VISION 2015: Building on Excellence Undergraduate Student Town Hall

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overview

- aspiration & key priorities
- planning process
- draft plan highlights
- undergraduate studies data
- undergraduate studies targets
- undergraduate studies objectives
- questions & feedback



aspiration

Waterloo Engineering aspires to be a truly world-class school of engineering.

The programs we offer, the students we graduate, and the solutions we develop will be sought after by outstanding students, employers, employees and partners.



key priorities

- Attracting, engaging and retaining outstanding people: undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty & staff
- Committing to excellence in academic programs & services
- Undertaking high-impact research, both within and across the disciplines and spanning the theoretical to the practical
- Building connections and promoting collaboration
- Fostering innovation & entrepreneurship
- Providing the world-class facilities required to support excellence in education & research



planning process

academic units

aspiration & key priorities

self study

draft plan

internal feedback revised draft plan

external assessment

final plan

implementation agreement

administrative units

aspiration & key priorities

self study

draft plan

internal feedback revised draft plan

summary for inclusion in Faculty plan

external assessment of Faculty plan final plan for each unit & final Faculty plan



- ♦ Faculty & Staff
 - Increase faculty strategically: +20%
 - Increase staff to appropriate levels: +25%
 - Recognize excellence
 - Improve internal communications
 - Establish a culture of service excellence
 - Support professional development
 - Fully engage all faculty



- ♦ Graduate Studies
 - Strategically increase grad student intake: +44%
 - Introduce new programs and invest in recruitment
 - Improve the graduate program
 - Foster consistently high quality supervision
 - Improve course offerings and academic rigour
 - Enhance the graduate student experience
 - Waterloo Engineering Graduate Student Association
 - Improve operations and service



- ♦ Research
 - Increase research funding: +33%
 - Increase average funding/TTS faculty: +10%
 - Establish a shared commitment
 - Improve industrial relations
 - Support and motivate increased activity
 - Eliminate barriers
 - Celebrate excellence



- ◆ Entrepreneurship
 - Enhance initiatives to foster entrepreneurial activity and innovation
- Outreach & Diversity
 - Expand outreach programs
 - Increase the participation of women
 - Build an inclusive atmosphere



- ◆ Internationalization
 - Increase international experience opportunities for undergraduates
 - Increase international research and graduate studies collaborations
 - Support the ongoing development of UAE campus programs
 - Increase international student intake

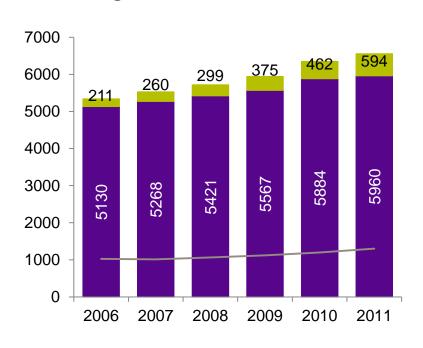


- Supporting the Plan
 - Faculty & Staff Positions
 - Budget
 - Space
 - Two new buildings (E7&E8) and DWE renovation
 - Technology
 - Advancement
 - Fundraising, strategic communications & marketing



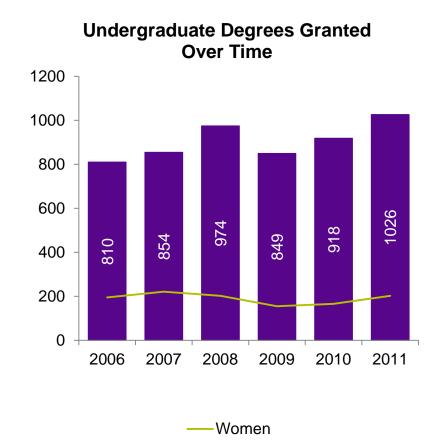
undergraduate studies data

Undergraduate Enrolment Over Time



International

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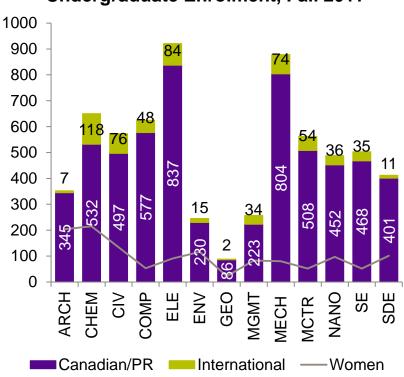




