1. Record-High Enrolment

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2. Knowledge Mobilization/External Engagement

Congratulations to the entire ENV research community on individual and collective successes in research this past year. In particular, I would like to point out the important role that the Faculty is playing in knowledge mobilization.

Nearly every week in 2018, at least one, and often several, stories about ENV research landed in the mainstream Canadian and international press. We’ve had opinion pieces in the *Globe and Mail* on pedestrian safety, and affordable housing. In January and February alone we had three globally impactful research stories in the media.

Research led by Sarah Wolfe on the bottled water industry was picked up by 43 news outlets in eight countries and had more than 600 shares on social media resulting in an estimated, 54.1 million people seeing our research.

During the devastating flood that hit the Grand River in February, our insights and recommendations from flood experts in three different departments was picked up by 36 news outlets in five countries more than 6,000 shares on social media, reaching an estimated audience of 49.5 million people.

In mid January, in the lead up to the Winter Games, research by Dan Scott on how climate change will limit where the Winter Olympics can be held was picked up by 196 news outlets located in 23 countries. This included the *New York Times, Globe and Mail, CBC, The Economist, LA Times* and many more. It had more than 3,000 shares on social media and was seen by more than 225 million people in its first seven days alone.

It is also of note that much of our web content has been re-designed, which gives a more fulsome and vibrant picture of the many strengths of the Faculty of Environment.

3. Committed to Outstanding Academic Programming

The Faculty’s first online undergraduate course offerings, since the correspondence program ended, occurred in 2018 with Geog 181 and 207 being offered in both Winter and Spring terms.

Several programs, and especially SERS, have developed field and/or travel courses that are offered in block format.

4. Changes in the Faculty’s Leadership Team

Chair of the School of Environment, Enterprise and Development – Bruce Frayne, effective July 1, 2017

Associate Dean, Research – Amelia Clarke, effective May 1, 2018

5. Thanks to the amazing staff of the Dean’s Office, and indeed to the entire ENV community for your outstanding dedication and many accomplishments over the past year.
Priorities for the Faculty of Environment in 2018 – from the Dean’s Annual Report to the Provost

Sustainability

- This is the inaugural year of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Canada, being co-led by the Faculty of Environment and the Waterloo Global Science Initiative. The Leadership Council is being established, and the official launch on May 7-8 is being planned. A manager has been hired effective Feb. 1, 2018. Next steps involve priority setting, partnership development and programming.
- The Faculty is developing a sustainability fundamentals online course that links with the University’s Sustainability Strategy.

Interdisciplinary Approaches

- Since its inception as the Division of Environmental Studies in 1969, the Faculty’s approach in both research and pedagogy has been “highly interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary …”. Our task in the next year is to better articulate our contributions, and to partner with others on campus to continue to break down disciplinary barriers to innovative research and teaching.

Entrepreneurship and Innovation

- In order to encourage and support entrepreneurship and innovation, the Faculty of Environment will continue to grow its impact through Velocity Start at Environment.

Student Course Offerings and the Student Experience

- We will be reviewing and coordinating our spring-term, online and senior-undergraduate course offerings to ensure a range of opportunities for unconventional courses with small classes and experiential education.

Graduate Studies

- Several of our graduate programs are recent additions to the campus curriculum and have not yet reached their optimal enrolment levels; recruitment is a priority.
- Also, on the graduate front, several of our programs require internships, and we will be working increasingly with CECA to increase opportunities for students.

Space

- The power upgrade to EV1 is planned for August 2018.
- The repatriation and partial refurbishment of 4500 square feet of EV1 space occupied by CTW is a priority, as is a lease in the new Evolv1 building on north campus.

Birthday Planning

- We are busy planning events to mark 2019 as the 50th birthday of Environment.