

President's Report

Strategic Planning Process

The strategic plan is moving forward nicely and a committee of Faculty Forum is now developing the strategic academic plan. We look forward to moving together as a college based on our common mission. Special thanks to Sandi Elert Day for guiding us through this important process.

Building Enhancement Project

The project has now reached ground level and plans are being made to organize Phase II this coming summer and communicate this to the college community. The project seems to be dovetailing nicely with the university's Master Plan which includes a connection on the other side of Campion.

Ignatian Mission and Identity

Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ was very pleased with his visit to the College on November 15-19. During his visit, he was able to meet with many faculty and staff, providing helpful feedback on how we are living out our mission as part of the priorities of the Jesuits in English Canada. These include outreach to youth, work with the marginalized and building relationships with Indigenous people.

Relations with Indigenous People

Dozens of people, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, attended an event on November 18 to announce the College's three initiatives in response to the Truth & Reconciliation recommendations: the creation of an Advisory Circle on Indigenous Relations to formulate a college-specific response to the TRC report; an Indigenous Immersion Experience for Jesuits in training, to begin this May/June; and the creation of a scholarship fund for graduates of Mother Teresa Middle School, the first of whom will reach university age in 2017, which is also the college's 100th anniversary. On November 26, I participated in a panel organized by the Aboriginal Student Centre on churches and the TRC process.

Global Jesuit Network

Two Campion students attended the 100th anniversary events of Alpha Sigma Nu at Marquette University in Milwaukee in October. Five people from the college participated in the Ignatian "teach in" in Washington, DC in early November to learn about social justice issues and advocacy. The event culminated in a rally on Capitol Hill and a meeting with the Canadian ambassador (and Jesuit alumnus) Gary Doer. Preparations are now being made to pursue partnerships with Jesuit universities in Mexico and Asia.