

President's Report to the Board

For the period from April 25, 2019 – June 27, 2019

Submitted to the Board of Governors

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In keeping with the University of Regina's commitment to Indigenization and reconciliation, I begin this report by acknowledging that the University is situated on Treaty 4 territory, with a presence in Treaty 6. This is the ancestral territory of the Cree, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota and Nakoda people, and the traditional homeland of the Métis – something that is an important part of both our history and our future.

This is the final report on the six key areas of focus that the Board and I identified for the 2018-19 academic year. As in past years, an end-of-year report summarizing progress through the first 10 months of the year was provided to the Board in April as part of my performance review process. For that reason, this report is not a complete summary of the year, but rather an update on any significant developments since that time. The report also includes updates on my academic research, University events and accomplishments, and other matters that may be of interest to the Board including initiatives to enhance the student experience.

Objective: Ensure that the University's centralized assessment and exam accommodation facility is on track to be operational for the fall 2019 semester

The previous report noted that the Central Testing Facility was anticipated to be operational for the second half of the fall 2019 term, with the Bookstore operating out of its renovated space in September. Those completion dates have by necessity now been pushed back, however:

- Construction delays on the part of the contractor over the past two months have pushed back the completion of the Bookstore renovations to September. On such a timeline, the Bookstore would not be in a position to properly process inventory in its new space leading up to the Fall 2019 term. For that reason, Bookstore textbook sales will operate out of the former University Club space on a temporary basis for approximately the first half of the Fall 2019 term.
- With construction on the Bookstore's renovated space expected to be complete by September, the contractor, who has also experienced delays in completing the adjoining Central Testing Facility space, will be able to speed up work on the facility at that time. Nonetheless, completion of the testing centre will be delayed beyond the anticipated operation date of the mid-point of the Fall 2019 term that was believed to be the case at the time of the last report.

- In the meantime, the University is in the process of filling the two staff positions that were approved in the 2019-2020 budget. In addition, preparations are well underway to outfit the testing centre. Computer hardware has been ordered, the tender for the required software is in the final process of being awarded, and the tender for furniture will be issued shortly. Taking into account the length of time it will take to complete construction, hire and train staff, and fully outfit the testing centre, it is now anticipated that the facility will first be available to accommodate students sometime in the Spring 2020 term rather than Fall 2019.
- In the coming months, the University will develop and implement a comprehensive communications plan to ensure that students, faculty and staff are regularly updated on Bookstore operations as well as the expected operation date of the Central Testing Facility.
- Although the operation of the Central Testing Facility is not a focus of my proposed objectives for 2019-20, as needed over the next year I will provide updates to the Board on the facility's progress.

Objective: Implement two key short-term aspects of the recently developed revenue-generation strategy and increase year-over-year revenue in those areas by 3% and 15%, respectively

As projected in the last report (which was submitted prior to fiscal year-end), the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) and Hospitality Services did indeed both surpass their revenue targets for the year:

- CCE had targeted a 3% increase in net revenue, but when the final 2019-20 budget figures were calculated, it had far exceeded this target. Net revenue was \$16,194,000 compared to the target of \$12,611,000 – representing a 28.4% year-over-year increase. As noted in the year-end report, this rise in net revenue was due to a variety of factors, including marketing of the revitalized College Avenue campus, reductions in administrative costs in most areas, and increased revenues in the Flexible Learning, Career and Professional Development, and English as a Second Language divisions.
- It is too early to predict net revenues for 2019-2020, and budget targets have not yet been finalized, but thus far enrolments and revenues appear to be on pace with last year.
- Likewise, Hospitality Services exceeded its net revenue target by a large margin. In the last report, net revenues were predicted to be on pace to reach \$2.35 million, exceeding the target of \$2.2 million and representing a 23% increase over 2017-18 revenues of \$1.9 million. This 23% increase was predicted to be substantially higher than the targeted 15% increase.
- In fact, once the year-end financial report was completed, it was apparent that net revenues were even higher, totalling nearly \$2.7 million. This represents a 35%

increase over 2017-18. As noted in previous reports throughout the year, contributing factors to this increase included Congress catering, increased room bookings, and the efforts of the Hospitality Coordinators to promote the University's facilities and make use of what would ordinarily have been empty rooms throughout the year.

