

peyak aski kikawinaw

Together We Are Stronger

The University of Regina officially launched its 2015-2020 Strategic Plan on January 13, 2015. Entitled *peyak aski kikawinaw* – Cree for “We are one with Mother Earth” – the plan was approved unanimously by the University's Board of Governors.

“The foundation of the strategic plan is a trio of pillars upon which the entire plan is constructed: student success, research impact and commitment to our communities,” said University of Regina President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Vianne Timmons. “The work we do as a leading post-secondary institution will concentrate on these priorities, and help us build on our strong history and ensure the long-term growth and success of our University.”

The plan also highlights two overarching areas of emphasis – Indigenization and sustainability – that thread throughout each priority and will inform work on the University's campuses.

“Moving forward, we will look for opportunities to further Indigenize our campus and will continue to develop innovative projects to support the success of Aboriginal students, faculty and staff. We are committed to building a campus and community that integrates and celebrates the contributions of Indigenous people and knowledge,” said Timmons. “Sustainable growth will also be our hallmark,” she added, “and we will concentrate on ensuring the economic, cultural, social, and environmental sustainability of our institution.”

A 15-member Facilitation Team developed the plan, gathering input from hundreds of faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, and other University stakeholders and community partners.

“The strength of this plan is a direct result of the collaborative nature that was central to its development,” said Lee Elliott, Chair of the University of Regina Board of Governors. “This is a collective vision for the future that the University of Regina community can be proud of.”

Work stemming from the University's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan, entitled *mâmahohkamâtowin: Our Work, Our People, Our Communities*, resulted in new enrolment records, increasing the Aboriginal student population by 50 per cent and doubling the number of international students. Timmons says that work has positioned the University to succeed over the next five years and beyond.

“Focusing on our key priority areas is crucial for our success,” said Timmons. “I am confident that our campus community will continue to work together to realize the plan that we have envisioned for our future.”

To read the plan, visit: www.uregina.ca/strategic-plan.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

January 29 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
State of the University Address

The University of Regina is pleased to present its first State of the University Address at the Regina & District Chamber of Commerce 2015 Luncheon Series.

Join University of Regina President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Vianne Timmons as she outlines the successes and challenges facing our University and highlights the critical role of post-secondary education in the future of our province.

Location: Queensbury Convention Centre, Salon A, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina.

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