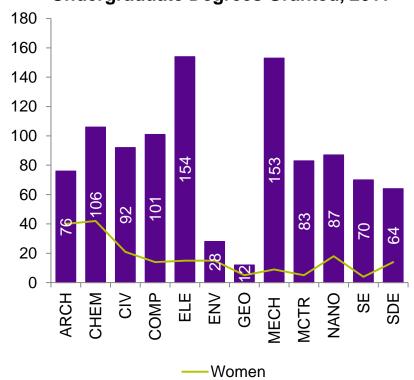
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undergraduate studies data





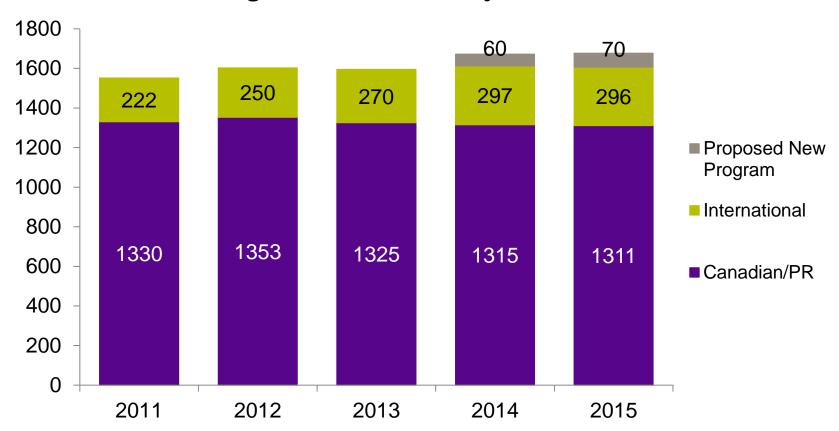
Undergraduate Degrees Granted, 2011





undergraduate studies targets

Undergraduate Intake Projections, 2011-2015





Enhance the UG Academic Program

- Ensure a modern, high-quality learning environment
- Redesign and modernize the lab experience
- Foster consistently high quality teaching by all instructors



teaching objectives

Foster consistently high quality teaching by all instructors

- Enhance support for teaching
- Contribute to the development of faculty members and TAs as teachers
- Affirm the importance of teaching



Support the Retention of UG Students

- Enhance first-year student success
- Support student success at all levels



Improve the UG Student Experience

- Improve service and communications
- ◆ Enhance undergraduate processes
- Develop an annual student engagement survey



Increase the Number of Co-op Jobs

- Implement a program-focused initiative to assist in job development
- Introduce two-term jobs for junior students
- Introduce eight-month work terms for senior students
- Develop additional international work term opportunities



Provide Unemployed First Work Term Students a Meaningful Experience

 Develop a program to enhance the employability of unemployed first work term students during their next work term



Support the Successful Implementation of WatPD-Engineering

- Ensure sufficient selection of current WatPD courses for engineering students
- Establish a framework to assess the WatPD-Engineering program's effectiveness



Ensure the Ongoing Accreditation of all Engineering Programs

- Implement a system of outcomes assessment for all programs
- Increase the proportion of eligible faculty members who are licensed professional engineers



Questions & Feedback



More Questions & Feedback?

To ask questions and share your thoughts after the presentation, email engineering.planning@uwaterloo.ca before April 16, 2012



We are confident that with the continued commitment and guidance of our senior leadership and the excellent work of all our students, faculty, staff, alumni and other community members, the Vision 2015 plan will help establish Waterloo Engineering as a truly world-class school of engineering.



THANK YOU

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