- Going forward, Hospitality Services is looking to match its 2018-19 revenue totals in the coming year. It is too early to predict if this will be the case, especially without a large event like Congress taking place on campus. However, a number of smaller groups will be using the University's facilities throughout the year, and initiatives such as Expedia booking option and revamped Hospitality website (both of which will have launched by the end of June) will also help individuals and groups get easier access to University accommodations and services.

Objective: Complete a one-year review of the University's funding grants and contracts related to Post-Traumatic Stress Injury research

As of the previous report in late April, the one-year review of the University's PTSD-related research had been completed as planned. Since that time, additional work has been done to ensure that the research remains on track:

- Over the course of the year, several recommendations resulting from the review had been implemented, including the hiring of a Project Director, the hiring of business analysts with IT experience, and ensuring improved communication between the project team and the University Executive Team.
- The departure of Vice-President (Research) Dr. David Malloy and the appointment of Dr. Kathy McNutt as his interim replacement provided the opportunity to expand the review to bring a fresh perspective to the University's PTSD-related research.
- Dr. McNutt focused on the status of the University's Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT) obligations and the operations of the Collaborative Centre for Justice and Safety (CCJS), and recommended some changes, including:
 - Working more closely with research partners on the development of the CIPSRT partnership/delivery model;
 - Developing and implementing a better governance and engagement framework to improve collaboration and progress with partners and stakeholders;
 - Improving the operational elements of managing and administering these contracts and the delivery of outcomes; and
 - Providing better support to the researchers and enhanced reporting.
- These recommendations are now in the process of being implemented.

- Effective the end of May, Steve Palmer, who was instrumental in creating awareness of and pursuing projects through the CCJS, stepped down as the centre's Executive Director.
- At this juncture, the focus is on developing the required operational, delivery and reporting capacity for both CCJS and CIPSRT and on establishing CIPSRT as its own institute, separate from CCJS.
- To enable these changes, the leadership of both units has been restructured, and Dr. McNutt will provide oversight to the leadership team.
- In order to accelerate planning and organizational development, a Regina-based management consulting firm, McNair Business Development, has been contracted to help put in place the strategies, plans and processes needed to build CIPSRT's capacity.

Objective: Complete a review of the University's undergraduate research culture and develop a strategy to enhance and promote research opportunities for these students

As noted in the last report, the review was completed by April, yielding eight recommendations for enhancing the undergraduate research culture. Since that time, work has continued to move these recommendations forward wherever possible:

- At the time of the last report, one of the recommendations, the two-year Undergraduate Research Fellowship program, had been launched. The pilot ultimately yielded 52 applications and is now underway. Thirty-two students, equating to 28.5 full-time equivalent summer research positions, were awarded funding. Many more applications were worthy of funding had it been available.
- Since that time, the review and recommendations have been taken to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research's Associate Deans for consideration, and a number of the recommendations are being pursued. These include:
 - Marketing undergraduate research opportunities and celebrating student success on the website and through social media;
 - Hosting an annual research fair showcasing undergraduate research; and
 - Continuing to provide centralized supports for the Mitacs Globalink Research Award, NSERC's Undergraduate Student Research Awards, and the University of Regina Undergraduate Research Fellowship program.
- As a result, the University is better-placed than this time last year as it works to enhance research opportunities for undergraduate students.
- During the reporting period, the Communications and Marketing team supported the enhancement of the undergraduate research culture by celebrating some of the innovative work done by students. This included:

- Highlighting the popular work of psychology students Calum Neill and Janelle Gerard, along with their professor Dr. Katherine Arbuthnott, in *Discourse*, the University's research magazine. The research, which was mentioned in a previous report, promotes spending five minutes in nature for a natural mood boost;
- Using *Discourse* as a means of promoting the work of four University of Regina undergraduate Engineering and Applied Science students who won third place in the programming division at the Canadian Engineering Competition. They competed with the top teams from across Canada to program and create a robot that cleans a restaurant automatically and efficiently;
- Promoting the work of undergraduate history student Brandi Adams, who used the archives of *The Western Producer* to examine the experience of women living on Prairie farms in the 1930s. Her paper, "Violet McNaughton and the ideal Prairie woman," was published in the winter 2019 edition of *Alberta History*, and a story about her research was featured in *Discourse* and on the CBC's Afternoon Edition.
- Using a story on the University homepage to profile a group of University of Regina undergraduate students who won phase one of a two-year competition. Competing against teams from other Canadian universities, these students created the winning design and prototype for a functional airlock that would help make Mars a sustainable habitat for humans. The team garnered considerable media attention for their unique accomplishment. They have been featured in *Education News* and the *Leader-Post*, and have appeared on CBC's "Morning Edition" as well as Global News.

