

Report to Senate – October 12, 2012 Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Lakehead University Strategic Mandate Submission

On June 27, 2012, the Government released *Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge*, a discussion paper on quality, innovation and productivity designed to make the university and college system stronger. In a follow up letter, Minister Murray confirmed the Government's intent to lead publicly funded postsecondary education institutions in a transformation process to find efficiencies and drive innovation to improve productivity. All Ontario's colleges and universities were subsequently charged with completion of the first step in the development of an institutional Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) that will be used by the Ministry to inform future decisions.

Lakehead University's institutional vision, proposed mandate statement, and priority objectives were recently received by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) and will be reviewed by the Minister and the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario (HEQCO) over the coming months. I am pleased to invite you to review the Lakehead submission at the following link:

<http://vpacademic.lakeheadu.ca/?display=page&pageid=94>

2012 Workshop for Chairs and Directors

The Office of the Provost will host the 2012 Workshop for Chairs and Directors on the afternoon of Monday, October 15th and the morning of Tuesday, October 16th at the Bartley Residence. Guest speaker, Dr. John Gardner, President of the Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education, will facilitate a session on October 16th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, entitled, "Enhancing the Lakehead First Year Experience."

October 15th marked the start of Teaching and Learning Week at Lakehead University

A full schedule of events can be found on the Instructional Development Centre website at: <http://idc.lakeheadu.ca/2012-teaching-and-learning-week/>

2012 Distinguished Instructor Address

The Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning will host the 2012 Distinguished Instructor Address, on Tuesday, November 6, 2012, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., in the Faculty Lounge. The 2012 recipient, Dr. Judith Leggatt, Department of English, will give a talk entitled "Teaching in a Cross-Cultural, Cross-Disciplinary Classroom." All are welcome to attend.

Marks Report for Lakehead University for Fall/Winter 2011/12

A summary of undergraduate marks by department has been posted for review of Senators:

http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~analysis/marks2011FW_UG_Summary_Senate_FINAL_Oct19_2012.pdf

Enrollment Update

Preliminary fulltime enrolment as of October 16, 2012 is at 7302 compared to 7146 on November 1, 2011. This is made up of 762 graduate students and 6540 undergraduate students. Of the undergraduate enrolment 1124 are based in Orillia.

Faculty of Natural Resources Management

The Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board has approved accreditation of the Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry Program for a period of six years, beginning with the 2012/13 academic year and continuing until June 30, 2018.

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

This year the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies has seen some significant increases in growth at the graduate level. The new Chemistry and Material Science doctoral program has doubled its number of students and Computer Science and Economics have both seen increases of more than 100%. The majority of the new students are international.

Highlights from Departments within Student Affairs

Admissions & Recruitment

The recruitment season for Fall 2013 is fully underway. Recruiters are traveling across the province meeting with prospective students and their influencers at various types of events. The travel season started in mid-September and continues until the end of November.

Lakehead University has once again participated in a very successful Ontario Universities' Fair - held the weekend of September 28-30. Many thanks go out to all the faculty, staff, students and alumni that participated in this very important new student recruitment event.

The largest on-campus recruitment event, Preview Day, is just around the corner. The Orillia campus event is taking place on October 13th and the Thunder Bay campus event on December 4th.

Student Health and Counselling

In September, approximately 800 appointments were made in the clinic for access to physicians and counsellors (similar numbers to last year). Physicians and counsellors are seeing more students who are experiencing a mental health crisis or are in some significant distress.

The Clinic's Health Promoter presented *safeTALK* (suicide awareness) training to Residence's House Presidents and Residence Assistants in September - thus providing these residence staff with training to better assist and direct students experiencing and displaying signs of distress.

The Centre facilitated Scott Chisholm of the '*Collateral Damage*' project to come speak with faculty, students and staff about suicide awareness during Mental Illness Awareness Week activities. The session, "Let's Talk about Suicide...Reaching Out Can Help" on October 3rd had 40 attendees. The session was greatly appreciated.

Orillia Campus Highlights

Orillia Campus Plan

The plan that has guided the first phase of the development of the Orillia campus is nearing completion. The Provost has directed the campus to develop a new five-year plan this fall. This plan will align with the Strategic and Academic Plans as it guides the second phase of the development of the campus.

We need your help with this and we have put into place a collaborative process to facilitate involvement by our internal (Lakehead) and external (community) audiences in the creation of the Plan.

A series of "Town Hall" meetings are taking place at both campuses for faculty, staff and students, and special consultations have been planned for key groups, including Deans and Chairs from the Thunder Bay campus.

An Orillia Campus Plan webpage has been created, which provides details on all planning activities, background information, and a survey to facilitate the collection of ideas and suggestions from all target audiences.

Visit <http://orillia.lakeheadu.ca/campus-plan/> to learn more about the Orillia Campus Plan 2013 – 2018 and how to get involved.

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