1. **Growth in Graduate Studies and in Undergraduate Teaching**

![Chart](chart.png)

- **Students Starting Studies in ENV by Year (FTEs)**
- **Total Undergraduate Teaching**
  (0.5CR course enrolments)

- **Charts showing growth in graduate studies and undergraduate teaching**
2. **Increasingly Diverse Student Body**

The student body in the Faculty of Environment is increasingly international.

- International applications to undergraduate programs rose from 707 to 883 over the past three years. We have students registered from at least 16 countries other than Canada, with the largest numbers coming from China and India.
- International students now constitute 24% of Environment’s graduate students.

As well, the Faculty is increasingly drawing on multiple source regions in Canada. The percentage of domestic undergraduate applications that are non-OSS has risen from 21% to 27% from 2017 to 2019, reflecting in part an increase in applications from outside of Ontario.
3. Early Stages of an Indigenous Engagement Strategy

The Faculty is pleased to announce that two Indigenous persons (Michelle Rutty and Kelsey Leonard) have accepted tenure-track offers of employment. Both will be nominated as SSHRC Tier II CRCs.

4. Birthday Celebrations

The Faculty is celebrating its 50th birthday in 2019. The history of the Faculty is reflected in *The First 50 Years*, authored by Robert Shipley, [https://uwaterloo.ca/environment/sites/ca.environment/files/uploads/files/thefirst50years.pdf](https://uwaterloo.ca/environment/sites/ca.environment/files/uploads/files/thefirst50years.pdf)

As part of its celebrations, the Faculty has co-hosted with Alumni Relations a series of panel discussions on “Imagining Future Cities” in Toronto, Ottawa, and Vancouver. There have also been Waterloo-based events including a faculty/staff/retiree dinner in January, student pop-up birthday parties, and the upcoming June reunion events.

5. SDSN Canada Launched May 2018

SDSN Canada, which is co-hosted by the Faculty of Environment and the Waterloo Global Science Initiative, was formally launched in May 2018 with a keynote address by Jeffrey Sachs and a full day of workshops attended by more than 100 people from across Canada. [https://uwaterloo.ca/sustainable-development-solutions-network-canada/about/sdsn-canada-launch-event](https://uwaterloo.ca/sustainable-development-solutions-network-canada/about/sdsn-canada-launch-event). Since then, SDSN Canada has grown institutional memberships (currently 31 post-secondary/think-tank institutions have joined), established its governance structure and work plan, and engaged with partners to mobilize youth, apply for funding, and initiate research projects.

6. A Big Year for Climate Research

The Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change (IC³), established in 2008, became a “University Research Centre” in the summer of 2018. IC³ was created to advance climate change research by bringing together faculty and students from different disciplines. It is now located in the Evolv1 building on north campus.

Activities under the umbrella of the Intact Centre and Partners for Action have been numerous, advancing understanding and informing practice and policy related to flood resilience.

In November 2018, various teams of researchers from across Canada collaborated on a $20 million proposal to Environment and Climate Change Canada to establish a “Climate and Clean Growth Institute”. The winning team included University of Waterloo members - and the CEO for the new Institute, Kathy Bardswick, will be co-located with IC³ in Evolv1.
7. **The Budget is Balanced**

The Government of Ontario’s decision to reduce domestic tuition by 10% affects all of our programs in Environment. Despite this setback, Environment’s budget for 2019-20 is balanced. Care will need to be exercised in all spending decisions in the foreseeable future.

8. **Special Mentions**

Jeremy Pittman, Assistant Professor in the School of Planning, was awarded the “Environment Research Excellence Award” for his achievements in 2018.

Two staff who have given exceptional service are retiring this summer:
- Marko Dumancic, Director of the Mapping, Analysis and Design Group is retiring after 38 years of service to the Faculty of Environment
- Anne Wagland, Faculty Services Manager and Executive Assistant, is retiring after 13 years of service to the Faculty of Environment.

9. **Thank You**

- A big thank you to the amazing staff of the Dean’s Office, and indeed to the entire ENV community, for your dedication and many accomplishments this year.
- A note of thanks to our two teaching fellows, Su-Yin Tan and Derek Robinson, who have provided leadership in internationalization and technological innovations, respectively.

**Other Priorities for the Faculty of Environment in 2019 – from the Dean’s Annual Report to the Provost**

**Strategic Planning**
Our strategic planning is underway with a focus on four themes: leadership in sustainability scholarship and education, interdisciplinary problem solving, research impact and knowledge mobilization, and experiential education – all from the lens of being bold, distinctive, and caring.

**Sustainable Cities**
We are working on a proposal for a new one-year Master’s degree program on sustainable cities. This theme also is a core component of our Advancement plan.

**Green Entrepreneurship**
The Evolv1 building on north campus officially opened November 29, 2018. This also launches the EvolvGreen collaboration between UW’s Faculty of Environment, Wilfrid Laurier, the non-profit Sustainable Waterloo Region, and the Accelerator Centre, with a focus on green technology, low-carbon transitions, and economic development.

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