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President's Report to the Board of Governors



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

AUCC President, Paul Davidson, visits Lakehead

On May 2, our Thunder Bay campus welcomed **Paul Davidson, President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada**. He toured the campus and various research labs, and met with researchers, members of senior administration, and our Board of Governors' Committee of the Whole. A presentation he gave to the Committee, entitled *Canada's Universities Towards 2017: Strengthening Canada and Preparing Young Canadians for a Global Future*, discussed emerging issues in post secondary education.



Search for New Provost Begins

As we begin our search for Lakehead's next Provost & Vice-President (Academic), I am in the process of assembling our search committee and issued a survey to faculty and staff asking for their input and names of potential candidates.

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) comes into effect on July 1, 2014. There are questions in the Canadian university legal community regarding what university activities are covered by CASL. We are currently developing a policy and educational workshops to assist our University community in complying with the legislation, as necessary.

University Graduate Employment Survey – Employment Rates for 2011 Graduates

The results from the *Ontario University Graduate Employment Survey – Graduates of 2011* were released last week. The data reveals that, once again, the employment rate for graduates of undergraduate degree programs at Lakehead University two years after graduation (93.6%) is higher than the average employment rate for graduates of undergraduate degree programs in the Ontario University System (93.0%). The 2-year employment rate for Lakehead graduates continues to be strong, holding steady at 93.6% for the last 3 years. Lakehead graduates of 2011 were also more likely to be employed 6 months after graduation (89.4%) compared to graduates of the Ontario University System (87.4%).



Enrolment Services' Conversion Efforts

Conversion efforts aimed at moving our undergraduate admitted students to enrolled students for Fall 2014 has been the focus of Enrolment Services. Highlights of conversion efforts include:

- Hosted 19 applicant receptions throughout Ontario, meeting with over 480 applicants and 670 friends and family members;
- 295 high schools were visited throughout April and May;
- Hosted campus tours for students participating in the Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair and High School;
- Math Competition along with General Campus Tours;
- Visited 12 classes at Confederation College to promote transferability options;
- Faculty Conversion Call Campaigns underway.

Lakehead Professor and Researcher Receive *Good Citizen Award*

Professor Karen Poole and **Dr. Yaoge Huang** each received the Good Citizen Award, last month, from the City of Thunder Bay. The award recognizes individuals who have made outstanding volunteer contributions for a minimum of five years.

Poole is an Associate Professor and Director of the School of Nursing, and she has been a member of the Shelter House Board of Directors for the past 12 years. In two consecutive terms, Poole has seen tremendous growth in the programming and service that Shelter House provides the community. Poole was previously the Chair and Vice-Chair, and offered her support and guidance to the Executive Director. She was involved with facilitating construction of the new Shelter House building and implementing the managed alcohol program (Kwae Kii Win), and recruiting a new Executive Director.

Dr. Huang is the Manager, Animal Facilities, in the Office of Research Services, and Master of the Lakehead Chinese Music and Dance Group. He introduced the unique Chinese musical instrument the Erhu, a two-stringed violin, to Thunder Bay residents. He and his students have volunteered hundreds of hours playing Erhu for events, festivals, seniors' homes and schools since 2007 when the Lakehead Erhu Music Group was formed.





Parking Lot Maintenance 2014

As part of a consultative process, Physical Plant has spoken to Senior Management Team and is scheduled to speak to Internal Relations committee and LUSU to advise them of plans for parking lot maintenance during summer 2014.

We have over 2,800 parking spots at our Thunder Bay campus and approximately 70% of them have a receptacle to plug in your car. Many of these receptacles no longer work due to various types of damage, including frost, rust, and covers that do not meet current code.

Physical Plant's plan is to prioritize the use of the receptacles by retaining those in Residence Parking lots (for students living there) and Lot 5 (our premium lot). Remaining receptacles will be disconnected and made safe. A quick survey across the City of Thunder Bay showed that Confederation College only has 100 receptacles in a premium lot, Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre has none, and St. Joseph Care Group has a few legacy systems in place.

Physical Plant also plans to sweep the parking lots and repaint the lines along with some patching and paving of the asphalt. A review and repair of street lights will also be undertaken.





