



President's Monthly Report May 2011

Trent University Alumni Awards and Dedication of the Justin Chiu Stadium

The Trent University Alumni Association announced the recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award, the Spirit of Trent Award and the Young Leader Award for 2011 at a special ceremony on May 14, 2011, at the Peterborough Golf and Country Club. Among those honoured were:

- Angela Asadoorian '79
- Michael Cullen '82
- Michael Jenkin '68
- James Roy Bodden '75
- Dakota Brant '06

Tony Storey, outgoing director of Alumni Affairs (after 27 years as the longest serving alumni affairs officer in Canada) has had an alumni award established in his name, The Tony Storey Alumni Service Award. The Honorary Chair of the Alumni Awards, Mr. Justin Chiu, was present at the festivities with his wife Rita, daughter Justina, and sister-in-law Catherine, as part of his four-day visit from Hong Kong. Earlier that week Trent University celebrated Justin's \$1 million donation to the Trent Community Sport and Recreation Centre by dedicating the Justin Chiu Stadium following an unveiling of the Donor Wall in the Athletics Centre.

Trent's First Integrated Plan Approved by Senate

Toward a Sustainable Future: The First Integrated Plan for Trent University (2010-2015) was approved on May 10, 2011 by Trent University's Senate. The Integrated Plan identifies four Institutional Priorities for this coming year:

- Commitment to Academic Excellence (supported by an Academic Plan)
- Commitment to Strategic Enrolment Management
- Commitment to Achieving Financial Stability (supported by a Multiyear Budget Framework)
- Commitment to Strengthening Community Engagement

Twelve Key Actions are recommended for consideration in annual phases, with regular reporting, and a commitment to transparency. Senate approval is a milestone in the two years since integrated planning was introduced at Trent. The Integrated Plan points the way to continued renewal of the institution. The next important step is the planned approval by Trent's Board of Governors at the June Board meeting. This will be followed the posting of the final approved document, and Update No. 11 on Integrated Planning from the President and Vice-Chancellor.

Please visit the integrated planning website: <http://www.trentu.ca/planning/integratedplanning.php>

Major Consultative and Administrative Activities

At its May meeting, Senate approved three important new academic programs:

- Bachelor of Arts and Science (BAS)
- Journalism BA/BSc
- Media Studies BA

Together with earlier approvals of the BA/BSc Archaeology, and the BA/BSc Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems, this year was one of the most productive for new program approvals in Trent's recent history. The journalism program will be a joint initiative with Loyalist College, which may prove a useful model leading to additional Loyalist/Trent opportunities in biosciences and international student enrolment. A new Letter of Intent between Loyalist and Trent was signed outlining plans to offer students in the Quinte region more options for postsecondary pathways.

The Memorandum of Understanding between Trent University and University of Ontario Institute of Technology was signed in May, following approval by the respective governing bodies. The document will now guide the collaborative and complementary efforts of these two fine institutions in the Durham Region for the next five years.

I was invited to provide a Trent perspective at the Sir Sanford Fleming College Board meeting in May – Fleming President Tony Tilley and I had earlier presented a joint view of Peterborough as a post-secondary education 'destination' to the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce. The multi-faceted partnership that Trent and Fleming enjoy is outstanding and a clear indication of the leadership that these two institutions together provide in the province.

The search for Trent's new Vice-President External Relations and Advancement has now been initiated, with a closing date of August 2 for applications and nominations and an expected completion date early in the fall. The website will be fully operational in June <http://www.trentu.ca/vperasearch/>.

Appointments:

- Dr. Elaine Scharfe has been appointed Dean of Arts and Science (Social Science).
- Lee Hays has been appointed Director of Alumni Affairs.

A Selection of Books Received Recently in the President's Office

- Adams, Peter. 2011. Peterborough Successes: Community Organization in the 1970s and 1980s. Package Plus Inc.
- Cote, J.E. and Allahar, A. 2011. Lowering Higher Education: The Rise of Corporate Universities and the Fall of Liberal Education. University of Toronto Press.
- Dickeson, R.C. 2010. Prioritizing Academic Programs and Services: Reallocating Resources to Achieve Strategic Balance, Revised and Updated. Jossey-Bass.
- Grant, Jon K. Running Life's Rapids: A Surprise at Every Bend
- Hill, M.J. and Hanan, N.P. 2011. Ecosystem Function in Savannas: Measurement and Modelling at Landscape to Global Scales. CRC Press.
- Guilbert, Pascale. 2011. Reflective Landscapes of the Anglophone Countries, Rodopi.
- Keller, G. 2004. Transforming a College: The Story of a Little-Known College's Strategic Climb to National Distinction. The Johns Hopkins University Press.

- Markwell, Donald. 2007. *A Large and Liberal Education: Higher Education for the 21st Century*. Australian Scholarly Publishing & Trinity College the University of Melbourne
- Martin, J. and Samels, J.E. 1997. *First Among Equals: The Role of the Chief Academic Officer*. The Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Martin, J. and Samels, J.E. 2009. *Turnaround: Leading Stressed Colleges and Universities to Excellence*. The John Hopkins University Press.
- Mitchell, W.J.T. 2002. *Landscape and Power, Second Edition*. The University of Chicago Press Books. University of Chicago Press.
- Nelson, R.S. and M. Olin. 2003. *Monuments and Memory, Made and Unmade*. The University of Chicago Press
- Peterson, H.L. 2008. *Leading a Small College or University: A Conversation That Never Ends*. Atwood Publishing.
- Sarna, L. and N. Sarna. 2007. *The Law of Schools and Universities*. LexisNexis Canada Inc.

Internal and External Relations (May 1 – 31, 2011)

Internal Meetings

- Trent University staff and faculty meetings (16)
- Trent University students and student groups (5)
- Trent University Board, members, and committees/subcommittee meetings (21)
- Trent University senior administrators (14)

External Meetings

- Community leaders and community groups in Peterborough/Oshawa (11)
- Other Organizations (12)

Events

- Social (7)

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