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Letter from the Director



As I've found out very well after some five months in the Director's job, our Local Government Program is a complex, vibrant, multifaceted entity. It can be challenging to keep the hundreds of people who make up our community – instructors, current students and alumni – informed about what is happening in the Program. So it gives me great pleasure to be able to bring to you this issue of **Local Government Program News & Views**.

The contents of this newsletter reflect the diversity of the Program itself. Our highly active Alumni Society organizes – among

other things – a major annual conference, and Lee Anne Doyle introduces the one planned for later this year. Our long-time former Director, Andy Sancton, has been instrumental in laying the groundwork for our new Chu Program in Public Administration, and he offers an update on this initiative here. And our Program is expanding its domestic reach as well: We are set to launch our fifth program stream – a new Toronto-area DPA program – this coming fall. Josh Morgan introduces this new program in his contribution to the newsletter.

As we head into a summer season of intensive courses and Major Research Papers, we are already welcoming the first of a talented new cohort (nearly 50 strong) of on-campus DPA and MPA students. I look forward to a great 2010-2011 year for the program. I hope to have the opportunity to chat with many of you, and meet many who I have not yet met. And Josh Morgan and I welcome ideas for features in our next newsletter, which we will publish in fall. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

Martin Horak

Director, Local Government Program

NEWS *and* VIEWS

2010 Annual Alumni Society Conference



Lee Anne Doyle
*President, Local Government
Alumni Society*

All current DPA and MPA students as well as Alumni of UWO's Public Administration programs are invited to attend the annual Alumni Conference to be held on Friday November 12, 2010 in London at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre.

The theme of this year's conference is "Growing Effective Leadership in the Public Sector". Inspirational and key note speakers are being sought now to kick off a thought-provoking agenda that will focus on leading edge strategies to keep public sector organizations attractive to new hires and the current work force.

This year, the conference is co-chaired by 2 City of Toronto DPA graduates: Susan Reid and Milena Jeremic-Maclean. The City of Toronto has a unique relationship with the Department of Political Science at Western; since 2002, UWO

has been delivering the diploma in Public Administration to City of Toronto managers, directors, executive directors and general managers on-site in Toronto and to date nearly 126 City staff have completed the DPA courses.

Details:
November 12, 2010
Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre

For more information please visit our 2010 Annual Conference Webpage:
www.localgovernment.uwo.ca/alumni/annualconference.asp

For information about the Local Government Program Alumni Society:
www.localgovernment.uwo.ca/alumni/



Dr. David S. Chu Program in China

Andrew Sancton

*Instructor, Former Director,
Local Government Program*

In October 2009 Western officially celebrated the donation from the Chu Family that enabled us to establish the Dr. David S. Chu Program in Public Administration in China. The Chu Program is administered by Andy Sancton. It comprises four parts:

1) A joint research project involving Canadian scholars of local government and Chinese scholars in the School of Public Affairs at Xiamen University. The aim of the project is to produce a volume of essays about local public participation in the two countries that will be published in both English and Chinese.



Andrew Sancton and Josh Morgan



The Xiamen University Campus

2) Teaching modified versions of our DPA courses at Xiamen University for Chinese local officials. Students who have attended the four courses offered in 2009 and 2010 are eligible for a ten-day trip to Canada.

3) Funding for Chinese Visiting Scholars to be at Western for one academic year to learn more about Canadian public administration at the local level. So far we have had three such scholars, all of whom have been funded by the Chinese government.

4) Scholarships for Chinese students to enrol in the full-time stream of our MPA.

Alumni Updates

Did you get a promotion? New Job? Have a baby or get married? Why not update your Alumni Colleagues by letting us know about it.

Alumni Updates will be posted to our website and a few will be featured in future newsletters.

Just send an e-mail to jmorga8@uwo.ca with a short (one paragraph) update.

www.localgovernment.uwo.ca/alumni/memberupdates.asp

Also please be sure to update your program contact information at:

www.localgovernment.uwo.ca/contact/

GTA DPA Program Launch

Josh Morgan

*Recruitment and Development Officer,
Local Government Program*

Part of my job as Recruitment and Development Officer is to seek out new opportunities for the program. Last year, one of these opportunities arose and since then I have been working to negotiate a new DPA partnership that would see the launch of our second 'on-site' program (the first being the award winning partnership with the City of Toronto).

Working with representatives from Newmarket, York Region, Richmond Hill and Durham we have been able to develop a new cost-recovery DPA program with the first course scheduled to be taught by Tim Cobban this fall. There is a huge demand for on-site training for municipal practitioners. One of the info sessions I ran to investigate the potential for the new program had over 75 people attend. We ran an application competition in conjunction with our partners and have chosen a class of 30 to join the new program.

Over the next month we will finalize the finer details of the agreement and plan a

summer orientation session for the new program participants. I look forward to updating you on the progress of this exciting new chapter in the development of the Local Government Program.

