

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

**27 March 2014**

1. The Department would like to thank Diane Maybee for her service to the NLIP program over many years, and we wish her well in her new position with Residence Services
2. The proposal for the BA(Gen)/BEd(Native Education) and BSc(Gen)/BEd (Native Education) as the fallback degrees for students who do not maintain a 70% average in the HBEd program has been approved. Work continues on making the HBEd the only direct entry Aboriginal education undergraduate program, with the exception of the BA/BEd and BSc/BEd (Intermediate/Senior) programs.
3. 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.
4. The Calendar change proposals for the revised *Native Arts and Crafts* course has been approved by the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee, and will soon be before the Senate Budget Committee.
5. This coming summer the Native Language Instructors Program will be looking to put in place changes that may permit the removal of the final OCT conditions from the Program. Almost all instructors will be OCT certified teachers, a number of courses are being rewritten to comply with recommendations from the OCT, and we will be trialing the use of video classroom materials in the IS Division. The OCT is looking at our trial as setting the benchmark for similar programs across Ontario.
6. This coming May, Judy Flett has been invited to facilitate workshops at an Elder/Youth Conference in Eabamatoong that is sponsored by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Also, she will be traveling to Halifax, Nova Scotia to participate on a panel focused on Aboriginal engagement she will be presenting her work with remote communities in the delivery of the Honours Bachelor of Education (Aboriginal) P/J program. This event will be hosted by Myra Freeman former Lt. Governor of Nova Scotia and sponsored by Save the Children.

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