-recipients (with the RBC First Office for Injury Prevention at Sunnybrook Hospital in

Toronto) of a \$291,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. The grant is to build capacity for the implementation of the Play Safe Initiative, a collaborative effort of the sport, education, recreation and health sectors to develop injury prevention strategies. The initiative provides a platform for injury surveillance, data collection and analysis to support resources, programs, education and policies to reduce and prevent injury during physical activity. The funds will be managed by the Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund.

Student Affairs

Admissions & Recruitment

- On Monday, November 21, hosted 30 Guidance Counsellors from across the City of Thunder Bay and the northwestern Ontario region for the annual Guidance Counsellors' Seminar. The event featured a number of sessions highlighting program topics including The Value of an Arts Degree, Criminology in Orillia, and Health Programming at Lakehead along with additional presentations on student supports and services. A networking lunch in partnership with Student Accessibility Services, colleagues at Confederation College, and other secondary school professionals engaged in transition services capped the event.
- The main fall travel high school recruitment season has come to an end, with recruiters returning to the office this week. In all, over 605 individual school visits were scheduled, 76 collaborative university information program events attended, as well as 106 special invitation mini fairs, and 19 colleges visited so far (the key college recruitment season begins in January). A key component to the recruiters' efforts is the collection of prospective student inquiry data, of which well over 5,500 contacts have been made to date with additional inquiries still flowing in.
- Fall Preview Day takes place on Tuesday, December 6, 2011. We already have over 40 students and their families from southern Ontario registered to attend, in addition to the hundreds of local and regional high school students. We appreciate the active participation of all members of the university community at this critical recruitment event.
- In support of the University's international recruitment strategies, Admissions participated in the Maple Leaf School Recruitment Fairs in four locations throughout China including Dalian, Tianjin, Wuhan and Chongqing. For the first time, students were assessed for admission on-the-spot and a total of 115 students received a conditional offer to Lakehead for Fall 2012.

Registrar's Office

The Office of the Registrar has added yet another 'virtual' service for students to the *myInfo* portal. Confirmation of Enrolment letters can now be printed on demand without students having to come in person to the office.

Online address changes will be available through the portal by the end of the year.

Development continues on the upgrade to our calendar software and we anticipate the conversion to take place early in the new year.

A new service for faculty and staff will be launched in January to allow for interactive ad hoc room bookings through our new Enterprise software. Training will begin with administrative assistants.

Student Accessibility Services

- Intake continues – 305 registered students to date
- Exams – to date, 170 students have requested to write 540 exams with accommodations
- Workshop -Transition to Post Secondary for Students with Disabilities, Nov 21- delivered in conjunction with Confederation College to local and regional Special Education teachers

Student Success Centre

Winter (re)Orientation will be happening January 6th – January 13th, with events in the Agora, including an Academic Fair Day. Thank you to all Faculties and Departments who have agreed to participate. The Northern Ontario School of Medicine will also be present and (all) students will have the opportunity to interact with faculty and ask questions about programs; learn about different options with their degree, and future possibilities. Prizes and draws will be happening throughout the week.

Monday January 16th will be the Grand Opening of the Student Success Centre from 12 – 2pm. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend. More information will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.

Orillia Campus

Items from Orillia for the Provost's report (December 2011)

- 1) On November 10, 2011, Lakehead University hosted an *Open Doors - Open Knowledge* event at its University Avenue campus in Orillia as part of a nation-wide celebration of postsecondary education learning environments. Lakehead joined more than 50 universities across Canada that showcased their new or expanded facilities that received funding through the federal government's Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP). Lakehead received 13 million dollars from this program.
- 2) On October 21-22, 2011, the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of Lakehead University's Orillia Campus hosted the annual meeting Canadian

Association of Geographers (Ontario). There were 50 papers and 17 posters presented at the conference.

The winner for the Service to Ontario Geography Award was Dr. William Gough of the University of Toronto and the winners for the student paper and poster competitions are as follows:

Master's Research Paper: Adrian Gawedzki, Ryerson University
Assessing Antracene and Arsenic Contamination I Buffalo River
Sediments

Master's Essay: Amy Kluge, Ryerson University
Dieldrin Concentrations in Great Lakes Sediment: Spatial and Temporal
Trends

Doctoral Research Paper: Wai Yeung Yan, Ryerson University
Radiometric Correction of Airborne LIDAR Intensity Data for Improving
Land Cover Mapping of Urban Area

Best Poster Award: Ivan Hui, Ryerson University
Towards a Sustainable Public Transportation System in the Regional
Municipality of York: Analysis of the VIVA Rapid Transit

- 3) Paul R. Carr in the Departments of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Studies has won the American Educational Studies Association's Critic's Choice Book Award for his book entitled *Does your vote count? Critical pedagogy and democracy*, published in 2010 by Peter Lang.

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