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President's Report to Senate



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MTCU Major Capital Expansion Policy Framework Announced

On December 20th, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities released its new Major Capital Expansion Policy Framework. The framework sets out a checklist for institutions considering capacity expansion, and encourages institutions to respond as soon as possible with information about their planned capacity expansions. A formal call for proposals will be made in early 2014.

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Food Services Town Hall

I invited our University community to participate in a Town Hall meeting (Feb. 4) to discuss Lakehead's recent Request for Proposal (RFP) for Food Services at both our campuses. The event saw many Thunder Bay and Orillia students, faculty, and staff offer feedback and ask questions of the Food Services RFP Committee. Many important issues were discussed. Getting the University community involved was an important step in helping us shape the future of food services at Lakehead.

Student Success Centre Launches Co-Curricular Record

Lakehead University students now have a new tool to tell their whole university story.

The Co-Curricular Record (CCR) was launched, February 5th, as a new and exciting initiative for all students at Lakehead's Orillia and Thunder Bay campuses. The CCR is an official document that chronicles a student's involvement in not-for-credit activities at Lakehead University. Combined with their Academic Transcript, students will now have the perfect tool to be recognized and celebrated for their achievements inside and outside the classroom.

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Third-year Kinesiology student Alexis Sharp talked about the benefits of the Co-Curricular during the Lakehead Thunder Bay launch of the CCR.



EXTEND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Update on Phase I of Telepresence Classrooms

Significant progress has been made on Phase I of Lakehead University's Telepresence Initiative with the completion of both the Thunder Bay and Orillia Telepresence Classrooms. We will be carrying out a beta testing phase over the coming months with the intention of offering classes in these facilities in September 2014.

Minister Rickford Visits Campus and Tour of Telepresence Classroom

The Honourable Greg Rickford, Minister of State (Science and Technology, and Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario), visited Lakehead University on January 21, 2014 to meet with myself and Senior Administration to discuss the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration and tour our new telepresence classroom.

Thunder Bay Event Centre Announcement

Lakehead University has continued to position itself as a key contributor in the development of a new arena and event center to be constructed in downtown Thunder Bay. On January 21st, Lakehead University and the Thunderwolves moved one step closer when the City of Thunder Bay announced it had identified our group of partners, known as *Thunder Bay LIVE!*, as the successful respondent to the City of Thunder Bay's Request for Expressions of Interests in the development of a new event centre.

Thunder Bay LIVE!, which is headed by former NHL coach and broadcaster Gary Green and Stadium Consultants International, includes Lakehead University and Thunderwolves Hockey, True North Sports & Entertainment, Global Spectrum, BBB Architects Toronto Inc., and PCL construction.

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EXTEND OUR INTERNATIONAL REACH



Agreement Signed with the Indian High School in Dubai, UAE

During January meetings with several schools and institutions in Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, I signed an agreement with the Indian High School. The partnership allows for Lakehead to recruit from their students, offer and explore scholarship opportunities. The Indian High School has 15,000 students on three campuses in Dubai, The school is ranked as "outstanding" by national accreditation bodies and a large number of their graduates choose to study abroad each year.

ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING, LEARNING, AND RESEARCH

Lakehead Signs Simulation Agreement with Confederation College

On January 24, Lakehead University, signed a partnership agreement with Confederation College and key health care educators in the region to pool resources and increase training capacity – as well as student access – to training simulations for medical learners of all disciplines throughout Northwestern Ontario.



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