

Provost's Report to Senate

April 2015

Student Affairs Enrolment Services

Save the Date: Convocation 2015

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 29, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday May 30, 2015 – 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Orillia Campus

Location: Rotary Place

Date: Saturday June 6, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

Undergraduate Recruitment

Two successful March Break events were delivered at both campuses, exceeding our attendance from last year. A total of 274 guests visited the Thunder Bay campus and 165 at the Orillia campus. This represents an additional 75 guests in Thunder Bay over last year and 32 in Orillia.

In addition to the March Break participants, an additional 53 applicants personally invited from the GTA and 7 parents also visited the campus for a special VIP Campus Tour Experience.

Thank you to the university community for welcoming prospective students, applicants and family and friends to our campuses!

Recruitment and conversion initiatives continue to take place throughout the spring. Your continued participation and support in these efforts can make a positive difference in our recruitment efforts.

Academic Advising, Records & Registration

The Spring Examination Timetable has been posted: <https://www.lakeheadu.ca/current-students/examination/timetable>

The Course Timetable for Fall 2015/Winter 2016 is being finalized. The Timetable will be posted in May 2015.

Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services in Thunder Bay accommodated 946 tests during the winter term - an increase from 846 in 2013/14.

To date the overall number of students registered with both Thunder Bay and Orillia Student Accessibility Services has increased from 550 in the last academic year to 597, an 8.5% increase.

Student Accessibility Services continues to meet with students who may require academic accommodations during the last part of the term.

Student Success Centre

The Student Success Centre has interviewed and welcomed 25 students to the newly re-launched **Student Ambassador Program**. A *Welcome Reception* was held on April 1, which included training on ambassador expectations, icebreakers and programming brainstorming sessions. The program is designed to build a strong pool of enthusiastic and engaged student volunteers who want to support and contribute back to the Lakehead Community.

- The Student Success Centre continues to seek out students to join the Student Ambassador Program! Students may be referred by faculty and staff to join the program by contacting Joy Himmelman, x 8981, jhimmelm@lakeheadu.ca

Aboriginal Initiatives

Aboriginal Cultural & Support Services (ACSS)

ACSS continues to host regular events and has implemented the Elders Circle sessions bringing in eight Elders and twenty children for storytelling, craftwork, and lunch. The next session will be in June with the Elders and youth and will be about expressing voice. This will be tied to the very successful Toastmasters program.

Aboriginal Student Recruitment

Preview days are in the process of being developed and promoted. Last year, more Aboriginal students attended than ever before and it is expected that there will be substantial numbers attending from across Thunder Bay as a result of regular outreach and recruitment activities.

Native Access Program (NAP)

Entry into the Access Program has grown and for the first time the intake was 34 students at the beginning of the 2014-2015 academic year. There will be 20 students graduating and 17 of these graduates will be going into degree programs. The program is being developed to meet the needs and create a challenging opportunity for Aboriginal youth.

Respectively submitted,

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