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Laurier unveils five-year strategic plan leading to its centenary

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WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University is unveiling a new, five-year strategic plan that will take the university to its centenary in 2011. A summary of The Laurier Century Plan is now being distributed to stakeholders across the country.

The century plan outlines five key objectives for the university. They are: sustain a student focus in campus life and the classroom; evolve into a comprehensive university with a strong liberal-arts and science core, complemented by a broader range of graduate and professional programs; continue to increase research intensity; increase Laurier's profile as a destination for international students and research; and recognize and promote excellence in teaching and learning.

"This plan continues and consolidates several undertakings that are crucial to positioning Laurier for success well into its second century," said Robert G. Rosehart, president and vice-chancellor of the university.

"The plan outlines our most current innovations and presents an exciting vision of our future," added Sue Horton, vice-president: academic and principal architect of the plan. "That vision includes an increased focus on graduate programs, research, and internationalization within a student-centred environment known for academic excellence."

A copy of the summary is available at <http://www.wlu.ca/centuryplansummary>