

Report to Senate – February 15, 2013 Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Provost Task Force

A Provost's Task Force composed of representatives from both Campuses has been established to review existing program development at the Orillia campus and make recommendations for ongoing and future development. Areas that will be considered include, but are not limited to:

- Analysis of the relationships between academic programming on the two campuses
 - Governance and unit structure
 - Inter-campus administration
- Future undergraduate and graduate program development on the Orillia Campus
- Expansion of the existing and development of new articulations and multilateral transfer pathways between colleges and Lakehead University's degree programs
- Development of transfer pathways between programs on the two campuses
- Development of optional certificate programs (credit, non-credit, blended) as a means to adding value to our undergraduate and graduate degrees while also expanding the educational opportunities for learners.
- Exploration of uniquely formatted offerings (e.g., 3 week intensive courses, summer institutes, off-site program delivery).

Decanal Reviews

The Decanal Review Committee has completed their thorough review of the incumbent Deans in the Faculty of Education and Faculty of Sciences and Environmental Studies. Results of those reviews will be released shortly.

Vice-Provost (Aboriginal Initiatives) Search Committee

The Search Committee has completed the interviews of prospective candidates. It is anticipated that a decision will be made soon and will be communicated to the University community.

Faculty of Engineering

NSERC -CRDPJ Grant - Dr. Pedram Fatehi, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering is the recipient of an NSERC -CRDPJ

Grant for his proposal entitled "Production of Value-Added Products from Kraft lignin." Details of the \$240,000 NSERC grant are:

- \$120,000 cash
- \$120,000 in kind (free sample analysis from 2013-2017)

Funding from FPInnovations will provide support for two PhD, three PDF, two MSc, and three undergraduate students. Dr. Fatehi is training one PDF student (2012-2014), who is financially supported by FPInnovations. A particle charge detector has also been purchased for this project with support from FPInnovations.

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

Dr. Hubert de Guise will be co-organizing an International Workshop at the Fields Institute in Toronto on Mathematical Methods of Quantum Tomography from February 19 – 22, 2013. One possible outcome of Quantum Tomography is the possible construction of a Quantum Computer (this is different and better than a Dell computer).

Aboriginal Initiatives

Community Relations

Internationally recognized author and community builder Paul Born will speak to the power of building a community conversation at the Oliver Road Community Centre on February 26, 2013. Paul believes shaping our common future begins with the simple act of respectfully listening to and learning from each other. This event is in partnership with the City of Thunder Bay, School of Outdoor Recreation Parks & Tourism, Thunder Bay Multicultural Association, Lakehead Social Planning Council, Centre for Place and Sustainability, Thunder Bay District Health Unit and Crime Prevention Thunder Bay.

In addition to this event a public presentation will take place on February 27, 2013 at the Bora Laskin Theater beginning at 7:00 pm.

Aboriginal Student Recruitment

In collaboration with the Department of Athletics, Aboriginal Initiatives continues to support and develop the Achievement Program, Adult Achievement Fund and the Youth Achievement Fund.

A new recruiter has been hired for a 3-month contract.

Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services

A new Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services Coordinator has been hired.

The Aboriginal Student Counsellor saw 50 students one-on-one, providing cultural support, internal/external referrals to service providers.

Workshops and presentations offered in the Student Lounge included, Dr. Marie Louise Hill's *Geology Information Session Workshop* (14 people), Dr. Miltzer's *Opiates 101 Workshop* (35 people) and *Beading and Quilting Workshop* (8 people at each weekly session).

Nanabijou Aboriginal Graduate Enhancement Coordinator began promotion of the NAGE Role Model program. A role model will be selected in the coming weeks to act as an ambassador to Graduate Studies.

Orillia Campus

Awards

The Business Achievement Awards Committee of the Orillia District Chamber of Commerce has selected Lakehead University to be the recipient of two awards:

- Technological Advancement award for the research partnership between Dr. Chris Murray, and Polymer Specialties International Ltd. (PSI).
- Humanities 101 to receive an award in the Hats Off category.

Lakehead University will also be presenting The Green Award to the business that has made a noticeable effort in product development or conservation practices that have a positive impact on our environment.

Research and Innovation Week

The Orillia campus is involved in the 8th annual Research & Innovation Week. Members of the faculty, along with students, will showcase their innovative projects with poster displays and a mini-conference series of presentations. Special events and guest speakers will also be video-conferenced from the Thunder Bay campus.

More than a dozen presentations are included in this year's conference, including an exciting range of topics focusing on social, cultural, environmental and community issues.

This year, in celebration of the growth of the Orillia campus over the past five years (or so), the TOP FIVE "Innovative Achievements" for the Orillia campus celebrating major research/innovation achievements over the short life of the Orillia Campus will be revealed. The TOP FIVE will be announced during opening ceremonies on Monday, February 11, 2013.

Student Affairs

Every department within Student Affairs is actively engaged in a wide variety of activities and programming for prospective students and current students. What follows are some highlights from three areas.