Objective: Create an inventory of the University's community outreach projects in Regina, identify gaps, and develop a plan to engage different organizations in community-based programming

This objective had been partially met at the time of the last report, and additional progress has been made in the intervening two months:

- By early May, a social impact survey had been issued to faculty and staff. The survey was designed to gather data on the University's socio-economic impact in Regina and the provincial community overall. The survey remains open and faculty and staff are being encouraged to complete it to give the best possible data set for analysis.
- Internal stakeholders were contacted to help determine the University's financial impact on the community through its procurement of goods and services from Saskatchewan suppliers, as well as through on-campus programming and facility rental for community groups.

- As noted in the last report, a request for proposals had been issued for a vendor to utilize the survey data, complete the social impact assessment and identify areas of possible future investment in the community. The tender will have closed by the time of the Board report, and the contract should be awarded to a successful vendor by the end of July.
- This objective has been carried over to 2019-20. Over the next year, the vendor will work to synthesize survey data, calculate the University's total provincial socio-economic impact, and explore areas where the University's strengths can help address key community needs. A full community engagement strategy will be formulated upon completion of the vendor's work as the basis for a targeted program/project that will help address a pressing community need.
- In the meantime, until a full strategy is developed the University will continue working wherever possible with vulnerable children and their families – a group identified at the University Leadership Team retreat as warranting particular attention.

Objective: Develop a strategy that results in a 20% year-over-year increase in the University's annual giving total

As noted in the last report, with a month left in the fiscal year the University had raised \$1.876 million in annual giving for 2018-2019, and was within reach of the 20% year-over-year target increase to \$2.16 million. By fiscal year-end, however, annual giving totalled \$1.976 million – nearly a 10% year-over-year increase, but still \$140,000 below the 20% target. Two key factors contributed to this:

- One was the postponement of the Faculty and Staff “Family” Campaign, which was expected to raise \$500,000 and itself surpass the annual giving target by 16%. The campaign was deliberately delayed in consideration of the fact that collective bargaining was taking place through the year. Although outreach was done with existing annual donors, engagement with potential new faculty and staff donors was not undertaken. With collective bargaining completed, the Family Campaign is now being launched as planned.
- In addition, the annual giving campaign was a victim of its own success, as outlined in the April report. Seven annual giving donors chose to increase their gifts significantly over the past year, thus upgrading their contributions into the “major gifts” category. This is what one hopes will ultimately happen with annual gifts, but it did entail the transfer of approximately \$190,000 from the anticipated annual gift total into major gifts. Although this negatively affected the sub-category of annual giving, it was in fact a positive development in terms of the University's overall fundraising efforts.
- In the final assessment, the University did increase its annual giving total by approximately 10%, and in the larger picture, fundraising efforts were extremely

successful. Over the course of the year, overall fundraising totalled \$16.53 million, which far exceeded the target of \$11.85 million. This was a success story for the University.

REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S ACADEMIC RESEARCH

This report outlines progress on my academic research program since the last report in late April.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION RESEARCH

- I continued my work with the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD) as both Past President and Chair of the Governance Committee. As Past President I participated in teleconference meetings with other members of the IASSIDD Executive to make decisions on behalf of the organization, and helped plan the 2019 World Congress that is taking place this summer. As Chair of the Governance Committee I continued to establish organizational partnerships and MOUs, reviewed IASSIDD's bylaws and suggested amendments, and prepared for a set of elections to be held at the World Congress.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- Presenting on subjects of academic interest to me remained a priority during the reporting period. My activities included:
 - Participating in a presidents' panel at the annual conference of the Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada;
 - Moderating a roundtable session on women's leadership at the national Women Deliver conference;
 - Beginning work on a presentation to be given in early July to a Faculty of Business Administration class in women's leadership; and
 - Starting to plan a keynote address to take place later this year at a "Best Buddies" intellectual disability-related conference at the University.

