

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

Promotion, Tenure & Renewal

On October 17th, elections concluded resulting in appointments to the 2011/12 PTR Committees for both Arts and Science, and Professional Faculties and Schools. I provided an orientation for members of both committees on October 31st. Hearings for renewal and tenure will be held on December 12th and 13th, 2011.

Merit

On November 7th, elections concluded resulting in appointments to the 2011/12 Merit Increments Committee. I will meet with that committee early in December to familiarize members with responsibilities and procedures of the committee.

Faculty of Law

Members have been appointed to the search committee for the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Law and a first meeting has been scheduled for November 15th. The final appointment will be made at Senate on November 11th.

The Ad for the Founding Dean has been placed in the Globe and Mail, various academic publications, including CAUT Bulletin and University Affairs and numerous trade publications.

It is my expectation that a short-list of candidates can be determined prior to the holiday break and that interviews can be concluded early in the New Year.

Enrollment

Preliminary fulltime enrolment as of November 1, 2011 is at 7108 compared to 7015 on the same date last year. This is made up of 688 graduate students and 6420 undergraduate students. Of the undergraduate enrolment 989 are based in Orillia.

Student Affairs

Admissions & Recruitment

- **Recruitment Visits:**
Recruiters have been engaged in active recruitment since the middle of September. To date, 428 high schools and colleges throughout Ontario have been visited. Additional school visits will continue throughout the month of November.
- **Orillia Preview Day Recruitment Event:**
On October 22nd, over 550 prospective students and family members from all

across Central and Southern Ontario attended the Preview Day event at the Orillia Campus. Highlights of the event included tours of the academic building and residence, interactive sessions, mock lectures and a student life/academic fair.

Student Accessibility Services

- As of November 3, 288 students are registered with SAS compared to 306 last year
(from Oct. 13 to Nov. 3, 41 additional students registered with Student Accessibility Services compared to 30 additional students the same time period in 2010.)

Student Health and Counselling

In September - medical and counseling appointments were up ~35%, with urgent counselling up 117% over the same period last year. In October - medical appointments were up ~26%, with counselling appointments up 10% compared to October 2010 while urgent counseling was up 100% over last year. Average wait times for most issues is one to three days although the Centre psychiatrist is fully booked until January. Centre space remains at a critical level with only 14 professionals and staff practicing within.

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