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Suggestion Box Report

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Suggestion Box Report for October/November Released February 6, 2006

The following is a summary of suggestions from the Suggestion Boxes starting October 1 and ending November 30, 2005.

At the end of the time period, suggestions are collected by the Office of Communications, summarized, and reported to the Administrative Executive Committee (AEC) for discussion. Questions are thereafter directed to the appropriate department or person for a response. Responses are then incorporated into the summary and shared with the Internal Relations Committee for input before being reported back to the University community.

Suggestion boxes are located in the Fieldhouse, Bora Laskin Building, University Centre, Braun Building, ATAC, Security, the Library, and the Main Cafeteria. Suggestions can also be emailed in confidence to communications@lakeheadu.ca with the subject line "Suggestion."

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18) I would just like to suggest that the use of wireless network would be a great help for professional students. Lakehead University is renowned for its education program. People travel from far distances in hopes of coming to a fabulous school with up-to-date technology. It would solve many problems and be a cost-effective solution to use wireless

technology. It is possible to prevent non-students from using the system. Student numbers could be used to sign in. Thanks for your time.

Response: A policy decision was made at the presidential level not to install wireless technology at Lakehead for health and safety reasons. This issue has been addressed at length in the past – see also response to Q 23 of the Town Hall Report posted online on January 9, 2006.

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Town Hall Report

January 09, 2006

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Town Hall Meeting Report

Members of the Administrative Executive Council (AEC) of Lakehead University present at the open Town Hall meeting on November 30, 2005, were: Dr. Fred Gilbert, President, Mr. Michael Pawlowski, Vice President (Administration and Finance), and Dr. Laurie Hayes, Vice President (Academic) and Provost. Dr. Rui Wang, Vice President (Research), was out of town on business.

If you have any questions about this report, please direct them to Eleanor Abaya, Director of Communications at eabaya@lakeheadu.ca

Following are excerpts from the session.

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Dr. Fred Gilbert (FG): This is the question and answer session we hold every fall. We do not come in with any fixed agenda; we're simply here to respond to any questions from the audience on things concerning the University.

23. Q: My question is about wireless technology. We've had in the LUSU office about 30 individuals at least who have talked to me about it, and I'm wondering if you can inform everybody why we don't have it.

FG: **The decision is mine, and it was made on the basis that the jury is still out on the impact that electromagnetic forces have on human physiology.** Some studies have indicated that there are links to carcinogenetic occurrences in animals – including humans – that are related to energy fields associated with wireless hotspots, whether those hotspots are transmissions lines, whether they're outlets, plasma screens, or microwave ovens that leak. One of them is related to cell phones. You're all taking a risk when you use a cell phone. **Until we have resolution of the health implications of EMF and until you replace the president, that will be the policy at Lakehead University.**