PUBLICATIONS

- I completed an article entitled "The Canadian Idea Hinges on a Promise Fulfilled" that I was invited to write for the summer 2019 edition of *Policy Magazine*.
- I began working on a book chapter entitled "The more things changed, the more they stayed the same: A critical reflection on three decades of women's leadership in Canadian Academia" that I was invited to contribute to a forthcoming book.

OTHER ACTIVITY

- I participated in an orientation session for Crown corporation directors, as well as my first meeting and several conference calls as a member of the Board of VIA Rail Canada;
- I participated in Board meetings for the International Student Exchange Program;
- I was interviewed by *University Affairs* as well as Syncrude's corporate publication for articles that will feature the University of Regina;
- I was presented with the YWCA of Regina Women of Distinction Lifetime Achievement Award at the YWCA's annual awards ceremony; and
- I attended Convocation ceremonies at the University of Calgary, where I was awarded an honorary degree.

CELEBRATING OUR CAMPUS

This report highlights some of the many faculty, staff and student successes as well as other notable campus events since the March report to the Board.

FACULTY AND STAFF SUCCESS

- Dr. David Malloy, who served the University of Regina for 30 years – most recently as Vice-President (Research) – was appointed Principal of King’s University College at his *alma mater*, Western University.
- With Dr. Malloy’s departure, Dr. Kathy McNutt has been appointed Interim Vice-President (Research) for the next year while a comprehensive search for the position takes place.
- Dr. Nicholas Jones has been named Interim Associate Vice-President (Research) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research effective July 1.
- Dr. Cathy Rocke, currently of the University of Manitoba, will assume the role of Dean of the Faculty of Social Work for a five-year term effective January 1, 2020. The current Dean, Dr. Judy White, will be retiring from the University in December 2019.
- Dr. Amr Henni has been appointed Acting Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science from July 1-December 31, 2019, while the current Dean, Dr. Esam Hussein, is on a six-month administrative leave to pursue his research.
- Dr. Hussein received the Outstanding Achievement Award from the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS). The award was created in 1998 for APEGS members who show technical excellence and achievement in engineering and/or geoscience in Saskatchewan.
- At Spring Convocation, Dr. Jim Tomkins presided over his final ceremonies as Chancellor, marking 50 years of service to the University. At the Senate meeting immediately prior to Convocation, Pam Klein was elected to serve as the University’s eighth Chancellor for a three-year term beginning on July 1.
- Psychology professor Dr. Heather Hadjistavropoulos and Dr. Tarun Katapally, associate professor at the University’s Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, were jointly awarded a \$500,000 Patient-Oriented Research Leadership Grant from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF) and the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR):
 - Dr. Katapally’s project will help develop an advanced digital and mobile health platform that will improve youth physical, mental, and emotional health informed by the data he will collect from citizen scientists; and

- Dr. Hadjistavropoulos's project will develop and evaluate two new Internet-delivered therapy programs for use in Saskatchewan, one for alcohol misuse and one for sleep problems.
- Dr. Raphael Idem was appointed the University's SaskPower Clean Energy Research Chair. Dr. Idem, an engineering professor and the director of the Clean Energy Technologies Research Institute (CETRI), is a world leader in the study of generating energy from coal and natural gas with carbon capture.
- Together with his research team, Dr. Chris Yost, Biology professor and co-director of the Institute for Microbial Systems and Society, received the Award of Innovation at the Regina Chamber of Commerce Paragon Awards. The award recognizes their work with Lallemand Inc., a business that develops and commercializes microbe-based technologies.
- The University of Regina Press received a number of honours at the Saskatchewan Book Awards for its published books. Books recognized included one by Faculty of Education Professor Dr. Marc Spooner and former Dean of Education Dr. James McNinch, as well as one edited by Jesse Archibald-Barber of First Nations University of Canada.
- Dr. Margot Hurlbert, a professor in the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, has been named a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Climate Change, Energy, and Sustainability Policy.
- Neil Paskewitz, a longtime employee of the University, was appointed Associate Vice-President (Facilities Management).
- At its annual meeting in June, the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) named the University's Associate Vice-President (Human Resources) Kelly Kummerfield the recipient of the organization's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her years of service to CAUBO.

