

President's Report to Senate January 2020

Happy New Year

As we enter a new decade, I wish to communicate my excitement for where Laurentian University can be and what we can achieve together by 2030. As I have learned and confirmed over the past six months, Laurentian is a special place, with truly dedicated and committed people and a wonderfully engaged student body. Moreover, the great pride in and great hope for the institution is not just internal - it resonates across our community, Northeastern Ontario and amongst prospective students and alumni around the world.

I note as we begin the year, the broadly positive response to the question of whether we should begin to highlight more actively the comprehensive, research intensive university that we have

Registration Update Fall 2019 Official

Fall enrolment remained on track since the updates following the first day of class. Overall, we are 125FTE ahead of our projected budget numbers and 76 FTE ahead of our 2018FTE official enrolment. This positive outcome is the product of hard work and dedication from our faculty and staff, who have committed themselves to supporting our students, you should all be proud.

The table above provides information that is more detailed. International graduate enrolment has exceeded our expectations planned in our 2019/20 budget and is higher year over year. International undergraduate enrolment and domestic graduate enrolment are ahead of last year, but just slightly below our planned budget. Finally, domestic undergraduate enrolment is less than Fall nt has

The Faculty of Management Venture Initiation Award Ceremony took place in December.

- 1st place: The Justin Arnold Memorial First Place Award \$3,000 presented by Marissa Arnold (Justin's Sister) to: "Res Box"—a residence move-in supply box, which was created by students: Mitch Churchill, Bailey Isenor, Benjamin MacKenzie, Sahir Nagi, Henry Njemanze, Cameron Perdue, Guneet Singh Sahni
- 2nd place: Desjardins Award in Business Administration \$1,500 presented by Josée Préseault, Director, Business Development, Desjardins to: "Covr"—an aftermarket, digitally controlled, window darkening film, created by students: El-Hajj, Malek, Adelchi Fenos, Zackary Ireland, William Lindner, Sydney Medina
- 3rd place Desjardins Award in Business Administration \$500 presented by Dr. Michel Delorme, Dean, Faculty of Management to: "Kiddo Box"—a children's clothing and toy monthly subscription box, created by students: Curtis Carpino, Sierra Charbonneau, Caitlyn Cross, Gabriella Modesto

Dr. Abukari recently published a paper with external colleagues: Otchere, I. and Abukari, K. Are Super Stock Exchange Mergers Motivated by Efficiency or Market Power Gains? *Journal of International Financial Markets, Institutions and Money*, (ABDC list, cat. A).

Dr. Zéphyr also published a paper with external colleagues: Morillo, J.L., Zéphyr, L., Pérez, J.F., Anderson, C.L. and Cadena, Á., 2020. Risk-averse stochastic dual dynamic programming approach for the operation of a hydro-dominated power system in the presence of wind uncertainty. *International Journal of Electrical Power & Energy Systems*, 115, p.105469.

Dr. Dia took part in the first Days of Research on Financial Inclusion organized by the CESAG in Dakar, November 20-21, 2019. The title of his presentation was "*Les méthodes quantitatives de recherche en sciences de gestion et économie appliquée : méthode DEA et ses applications.*"

Dr. Assaidi presented a paper at the Asia-Pacific Management Accounting Association (APMAA) in Doha, Qatar. The paper co-written with D. Abukari was entitled: Corporate Sustainability and Firm Financial Performance in Canada.

The Research Centre for Operations and Decision Sciences (RCODS) organized its first research seminar on Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) and its applications. This seminar introduced the DEA methodology and presented five of its applications in retailing, mining, finance, forestry and banking. A broad discussion on the research conducted on this topic has been conducted and avenues for potential applications outlined. The speakers of the seminar were Dr. Mohamed Dia, Dr. Matthias Takouda, Dr. Amirmohsen Golmohammadi, Dr. Abdelouahid Assaidi and Dr. Shashi Shahi.