

President's Report to Senate February 2020

SMA3 Update

agreement with the government is now complete and is informing the final SMA draft. This has been an engaged and positive conversation, with lots of input, questions and suggestions. I have been particularly impressed with the strong turnout and active participation at the two public consultation sessions open to the entire community. I believe that the community is now well informed about SMA3 and the strategic direction being taken in preparing our plan, through an engagement and consultation process that has been open and transparent and has exceeded processes employed at other institutions.

Due to delays in answering questions and providing required information on the ministerial end, it has not been possible to provide a final, complete draft of our SMA3 to Senate in both languages in time for the current meeting, as was the original plan. Given the importance of the SMA3 for the entire community, the advice of SENEX has been to bring a further update to February Senate and provide the full, translated draft document as soon as it is available

While our draft must be submitted to the ministry on February 18th, there is still another six weeks during which there may be additional conversations with the Ministry until the draft is signed on March 31st. Therefore, we are committed to bringing the complete fully translated draft for Senators and the community in advance of March Senate.

Faculty Council and Department Visits

recognized. I would particularly like to highlight the recognition of 50 years of service by professors Dr. David Pearson and Dr. Cynthia Whissell.

Broader Community Engagement

At the end of January, I had the opportunity to speak at the Rotary Club of Sudbury. Each of these opportunities I have for community engagement reinforces the pride and attachment for Laurentian that is present throughout the Sudbury community and how pleased our community is to learn about Laurentians activities and successes.

Enrolment Update

As of January 31st, we have 6769.6 FTEs currently registered, both new and returning at all academic levels. This is a delta of +84.1 FTEs over winter term last year. As anticipated, a slightly

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while accompanied by a 3rd-year university student mentor (orthophonie/sciences infirmières). Since positive feedback was received, the event will be held again in February.

- o With travel support from CNFS, 17 students in French-language health programs (orthophonie, sciences infirmières, sage-femmes, service social) had the opportunity, since June 2019, to do practicum placements in seven different regions, including two in Yukon and one in the North-West Territories. During their placements, the students also gave presentations on LaurentianU to local high school students.

Office of Francophone Affairs

- o During two recruitment events, some 1,015 francophone high school students from northern and central-south-western Ontario learned about our university offerings. These students came from 31 schools in eight different school boards.
- o Nearly 30 community partnership and collaboration agreements were signed both locally and provincially to reiterate our institutional commitment to the development outreach in as many networks as possible.
- o Several funding proposals have been submitted to provincial and federal government agencies, which may open access to some \$1,673,000 for francophone initiatives on campus. The outcomes of these proposals will be known over the next few months.

A job well done to our Laurentian University African Caribbean Student Association on the organization of several events in celebration of Black History Month.

The Laurentian indoor track team competed at the York Open Indoor Track Meet on February 1, 2020, returning with two gold, two silver and one bronze medal plus two new OUA qualifiers and 11 personal-best performances. They also competed in Ottawa in January and came home with two medals, 13 Top-10 finishes and nine OUA Championship qualifying marks.

Rower, Charles Alexander, broke the 6-minute barrier over 2km in Japan, the first time any person ever breaks this mark on Japanese soil.

The Laurentian Nordic Ski team competed in North Bay at the Ontario Cup #3 in January, having several athletes finish within the top 10 in a number of categories. The full story can be found at the following link: <https://www.luvoyageurs.com/sports/mnordicski/2019-20/releases/20200122hdywdd>
