

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY

President's Report to the Board



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NORTHERN POLICY INSTITUTE (NPI)

Since the inauguration of NPI, discussions have continued with partners—Laurentian University and the Ministry of Northern Development & Mines—regarding the Institute's special agreement and bylaws. Community outreach about this provincial initiative included a breakfast, during which I invited members of the Thunder Bay area to attend a consultation breakfast in our Faculty Lounge (October 25) to discuss the future of NPI and sought their advice on the immediate next steps.



CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

Filling seats on the committee assigned with the task of deciding our University's next Chancellor is almost complete. Its first meeting is scheduled for December 2012. We anticipate the announcement of our newest Chancellor by March 2013.

RESEARCH INFOSOURCE DATA

According to *Research Infosource's* 2012 report on the aggregate amount of research funding universities receive, Lakehead netted approximately \$22 million during fiscal year 2011, which is an increase of over 28% (\$5 million dollars) over fiscal 2010. This means we have already achieved our target increase for 2012.

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTRE'S POSITIVE AFFECT ON STUDENTS' ATTITUDE



One year after its inception, the positive results of Lakehead's Student Success Centre (SSC) were made evident in the *Globe & Mail's 2013 Canadian University Report*. The report, which publishes students' opinions on the diverse aspects of Canada's universities, stated that our grades have risen in numerous categories, including overall satisfaction with student services and career preparation.

Other notable categories where Lakehead University improved include its commitment to environmental sustainability, campus buildings and facilities, and international student services.

To view the report visit:

www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/education/canadian-university-report/

LOBBY DAYS @ QUEEN'S PARK

October 1 + 2 saw myself, Deb Comuzzi and Cam Clarke at Queen's Park for Lobby Days. The two day series of meetings and gatherings afforded us the invaluable opportunity to speak with numerous MPPs and the policy advisor from the Premier's Office. During these various talks, I expounded on, among many things, Lakehead's Gichi Kendaasiwin Centre and the growth of our Orillia campus.

SIMCOE COUNTY & ORILLIA GIVE GENEROUSLY TO LAKEHEAD

In the last week, the County of Simcoe and City of Orillia each fulfilled pledges to Lakehead with their generous donations of \$1 million and \$500,000 dollars, respectively.

These monies will not only go towards campus development of the Orillia campus, they will facilitate our continuing stewardship activities with the City of Orillia and the County of Simcoe.



RENDEZ-VOUS 2012

Canada's newest medical school, our very own Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), recently welcomed 850 delegates from 45 countries for *Rendez-Vous 2012*. The six-day world conference took place in Thunder Bay and communities across Northern Ontario and offered participants—including 150 health professional schools—to share experiences, opportunities, and challenges of community participation in education, service, and research.



Having had the pleasure of attending this event, please join me in congratulating Dr. Roger Strasser, Chair, International Advisory Committee and Dean, NOSM, who, along with his staff, represented Lakehead, NOSM and Northern Ontario with great distinction.