Admissions

Faculty of Law: offers have been extended to the Juris Doctor program, including scholarship offers for those select students. Acceptances have started to arrive.

One-Year Bachelor of Education: the application remains open at both campuses.

Ontario High School Students: we have completed the early round of offers and have extended a great number of offers compared to the same time last year.

Year 3 Social Work and One-Year Social Work: applications are closed for Fall 2013.

Nursing (Collaborative 4-year Program): application will be closed as of February 8, 2013.

Nursing (Compressed 3-year Program): application remains open.

Recruitment

Recruiters have been taking part in large-scale college recruiting fairs, as well as conducting individual classroom visits and presentations to targeted programs at colleges around Ontario – visits are taking place at 32 college campuses across Ontario.

As application numbers are received, an analysis of the data is being prepared to formalize spring visit programming and applicant receptions, which will be held throughout April and May 2013.

A&R will be on display as part of the Research & Innovation week presence at the Intercity Mall the weekend of February 9.

Campus Tour Bursary Program has officially launched!

Visitors to the Thunder Bay or Orillia Campus, who are travelling more than 150 kms to the campus, are eligible to apply for up to a \$500 Campus Tour Bursary to help cover the costs associated with their travels. The Application form and completed details are available online. If awarded, the Bursary would be applied to the student's statement of account towards their tuition fees for 2013-14. The Program is valid for visits taking place between now and June 30, 2013

Special Events

Preparations are underway for the following upcoming Recruitment events:

- February 14, 2013 – Gairdner Foundation Lectures (Thunder Bay Campus)
Features a morning high school outreach program and subsequent lunch and tours of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies
- February 20 & 21, 2013 – Grade 11 Inquiry Days (Orillia Campus)
Grade 11 students from throughout Simcoe County, working in partnership with individual high schools, will visit campus to take part in tours, early university search preparation, and interactive sessions.
- February 22, 2013 – Grade 11 Preview Day (Thunder Bay Campus)
Grade 11 students from across Thunder Bay will visit campus to take part in an academic and student services exploration fair, and individual presentations targeting early search and university preparation.
- March 11 – 15, 2013 – March Break 2013 (Thunder Bay and Orillia Campus)
This multi-day open house experience will invite prospects, applicants, and their families to visit Lakehead's campuses to take part in tours, sit in on in-session classes, and meet with faculty and Staff.

Communications & Marketing

Monthly online Live Chats continue and are receiving the highest attendance and participation in years in anticipation of the upcoming application deadline.

Advertising will commence in January and run for the next few weeks in select college newspapers, promoting college transfer programs and opportunities

Staffing

Andrea Huillery remains on an extended leave, and in the interim, Robert Perrier is filling in as the Acting Director, Admissions & Recruitment.

Student Accessibility Services

- Intake - 379 registered students (running total)
- Tests - 106 tests were written in SAS during this period (running total 817)

Meetings, Campus/Community Connections

- Library - partnership in the provision of alternate format text books
- Orillia Campus - ongoing consultation with staff providing disability services

Upcoming Educators Accessibility Resources Training Workshops

Thunder Bay

- February 21- Creating Accessible Power Point Presentations - The use of accessibility features within Power Point and the creation of accessible documents and materials using the software program.
- March 14 - Creating Accessible Word Documents, PDFs and InDesign – The use of accessibility features within Word, Adobe and InDesign, creating accessible documents and materials using these software programs.

Orillia

- March 7
 - 10:00 am - An Introduction to Accessible Education-Universal Design For Learning
 - 1:00 pm - Creating Accessible Lectures
- March 8
 - 10:00 am - Creating Accessible Power Point Presentations
 - 1:00 pm - Creating Accessible Word Documents, PDF's and InDesign

Student Health and Counselling

- Student appointments: in November 1000 students appointments were made; in January there were over 900.
- The Manager has participated in discussions with representatives from COU regarding mental health.
- Spacing reallocations have been implemented to try to address limitations of clinical space.
- The Annual Personal Health Information Statistical Report for the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario was filed with Director, Risk Management and Access to Information
- The Centre was noted in *Argus* January 28th issue – articles 'Caught the Cold?' and 'Yoga For All' (collaborative effort of LUSU/Residence/Centre to offer weekly yoga to students – started in fall)
- Lakehead International's Intercultural Communication Workshops were attended by nine staff
- Centre's health promotion area, the *Wellness Zone*, had their Grand Opening with ~120 students attending - the generous support of Aramark/Nick Buragina was appreciated.
- Several joint faculty/department outreach strategies initiated:
 - Faculty of Education – recruitment for a pilot support group, '*The Balancing Act*', (comprised of 3-4 weekly sessions) is underway
 - ACSS's Aboriginal Counsellor - developing a mental health initiative for students
 - Director, Residence & Conference Services and Centre Manager - coordinated a working group with colleagues from three faculties to discuss possible collaborative wellness strategies