Western

President & Vice-Chancellor

President's Priorities, 2012-13

Each September, I outline high-level priorities to pursue in the academic year ahead that will help achieve the broader teaching, research and service mission of our university. These priorities are informed through my ongoing interaction with individual colleagues and groups within our campus community, as well as through key external stakeholders who play important roles in Western's success. My 2012-13 report continues this tradition. The following priorities were approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on September 25, 2012.

1. Engage members of the campus community in shaping Western's future through the next Strategic Planning process.

2. Monitor and contribute to Ontario's post-secondary education policy discussions, while anticipating and managing the impact of policy shifts that may emerge.

3. Review and manage resource allocation and utilization in light of the changing fiscal and education policy environment, while pursuing income diversification strategies.

4. Continue to build, strengthen and expand academic programming, research, and scholarship in Western's signature areas.

5. Continue raising the quality of Western's entering class at the undergraduate level.

6. Promote research intensity and scholarship through continued graduate program expansion, with special focus on course-based Master's programs.

7. Continue strengthening Western's internationalization efforts.

8. Continue pursuing Western's fundraising campaign objectives.

9. Complete major capital projects, including the new Ivey School and the new residence complex, and align capital priorities with strategic academic goals.

10. Strengthen Western's leadership role in championing research and internationalization agendas with the federal government.

11. Enhance Western's visibility through media, communication and event activities.

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