



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Promoting & Supporting Internationalism on Campus

Joanne Elvy, Algoma University
Marc Arnold, University of Toronto

Internationalism: Algoma University



- ▶ 1,200 students
- ▶ 10% international students (75/45)
- ▶ 8 inbound exchange students
- ▶ 1 campus in Sault Ste Marie
- ▶ highly centralized
- ▶ 60% are local students who commute to school for classes



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Internationalism: University of Toronto



- ▶ 73,000 students
- ▶ 9,300 international
- ▶ 400 inbound exchange
- ▶ 3 campuses in Toronto
- ▶ highly decentralized
- ▶ 85% are commuters



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Discussion Points related to Int'l Student Retention

**Students' experiences on campus
Their process / progress to degree completion**

1. Partnering with key institutional colleagues
(registrar's offices, academic programs, student life units)
2. Connecting international & domestic students in a
meaningful way
3. Identifying & supporting 'at-risk students' as early
as possible



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Facilitating the Transition Process: University of Toronto:

- **“New Centre for International Experience”**
– merger of int’l student centre + exchange program
 - **‘Embedded’ Advising**
- **Innovative programming with key campus partners**
 - **Pre- & On-arrival orientations**
 - **Visa & tax advising**



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Facilitating the Transition Process: Algoma University: evolving over time

- **Recruitment practices**
- **International Student Advisor (dedicated position)**
 - **Residence / Homestay**
 - **Cultural activities on campus**
 - **'New to the Sault' Programs**



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Outreach into the Community:

University of Toronto

City of millions ...

An abundance of available 'activities'

Dozens of immigrant communities (ex-pats)

Ethnic silos on campus...?



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Outreach into the Community:

Algoma University

75,000 inhabitants in Sault Ste Marie

Limited 'immigrant' community

Available activities are particular*

Access to cultural 'comforts'...?!



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Facilitating the Process *when the Honeymoon is over ...*

Homesickness

Culture shock
(academic & Canadian)

Communication skills



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Facilitating the Transition

Process

Assisting with student adjustment on campus

S U M M E R S T U D Y 2 0 1 1



Exploring Civil Society
in a Canadian Context

A one month integrated summer program



For confirmed dates, contact:
summer_study2011@algomau.ca
Algoma University
1520 Queen Street East
Sault Ste. Marie, ON, Canada P6A 2G4
experience.algomau.ca

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE?



Keep in touch!



ONTARIO UNIVERSITY REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION

2011 Conference

March 6-8 - Deerhurst Resort

Discussion Points related to Int'l Student Retention

Questions:

1. How does Administration in your institution help to facilitate international programming?
2. How do international & domestic students 'connect' in a meaningful way in your University?
3. Tell us what you think works well at your University, given its size & its geographical location.