

President's Report to Senate February 13, 2024

The last month seems to have been a bit of a whirlwind, and apparently I'm not the only one feeling that way. Through the hard and concentrated work of many people, including many in the room today, the progress on major items such as Transformation, Strategic Planning, Budget Planning, and recruitment / enrolment for the fall 2024 semester has been very encouraging. My sincere thanks go to all those who are making this happen. And on another positive note – the hours of daylight are getting longer!

the four workstreams (Information Technology, Financial Services, Human Resources, and Wellesley). As you know, the Strategic Plan is here today at Senate for endorsement, and will go to full Board for approval this Friday, February 16. This is the culmination of a huge amount of consultation, and many opportunities to discuss and review. According to StrategyCorp, who supported this process, more than 2500 community members provided input across the various engagement channels, from July to December 2023, with 20 one-on-one interviews, 15 focus groups, 20 group interviews, four drop-in engagement sessions, and 3 surveys.

All universities have strategic plans, typically for 5 year spans, and it is often a rather routine business to construct them, but definitely not so for this plan for Laurentian, as it represents a unique opportunity to shape the future of the university at a time of transformation and renewal. The Plan is of course not intended to merely sit on the shelf, and the version of the slide deck here shows some of the accountabilities and stewardship for moving the Plan forward and reporting on progress, by giving

morning of Friday February 16. The first topic on that agenda is a presentation by Dr. Shirley Cheechoo of the Weengushk Film Institute, which has a relationship with Laurentian. The Institutional Neutrality policy, passed by the Board in December, continues to receive favourable comment from other universities, and also from the National Post, in the one newspaper article I have seen on this topic: [Laurentian University's commendable defence of educational neutrality | National Post](#).

2024 Fall Enrolment

In addition to the [news shared](#) with the University community last month, which was highlighted by an increase of +5.9% in the number of applications from Ontario High School students, the fall 2024 enrolment trends continue to provide opti(.Tj0

team of curlers and their coaches will now compete in Fredericton at the USPORTS national