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## Annual Report of the Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs to Senate

The summer of 2010 has seen a transition in the leadership of Student Affairs, as Jason Laker moved from Queen's to a new post and John Pierce has assumed the interim role of Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs, pending the search for and appointment of a new AVP/Dean. This annual report to Senate offers a brief overview of the initiatives, activities and accomplishments across the Division of Student Affairs during 2009-10.

### 1. OVERVIEW

A brief review of the mission and goals of the Division of Student Affairs was undertaken in consultation with the Directors and Coordinators of all units. The mission and ongoing goals are updated from earlier documents and offeye Dv6 iaa2(o aDv)-1iciate Viccatatatu ttehe sr(w)2(a)3( S)-4



with the development of an institutionwide approach to unify and expand current mental health activities, and fully engage all members of the community.

#### b. Emergency Response

In order to respond in a systematic, coordinated manner to an emergency, crisis or threat, Student Affairs had developed a number of protocols and procedures to mitigate, where possible, a negative outcome for the individuals involved and the campus community.

A revised Death Response Protocol was developed and approved in Dec3(ove9d62009)-2(ope)h(ol)-2

Student Affairs to the portfolio of the Vice-Principal International and the Four Directions Aboriginal Student Centre moved under the direction of the Provost's Office.

#### a. Athletics and Recreation

Academic excellence has primacy at Queen's, however, many students also place tremendous value on physical activity, wellness, recreation and sport activities as a key element of their lifestyle and their educational and cocurricular university experiences. With over 500+ student-athletes participating on Varsity Team, 2500+ Varsity or Recreational Club members, 9800+ intramural participants and 1500+ registrants in fitness and wellness programs, Athletics & Recreation continues to offer a robust and diversified sport and recreation programs which supports and further enriches the university's celebrated broader learning environment. Providing relevant and quality physical activity experiences to our students is paramount. The commitment to athletic excellence is evident in the fact that 225 Varsity athletes achieved Academic All-star (achieving an 80% or greater average while participating on a varsity team or club) status in 2009-10 placing Queen's amongst the top four universities in Canada. University Council on Athletics and Recreation Report submitted to Senate in November outlines range of activities and accomplishments in the area of athletics from September 1 2009 to August 31, 2010 [http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/Nov25\\_10/UCARRpt.pdf](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate/Nov25_10/UCARRpt.pdf)

#### b. Ban Righ Centre

Ban Righ Centre is addressing current financial challenges through a more daring fundraising effort than previously attempted. The Who Is She? community project has been launched with several goals: to build a broader annual donor base; to increase the visibility of the Centre's support to life-long education; to acknowledge countless women who have supported someone through a difficult time. This project is time intensive for both Bo004 Tc -h [( t)5 Td [(t)-2(a)4(t)-2

### c. Career Services

Career Services has continued to expand and tailor the services and support offered to assist students in their transition from campus to the next stage of their life. While career counselling and education along with the facilitation of on-campus recruitment and experiential education opportunities are the primary programs and supports offered, a number of new and innovative options have been introduced. One of the most exciting additions is a new and interactive website, made possible by an \$180,000 grant from the Counselling Foundation of Canada. The innovative site allows students, faculty and staff access to an extensive variety of information and a variety of tools and programs that allow students to explore their own career and future options in a variety of ways.

### d. Chaplain's Office

The first challenge is providing a spiritual presence, face, and moment of reflection within Queen's functions and ceremonies that reflects both Queen's historic religious ties and its multi-faith presence in the Canadian pluralist context. The second challenge is that of providing care and advice of a spiritual and personal nature to a growing community with diverse backgrounds. The third challenge is that of accommodating the faith needs of many diverse religious groups within the growing busyness of the Queen's academic schedule.

### e. Housing & Hospitality Services

Over the past year, Housing & Hospitality Services conducted two important reviews of services to students. The first concerned food services and resulted in new food services contracts for the university and an improved financial relationship. The second, a review of facilities services within the unit, focused on engaging the staff area and providing opportunities for input about how services are best delivered to students. The review also provided an opportunity to develop better interaction with Physical Plant Services. The department also undertook a re-vamping of the Landlord Contract Program, a vital link to the landlords in the community, as well as launching an improved online accommodation listing service. For the coming year the department will be developing a Housing Master Plan as part of the university's Campus Master Plan initiative.

### f. John Deutsch University Centre

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## i. Town-Gown Relations

Town Gown, in acting as a liaison between the City of Kingston and the University, offers a wide range of advice, including information about finding upper-year housing, choosing housemates wisely and communicating with landlords. This past year, the Office pursued its mandate to bring students and community together through ongoing partnerships with the City of Kingston, Queen's student governments, K3C (community mediation services) and other university and college communities across the province. Of concern to the Office is the growth of the Queen's student population and the impact it will have on the Near Campus Neighbourhood. TownGown Relations is working with its partners to develop strategies to mitigate any anticipated negative outcomes of enrolment growth.