

Provost's Report to Senate

April 2016

Faculty of Engineering

Lakehead University's Steel Bridge Team won first place overall at the recent regional competition held in March in Minnesota. The team, including Chris Legg, Brad McDonald, Brad DesRochers, Nick Wegher, and Curtis Moss, with faculty advisor Dr. Sam Salem, and technologist support from Conrad Hagstrom, will now head to the National Steel Bridge Competition in May. In addition to sweeping all categories in the bridge competition, Lakehead also took second place in the technical paper competition for the paper written by Abel Raath and presented by Andrew Olesen.

In the Canadian Engineering Competition, also held in March, Andreas Zailo, 4th year Mechanical Engineering student won 1st place in the Engineering Communications category. The annual competition, hosted this year at McGill University, brings together students from across Canada that have advanced to the national event following local and regional competitions. Andreas entered the engineering communications category where he was required to present a clear and concise viewpoint on a technical topic, with a focus on thoroughly explaining technical, social, economic and environmental impacts to a technical and non-technical judging panel. For his winning project, he chose *Net-zero Geothermal Greenhouses for remote and Isolated Communities in Northern Canada*.

Library

The open house at the University Archives on April 5 was very successful. This was part of Archives Association of Ontario Archives Awareness Week. If you would like to visit the Archives, or learn more about the collections, please contact the University Archivist, Sara Janes at (807) 343.8272 or sjanes1@lakeheadu.ca.

Since September the Kanopy Video Streaming service has been visited over by 10,000 Lakehead students and faculty with over 950 video plays. Popular videos include *Breathless*, *What Do You Know: Six to Twelve Year Olds Talk About Gays and Lesbians*, and *How to Do a 15 Minute (or Less) Family Interview*.

A guide to copyright at Lakehead University is available at <http://libguides.lakeheadu.ca/copyright/>. The guide includes fair dealing guidelines and how to create links to licensed library content.

Exam hours at the Chancellor Paterson Library will be in effect from March 21 – April 21. The Library is open until 3:00 am during these dates.

Aboriginal Initiatives

Ms. Yolanda Wanakamik has accepted a new position at Dilico as a Policy Analyst. We would like to extend our congratulations to Yolanda on her new position and wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

A CLAN/AMP Coordinator has been hired in Orillia. As well a CLAN rep has been hired in Thunder Bay to work with businesses and remote First Nation's through to August 2016.

Student Affairs

Save the Date: Convocation 2016 - Reminder

Convocation is a special time to celebrate the achievements of our students. This year's Convocation ceremonies will take place as follows:

Thunder Bay Campus
Location: Thunder Bay Community Auditorium
Dates:
Friday May 27, 2016 – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday May 28, 2016 – 9:30 am and 2:00 pm

Orillia Campus
Location: Rotary Place
Date: Saturday June 4, 2016 – 10:00 am

Orillia Student Affairs

Athletics and Recreation

The varsity, extramural, and club seasons wrapped up on Saturday, April 2 at the Annual Athletics Banquet. See coverage in the Orillia Packet & Times: <http://www.orilliapacket.com/2016/04/04/lakehead-honours-top-athletes>

This was Lakehead-Orillia's biggest season yet offering the most sports in our history, the most student athletes, and coaches. Certainly a banner year.

Wellness Centre

A student survey of Personal Counselling Services is currently in circulation. There were over 150 responses on the first day. Feedback will be used to inform services for the next year. We are encouraging all those who received a survey to participate.

Aboriginal Initiatives

A new Aboriginal Initiative office has been established in the Residence building. The Aboriginal Initiatives staff are continuing to work with Turtle Island Student Circle (TISC), formerly the Aboriginal Students' Committee.

Two Aboriginal Preview Days (April 4 and 5) were held on campus. Special thanks to the Aboriginal Initiative staff in Thunder Bay for coordinating the programs.

Student Success Centre – Thunder Bay

Orientation

Work has begun to organize the Orientation 2016 on both campuses. Orientation Working Groups have been established and will be meeting for the first time before the end of April. The Working Groups will begin to review a draft schedule for the 2016 program.

Career & Co-op

Planning for 2016-2017 has begun with faculty and co-op advisor meeting to collect feedback on the co-op program.

Career Advisors are continuing to meet and support students before they depart on their next work term on May 2.

Writing Centre and Math Help Centre

The Centres are working with students as they complete final assignments and prepare for exams.

The Writing Centre is offering Resume reviews in a drop-in format on Fridays.

The Math Centre held a very successful PIZZA Pi DAY, bringing in many new faces to the Centre and generally spreading smiles.

In addition, the Centres continue to work on assembling research about peer tutoring programs and completing projects focused on college transfer students.

Student Health and Counselling Centre

The Centre's clinical team had an increase of 7.6% (from 2015) in appointments with students. The Wellness Centre has featured the following displays in the Agora: *Nutrition on a Budget* and *Stress Less Study Tips*.

Web Development Services

The website team is continuing with the migration of individual web pages and has recently completed Health and Safety. During the migration process, Web Development Services actively works to ensure that all accessibility compliance obligations are met. Web Development Services respectfully asks that all website administrators work to ensure that website content meets accessibility standards. If there are any questions, please consult with Web Development Services at 343.8499 or by email to spencer.ranta@lakeheadu.ca.

Instructional Development Centre

Since January 2016, the Instructional Development Centre, with the assistance of Drs. Wayne Melville (Education), Michel Beaulieu (History) and Jason Pillot (Lakehead Board of Education), has offered a series of three workshops linking Degree Level Expectations, Program Learner Outcomes, Course Learner Outcomes and Assessment. The series continues in April with two 3-hour sessions on Lakehead's Cyclical Program Review and Program Change Processes. The goal of each session has been to enable participants, working with their own program and curriculum material, to reflect on and develop documentation that will assist them in program delivery and modification.

The next workshop, led by Dr. Nancy Luckai, Deputy Provost, is Wednesday, April 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in ATAC 5036. Please contact Breanne Neufeld at idc@lakeheadu.ca or 343-8554 for more information.

Respectively submitted,

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