STUDENT AND ALUMNI SUCCESS

- The University continued its efforts to enhance the student experience. Examples of this work not covered in previous reports included:
 - Ensuring that by the end of June, there will be five trained sexual assault investigators (three female and two male);
 - Launching the new automated degree audit system that allows students to better track and get involved in their own degree planning;
 - Continuing the amalgamation of front-line services for the Registrar's Office and Enrolment Services to create one centre that can answer student questions;
 - Advising more than 4,100 students during the year through Centralized Academic Advising;

- Facilitating a total of 255 Co-op student work placements for the Winter 2019 term, matching the record total from the Winter 2018 term;
 - Developing a process by which Zoom video counselling can be used for remote learners;
 - Working with close to 2,000 UR Guarantee students to enhance their engagement with campus life, build their academic skills, and develop their resumes to help launch careers after graduation;
 - Serving 1,170 students over the course of the academic year through the Centre for Student Accessibility – an increase of 116% over the past six years;
 - Creating a new online application for “Admission on the Spot” events to enhance efficiency in processing applications;
 - Distributing more than \$9 million in student awards funding over the year;
 - Developing handouts specifically designed for Indigenous students and their families;
 - Expanding the UR International workshop series throughout the year to better support student retention;
 - Developing targeted retention strategies for degree-seeking as well as visiting and exchange students; and
 - Piloting an emergency financial grant for international students.
- As of the last day of classes for the Winter 2019 term, enrolment was up 3.9% compared to the previous year. This marked the tenth consecutive year of enrolment increases, and the eighth consecutive year of record enrolment.
 - Enrolment numbers for the Spring/Summer 2019 term are not yet available, and it is too early to predict totals for Fall 2019. Early indications, however, are that the University is on track to meet or exceed last year’s enrolments.
 - Many University of Regina students had notable successes in the past couple of months. These included:
 - Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy doctoral student Merelda Fiddler-Potter received a three-year, \$150,000 Vanier Scholarship for her work in exploring the media’s role in the process of reconciliation. The Vanier Scholarship is one of Canada’s most sought-after student awards;
 - After winning the Three-Minute Thesis competition at the University of Regina, biology graduate student Alejandra Castilla Bolanos competed in April on behalf of the University at the Western Regional competition. Her presentation outlined her research into Alzheimer’s disease;
 - Computer science student Manali Gaikwad received the Best Student Paper award at a conference in Scotland. Her work is designed to enhance Internet image searches;

- Software Systems Engineering students Paul Hewitt, Taylor Petrychyn and Maksym Zabynny placed first in the programming category at the Western Engineering Design Competition;
 - Two international graduate students in the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science – Xiong Zhou and Zehua Chen – were each awarded one of the Chinese government’s most prestigious scholarships;
 - Two other students in the Faculty, Mohammed Mohamedali and Devjiyoti Nath, received the International Energy Agency’s Climate Change Travel Scholarship;
 - For the 31st consecutive year, University of Regina students organized the Living Skies Student Film Festival, which screened the best student films from around the world; and
 - Campus For All student Michael Qing won three gold medals and a bronze in swimming at the Special Olympics World Games held in Abu Dhabi.
- Honorary degree recipient Dr. Kenneth Levene made a \$100,000 donation to the Kenneth Levene Graduate School of Business to outfit a classroom with state-of-the-art streaming technology and also launch the Indigenous Pathway program in support of Indigenous students. The University matched the donation.
 - Approximately 400 people from the community attended the annual Prairie Kitchen Party, a fundraiser that supports the Student Emergency Bursary Fund.
 - At the 45th annual Spring Convocation, 2,221 degrees, certificates and diplomas students were conferred on 2,093 students. Among the students recognized were Faculty of Arts student Taya Triffo, who received the University of Regina President’s medal, and Dr. Joanne Weber, who received the Governor General’s Academic Gold Medal. Also at Convocation, honorary degrees were presented to Barb Ryan, Jon Ryan, Renu Kapoor, Eric Peterson, and Jill and Gordon Rawlinson.
- At Convocation, the total number of University of Regina alumni surpassed 75,000.
- University of Regina alumni remained active in the University community during the reporting period. Examples include:
 - Alumnus Dr. Nevan Krogan, a professor at the University of California San Francisco, created the Jack and June Krogan Women in Science Scholarship, which provides a female University of Regina student with a \$3,000 bursary as well as a summer research internship at the Krogan Lab in San Francisco;
 - First Nations University of Canada alumna Connie Walker, an investigative journalist, returned to the University to deliver the School of Journalism’s 38th annual Minifie lecture. She focused her presentation on the struggles she has faced as an Indigenous journalist;

