

President and Vice-Chancellor

Dr. Brian Stevenson took office as President and Vice-Chancellor of Lakehead University in August 2010.

During his first term as president, Dr. Stevenson oversaw the development of the University's 5-year Strategic and Academic Plans, the implementation of an integrated planning and budgeting process that has resulted in balanced budgets and surpluses, and the establishment of numerous capital projects and international partnerships. As a result of his initiatives, Lakehead University has experienced growth in domestic and international enrolment at each of its campuses; increased the institution's economic impact in its regions' communities; expanded post-secondary opportunities with state-of-the-art, immersive telepresence classrooms; established a Toronto office to facilitate enrolment, philanthropic, and government relations initiatives; and furthered relationships with Aboriginal communities.

Prior to taking the helm at Lakehead, he served the University of Winnipeg as Provost & Vice-President (Academic) from 2006 to 2010, where he was also a professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics. During his tenure at the University Winnipeg, Dr. Stevenson was involved in a significant re-invention and renewal of many aspects of the University including the establishment of a new Faculty of Business and Economics, a new Academic Plan, new graduate programs, the promotion of internationalization, and a new enrolment strategy.

Throughout his career, Dr. Stevenson has established a record of leadership in academia and government; he has held senior positions at a number of high-profile organizations and universities including the federal government in Ottawa, the University of Alberta, and the Organization of American States in Washington. While at the University of Alberta, he excelled at building the institution's profile around the world. In only five years he was instrumental in increasing international enrolment dramatically and was also responsible for establishing an international residence.

Dr. Stevenson received his BA (Honours) and MA from the University of Victoria, and holds a doctorate from Queen's University. He first taught at the Instituto Tecnológico

Autónomo de México (ITAM), and later at the University of Alberta where he also served as Vice-Provost & Associate Vice-President. He later served as senior policy advisor to the Canadian Ministers of International Trade and Foreign Affairs and was a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. Recognized as a specialist in international relations and foreign policy, Dr. Stevenson has authored and co-edited a number of books and articles on Canadian politics, foreign policy, Canada-Mexico relations, Canadian security in Latin America, and the relationship between the Organization of American States and Canada. He has authored and presented dozens of conference papers in Canada, the United States, and Latin America, and has made contributions as a board member of the Canadian Council for the Americas and the Canadian Foundation for the Americas.

In addition to being a professor in the Faculty of Business Administration at Lakehead University, Dr. Stevenson is a member of the Editorial Board of Foreign Affairs (Latinoamérica).