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:
 - o 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



Senior Administrative Searches



- Provost and Vice-President Academic
 - Ad has been posted and profile completed
 - Active recruitment underway

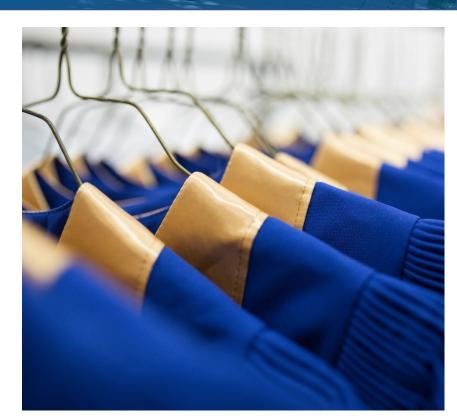
Vice-President, Research and Innovation

- 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



- 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



- 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



- 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:

- 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.