

Year One: Successes & Progress

2014-2015 ACADEMIC PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

It has been an exceptional first year for the Academic Plan. Thanks to the tremendous work and dedication of the Academic Plan Action Groups (APAGs), many important successes were achieved and good progress continues to be made in each of the five priorities.

As the College embarks on an executive search for a new Provost and Vice-President of Academics & Students, Langara recognizes the strong foundation set by Brad O'Hara and the continuing contributions of the Langara community toward academic excellence.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

Priority One

APAG Members: Les Apouchtine, Sarah Bowers (Chair), Teresa Brooks, Nora Franzova, Leanne Johnson, Giselle Lemay, Cat Martin, Daniel Nykon, Janet Ready, Garima Shrestha, Dan Slessor, Vicki Vogel, Heather Workman

Academic Highlight:

Successful nomination of Steve Musson for a College Sector Educator Award. Steve was one of only five educators across Canada to receive the prestigious award.

Other Achievements & In-progress Projects:

- Launch of the Academic Plan Updates iWeb site
- Successful innovators' panel during faculty PD Days

More info:

<http://iweb.langara.bc.ca/academic-plan-updates/blog/category/1-learning-and-teaching/>

STUDENT SUPPORT

Priority Two

APAG Members: Patricia Aroca-Ouellette, Jared Braverman, Karen Budra, Stephanie Koonar, Beth McLeod, Reba Noel, Marcela Noriega, Paula Obedkoff, Jennifer Reid, Sherri Sadler, Erin Skinner, Jan Smith, Brad Van Dam, Joyce Wong (Chair), Gayleen Wren (former Chair)

Academic Highlight:

- "Student Support Services 101" quick guide. Distributed at the start of the fall 2015 semester, the guide enlists the help of faculty to communicate to students the wide range of academic and personal support available.

Other Achievements & In-progress Projects:

- Campus-wide inventory and analysis of current support services
- Promotion of Counselling Services
- WriteAway pilot project
- Project with Institutional Research
- Pilot project with Information Technology and Communications & Marketing

More info:

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ABORIGINAL INITIATIVES

Priority Three

APAG Members: Stanley Copp, Spencer Dane, Leelah Dawson, Frances Grunberg, Jake Hill, Garnet Klatt, Janine Lennox, Tanya Lewis, Valerie Lloyd, Samantha Myran, Benoit Pfeiffer, Larry Railton, Garwin Sanford, Kathryn Shaw, Justin Wilson (Chair)

Academic Highlight:

- Priority registration for Aboriginal students. For the 2015 fall semester, Langara implemented priority registration for students who self-identify as Aboriginal learners.

Other Achievements & In-progress Projects:

- Launch of a West Coast Aboriginal Carving course
- Signing of Indigenous Education Protocol

More info:

<http://iweb.langara.bc.ca/academic-plan-updates/blog/category/3-aboriginal-initiatives/>

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

Priority Four

APAG Members: Antonella Alves, Jacqueline Bradshaw, Arnold Clark, Leelah Dawson (Chair), Arneet Dua, Annette Floyd, Rebecca Friesen, David Hudgins, Valerie Peters, Kathy Stoessl, Nariko Takayanagi-Heine, Pat Woods, Veronica Yeung

Academic Highlight:

- Launch of post-degree diplomas in Business Administration and Marketing Management. In January 2015, Langara introduced two new post-baccalaureate programs designed to appeal to domestic and international students.

Other Achievements and In-progress Projects:

- "Working with Culturally Diverse Learners" workshops
- Successful Study Abroad Field Schools offered, including two new opportunities to Japan and China
- Developing a Langara Road Map to Comprehensive, Sustainable Internationalization
- Exchange agreement with Pôle Universitaire Léonard de Vinci for BBA students

More info:

<http://iweb.langara.bc.ca/academic-plan-updates/blog/category/4-international-initiatives/>

ENVIRONMENTAL, FINANCIAL, AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Priority Five

APAG Members: Patricia Baker, Alison Curtis, Patricia Cia, Francesca Deveau, Benjamin Friesen, Peggy Harowitz, Gerda Krause (Chair), Robin Macqueen, Murray Mollard, Mark Smith, Susan Smith, Fulton Tom, Katherine Van Ameyde, Susan Webster Benwick, Frank Williams

Academic Highlight:

- Launch of a retirees engagement program. This APAG has established a list-serv to encourage retirees to stay in touch with the College community. A formal launch event is being planned for January 21, 2016.

Other Achievements and In-progress Projects:

- Metro Vancouver Transportation and Transit Plebiscite events
- Inventory of environmental sustainability practices at Langara
- Fine Arts recycling project to reduce contamination in recycling bins
- Bike renewal project
- Pedometer project
- Inviting Elections Canada to visit Langara and promote student participation in voting
- Mini conference on curriculum issues

More info:

<http://iweb.langara.bc.ca/academic-plan-updates/blog/category/5-sustainability/>

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