

**O-AGC Report
Department of Aboriginal Education**

February 2014

1. Work has started with the Office of the Registrar on making the HBEd the only direct entry Aboriginal education undergraduate program, with the exception of the BA/BEEd and BSc/BEEd (Intermediate/Senior) programs.
2. The Department has been well represented at various recruitment activities across Northwest Ontario and in Winnipeg. These efforts have already resulted in several applications to the HBEd program.
3. Calendar change proposals for the revised five-year HBEd and associated changes to the *Digital Learning and Teaching* and *Native Arts and Crafts* courses have entered into the Senate approvals process. Thanks to all those who have contributed to making this happen.
4. The Department is in the early stages of developing a certificate for Education Assistants using a number of first year HBEd courses. Two education authorities are interested in working with us on this. The certificate would involve students registering in the HBEd; they would of course be able to continue with the program if they so chose. Gwen Wodja is broadly supportive of the concept.
5. The Department is pleased that the Faculty has permission to advertise for a tenure track position in Aboriginal Education. The position of Acting Chair after 1 July 2014 is currently being discussed with the Acting Dean and VP (Academic). The Acting Dean should be in position to announce a decision in the coming weeks.

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