LEARNER-CENTRED STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Natural Resources Management's visit to Sunyani, Ghana

Members of our Faculty of Natural Resources Management (NRM) recently visited Sunyani, Ghana to assess the potential for on-site and on-line professional training in geomatics for the Ghana Fire Service professionals and met with staff and students at the University of Energy and Natural Resources (UENR). UENR will be sending interns to the Faculty of NRM this summer for initial training, design and execution of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle use for the setup of an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Centre in Sunyani, Ghana.

The NRM Faculty hosted the mid-Canada annual meeting for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Committee (SFI) in April 2014. The Faculty has officially joined the SFI and will take an active role in its community outreach activities in both Manitoba and Ontario. SFI together with the Forest Stewardship Council represent the vast majority of certified forests in Canada.



Lakehead and China's Maple Leaf Educational Systems sign MoU

A Memorandum of Understanding between Lakehead University and **Maple Leaf Educational Systems** in China was recently signed. This MoU is a Practicum Agreement around BEd students completing alternative international placements in Maple Leaf Schools. An inaugural group of five BEd students are currently completing a four-week practicum at the Maple Leaf School in Dalian.



NURTURING SCHOLARSHIP

Lakehead Commemorates Daniel Beardy Memorial Award

On May 16, **Ontario Regional Chief Stan Beardy, his wife Nellie, and I** held a ceremony at our Thunder Bay campus commemorating the ten years since the passing of Chief Beardy's son, Daniel. The Daniel Beardy Memorial Award was created in 2012 in memory of Daniel. Chief Beardy and I, together, presented a cheque for \$1,500 to be put towards the award that has, thus far, helped two Lakehead students achieve their post-secondary dreams.

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Derek and Joan Burney Fellowship Established at Lakehead's CESME

On May 29, **Lakehead Chancellor Derek Burney and his wife, Joan**, announced a generous gift of \$150,000 to establish a special postdoctoral fellowship at the University. The Derek and Joan Burney Postdoctoral Fellowship is the first fellowship established through Lakehead's Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration.

The new postdoctoral fellowship will be affiliated with Lakehead's Department of Economics within the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies. The fellowship will fund a three-year bridging position at the University for a researcher who is between their PhD and a faculty position.

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Lakehead University and Convocation 2014

Approximately 2,100 degrees will be conferred during our Convocation 2014 at our Thunder Bay and Orillia campuses, between May 30 and June 7. In addition to celebrating our students and their achievements, our Alumni Awards dinner and Convocation ceremonies will include the presentation of numerous awards and five honorary degrees, as well as naming two Fellows, a Civitas Award recipient, and this year's professors emeriti.

FELLOWS OF THE UNIVERSITY

Jacqueline Dojack
Elizabeth McWeeny

ALUMNI AWARDS

Scott Kress, HBOR/BSc '93
Alumni Honour Award

Dr. Gary Polonsky, BSc '77
Alumni Honour Award

Eric McGoey, HBA '02
Alumni Horizon Award

Ahmoo Angeconeb, HBFA '93
Alumni Honour Award

Mae Katt, HSBcN '86/MED '95
Alumni Honour Award

Ashleigh Quarrell, HBComm '09
Young Alumni Award

Christopher Mushquash, HBSc '02/MA '04
Young Alumni Award

Mark Tilbury, HBComm '94
Alumni Legacy Award

PROFESSORS EMERITI

Dr. Richard Berg
Department of Philosophy

Dr. Jane Crossman
School of Kinesiology

Dr. Allan Gilbert
Department of Chemical Engineering

Dr. Patricia Jasen
Department of English

Dr. Robert Payne
School of Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism

Dr. Medhat Rahim
Faculty of Education

Dr. Dolores Wawia
Faculty of Education

HONORARY DEGREES

Dr. Arnold Aberman
Doctor of Science

Richard Wagamese
Doctor of Letters

The Hon. Bob Rae
Doctor of Laws

The Hon. Frank Iacobucci
Doctor of Laws

The Hon. Mary Anne Chambers
Doctor of Laws

CIVITAS AWARD

Robert Bowles