- Business Administration alumni from the past five decades gathered together to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the granting of the first Bachelor of Administration degree at the University;
- Alumnus James Trettwer received a Saskatchewan Book Award for his work entitled *Thorn-Field*; and
- More than 100 young alumni attended the second annual UR Change Makers event to hear four local tech experts present ways of navigating the opportunities and challenges of today's world. An alumni event was also held in Toronto, and the fifth annual "Saskatchewan Connection" event took place in Ottawa to celebrate the enduring relationship between the University and alumni and friends who now work in the public service.
- The University of Regina Alumni Association held its Annual General Meeting on June 19. Monica Deters moved into the Alumni Association Board Chair position and Bert Yakichuk will now serve as Past Chair. Four Board members vacated their positions and were replaced with four new members who are excited about the opportunity to support the University in this capacity.

CAMPUS EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Kerri Finlay of the Department of Biology has agreed to facilitate the consultative process by which the plan will be created over the next academic year.
- On March 21, United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the University launched a new anti-discrimination campaign. The campaign, entitled "You Belong Here. Racism Doesn't." reinforces the message that the University is a welcoming institution that is open to all. It also raises awareness of the behaviours and attitudes – such as bullying, abuse, harassment and discrimination – that are not acceptable on the University's campuses.
- On March 28, the Language Institute Building on the University of Regina campus was renamed "La Cité". This change is a testament to the vitality of the Fransaskois community and the University of Regina's commitment to French-language education.
- On May 13, the first day of Sexual Assault Awareness Week in Saskatchewan, the University of Regina released its newly created Sexual Violence/Misconduct Policy. The policy is designed to educate the campus community, reduce the risk of incidents of sexual violence and misconduct, and respond fairly and effectively to disclosures and reports with a focus on supporting those who come forward.
- The University of Regina is the only North American university to be chosen by the International Association of Universities (IAU) to lead one of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals over the next 12 years. Dr. Roger

Petry, a Philosophy professor with Luther College, and Jocelyn Crivea, manager of the Institute for Energy, Environment and Sustainable Communities, will co-lead goal 12 – Responsible/Sustainable Consumption and Production.

- The University has received a \$384,000 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Capacity-Building Grant from the Government of Canada. The grant will facilitate work led by Interim Vice-President (Research) Dr. Kathy McNutt to make equity, diversity and inclusion part of all decision making at the University.
- The Honourable Ralph Goodale, Member of Parliament for Regina Wascana, was on campus to announce \$4.4 million in funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council for 32 faculty members and their students.
- Through a unique partnership with the Government of Saskatchewan and Statistics Canada, the University has opened the Regina research Data Centre, which will make data sources on issues such as population, household services and health more readily available for researchers at the University.
- In early May, more than 200 employees, students, alumni and community members participated in the fourth annual Campus Beautification Day.
- In late May, the family of former art professor and honorary degree recipient Ken Lochhead donated more than \$700,000 worth of his art to the President's Art Collection and the University Archives, helping make the University's collection of Lochhead's work one of the largest in the world.
- The University's External Relations department has been renamed University Advancement and Communications to more accurately reflect its functions in alumni engagement, communications and marketing, and development and fundraising.
- In mid-June, Hill and Levene Schools of Business hosted *Trends in Women's Entrepreneurship: Bridging Research and Practice*. The event was another step in the Faculty of Business Administration's efforts to enhance program and resource offerings related to women's entrepreneurship.