

University of Windsor Senate

President's Report: June 2022

June 10, 2022
University of Windsor



AG Value for Money (VFM) Audit



- The Auditor General (AG) is conducting an audit of “Financial Management & Governance in Ontario Universities”
- Four universities have been selected, and will be covered together in a single report
- A VFM audit was conducted last year of the Colleges sector; included St. Clair
- Onsite fieldwork is taking place this week (*6 to 8 staff on-campus*)
- Report issued – late November/early December
- Findings follow up report – will be issued in late Fall/2024

Strategic Planning: Next Steps....

- Facilitated discussion design sessions have been completed and Faculty Council and other group meetings nearing completion
- “Deeper Dive” facilitated discussions on specific themes exploring strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats:
 - Engaging Communities and Partners - June 20
 - Campus Experience - June 22
 - Teaching and Learning - June 23
 - Research, Creative Activity and Innovation - June 29
- Planning for consultations with Indigenous peoples underway
- Planning for facilitated discussions on equity, diversity and inclusion and anti-racism underway
- Community consultations throughout the summer months
- Portal open for written submissions
- Throughout the summer updates will be available on the Aspire website:
 - <https://engageuwindsor.ca/aspire-strategic-planning>



Aspire.

Senior Administrative Searches



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Return to campus life and community

- **Provost and Vice-President Academic**

- Ad has been posted and profile completed
- Active recruitment underway

- **Vice-President, Research and Innovation**

- Ad finalized and will be posted next week
- Active recruitment underway

- **Legal Counsel**

- Ad being finalized
- Active recruitment planned for summer

- **Vice-President (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion)**

- Committee development underway
- Selection of search firm has started

Convocation



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- June 14 – 17, 2022 at WFCU Centre
- 10 sessions
- ~4,800 graduates from 2022 will attend convocation ceremonies
- ~800 graduates from 2020 and 2021 will return to cross the stage
- Convocation events will include Indigenous drummers/singers/opening/smudging
- Schedule adjustment on June 14 due to the Windsor Spitfires success in the OHL playoffs



Indigenous Updates



Return to campus life and community

- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30, 2022) planning is underway
- A University of Windsor Elders' Council is being developed by Dr. Jacobs
 - Meetings with local Elders are taking place to develop Terms of Reference
- The 1st Annual Alumni and Student Powwow was held on June 3-4
 - University of Windsor Aboriginal Education Centre and the St Clair College Indigenous Student Services
 - Thanks so much to Kat Pasquach for her leadership with the event

Senate Scorecard - Summary



Return to campus life and community

- 44 of 85 Senators completed the W/22 scorecard.
- The introduction of Senate Information Sessions, the change in the order of the agenda, and the collegial and respectful leadership were commended.
- The majority of respondents again raised concerns around the tone, content, and length of discussion by some, which many argued discouraged their and others' participation.

SGC Recommendations for continued improvements:

1. Continue to begin each meeting requesting that members be respectful in the tone and of each other's time.
2. Additional Monday meetings will continue to be scheduled as placeholders moving forward.
3. Should virtual meetings continue, may consider appointing a moderator from among faculty to moderate or close the chat.
4. May want to consider establishing a code of conduct and guidelines.