

**University of Windsor
Senate**

5.8: **Report of the Provost**

Item for: **Information**

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1. Fall Convocation – L. Chandler

This year experienced several ‘firsts’ for Convocation. The Spring 2022 convocation was held in-person for the first time in two years. In addition, it was the first convocation to be held off site from the University of Windsor in a very long time, and the first convocation where virtual graduates from 2020 and 2021 were invited back to the stage. Most importantly, it was the first convocation in which Indigenous elements were incorporated into the ceremonies.

The Fall 2022 ceremonies continued to expand upon, as well as introduce new elements into the ceremonies. The 118th convocation was the first ceremony to be held at the new Toldo Lancer Centre, and there was an expansion of the Indigenous elements included in the ceremony in the form of smudging, dancing, drumming, and singing. In addition, members of the Convocation Committee participated in Indigenous preparations for the ceremony. This was an honour, and an amazing experience to learn and to grow. It also provided the last opportunity for virtual graduates from 2020 and 2021 to cross the stage.

The Convocation Committee also implemented ‘Marching Order’; a new technology platform that facilitated the pronunciation of each graduate’s name as well as an on-screen display of their name, degree, and awards. It also facilitated graduate check-in, statistics on attendance, as well as guest ticketing.

The 118th convocation was a resounding success, and work is already underway on the 119th convocation in June 2023.

2. Winter registration

The tentative Winter 2023 class schedule has now been posted, and students will have received registration appointment times. At this point in time, there are approximately 2300 class sections (lectures and labs) with approximately 23% of these sections taking place online. There are still some final scheduling changes that will take place prior to November 7th.

Registration is scheduled to begin November 14th, with the shopping cart opening November 7th.

3. Black Scholars Hiring Initiative

The open ads were published the first week of November.

4. Search Updates

a) Dean, Odette School of Business

The committee is moving forward with the first round of interviews.

b) AVP, Student Experience

The first round of interviews has been completed.