

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 2006

This will be the last report for the year 2006. Several areas have provided reports on the work of faculty, staff and programs over the last couple of months. As you will see many exciting things have been taking place at UCFV.

Research & Industry Liaison

Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies:

The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies celebrated its grand opening on Saturday, October 28. (Please see attached for more information.)

Security Forum:

Stockwell Day, MP and Minister for Public Safety, was the keynote speaker at a public forum about security and our community at UCFV's Abbotsford campus on November 4.

Minister Day is one of Canada's leading voices in advocating democratic reform, and presently serves as Vice-Chair of the International Democrat Union, and Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights, as well as Chair of the Conservative International Institute (Canada).

Organized by Dr. Kuldip Gill, UCFV writer-in-residence and a member of the Cross-Cultural Roundtable on Security, the forum engaged the citizens of the Fraser Valley and Canadian government agencies in a dialogue about national and personal security in our increasingly pluralistic society.

Representatives from the Ministry of Public Safety, the Attorney-General's office, Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA), the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS), the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and the Provincial Emergency Program (Emergency Management BC) represented the integrated approach that the Canadian public sector is taking towards security.

Book Launch:

On November 10, the UCFV Deans hosted a Book Launch to celebrate the accomplishments of the authors among us. Twelve faculty have published a total of 17 books in recent months in diverse subject area.

Author	Book Title	Publisher / Date
Terry Anderson (Kenneth Gisborne and Patrick Holliday)	Every Officer is a Leader: Coaching Leadership, Learning and Performance in Justice, Public Safety, and Security Organizations Terry D. Anderson PhD, Kenneth Gisborne CPP and Patrick Holliday MA	Trafford Publishing 2006
Barbara Messamore	Canada's Governors General, 1847-1878: Biography and Constitutional Evolution	U of Toronto Sept 2006
Fiona McQuarrie	McQuarrie, F. (2006). Industrial Relations in Canada (2nd edition). Toronto, ON: John Wiley & Sons Canada (published March 2006).	John Wiley & Sons

Fiona McQuarrie	Nkomo, S., Fottler, M., McAfee, R. B., & McQuarrie, F.. (2007). Applications in Human Resource Management: Cases, Exercises and Skill Builders (1st Canadian edition). Toronto: Nelson Thomson (published March 2006).	Nelson Thomson March 2006
Miriam Nichols	The Fire: The Collected Essays of Robin Blaser	U of California Fall 2006
Miriam Nichols	The Holy Forest: The Collected Poems of Robin Blaser	U of California Fall 2006
Davida Kidd (Robin Laurence)	Davida Kidd: Between the Sublime to the Subliminal	International Print Triennial Society Poland 2006
Ron Dart	I. Stephen Leacock: Canada's Red Tory Prophet. (Dewdney: The Canadian Publishing House, 2006).	The Cdn Pub House 2006
Ron Dart	Athens and Jerusalem: George Grant's Theology, Philosophy, and Political Theory. edited with Ian Angus & Peg Peters. (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2006).	U of Toronto 2006
Ron Dart	Mountaineering and the Humanities: The Ascent of Mount Ventoux. (Vancouver: Serratus Press, 2006).	Serratus Press 2006
George McGuire (Enns)	An Introductory Guide to Scientific Modeling 2006	Springer-Verlag 2006
Christina Neigel	Title: Workbook for DDC 22 Author: Christina Neigel	Cdn Library Assoc. 2006
Peter Raabe	Philosophical Counselling and the Unconscious	Trivium Publications 2006
Rhonda Schuller	An introduction to language : workbook	Thomson Nelson 2007
Marcela Jonas	An introduction to language : workbook	Thomson Nelson 2007
Jim Daems (co-edited with Holly Faith Nelson)	Eikon Basilike	Broadview Press 2005
Jim Daems	Seventeenth-Century Literature and Culture	Continuum 2006

Human Trafficking:

On November 10, Yvon Dandurand, Dean of Research and Industry Liaison presented "Human Trafficking and Our Community" at the Salvation Army Church in Abbotsford.

International Colloquium:

On November 14, UCFV, in collaboration with Simon Fraser University and the International Center for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy at UBC, held an international colloquium on "International Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Cooperation". The international meeting brought together academic researchers from the three sponsoring institutions and senior law enforcement and prosecution officials from Canada and selected countries. The meeting addressed a need for closer international coordination in the fight against organized crime, terrorism and other international threats.

Career Centre**Career Centre Information Sessions:**

The Career Centre Coordinators (Susan Francis, Lindsay Sasaki, and Natalie Yano) conducted numerous class visits inviting students to Career Centre information sessions. The Coordinators presented eight information sessions (on all three campuses) covering Co-operative Education,

Work-study, Employment Services, and Career events to over 95 students. In addition, the information session was presented to the Chilliwack Co-hort group of students during their University 101 class.

2006 Co-op Applicants:

Ninety-five student applications to enter the co-op program were received by the deadline date of September 30.

Co-op Awards:

The Co-op Student of the Year (Nathan Toews, BA [Business Administration] co-op student), International Co-op Student of the Year (Alex Bitiukov, CIS [Computer Information Systems] co-op student) and Co-op Employer of the Year (Enterprise Rent-A-Car) awards were presented at UCFV's annual awards ceremony.

International Co-op:

The department is working on establishing a partnership with Harper Adams University College in the UK. This arrangement would include a co-op student international exchange between institutions possibly beginning September 2007.

Student Workshops:

The Coordinators offered two cover-letter & resume workshops and an interview workshop this month open to all students and alumni in the Centre. A resume & cover-letter workshop was also presented by the Coordinators to the Bus 201 class, and Kinesiology and Physical Education's (KPE) practicum class.

An accounting workshop was offered with guest speaker, Jay Myshkowsky from Robert Half Finance & Accounting who spoke to over 25 accounting students about topics such as: networking & career strategies for accounting/finance students, preferred resume formats, trends in accounting field, salary expectations, etc. This was a prep-workshop for students attending the Evening of Professional Accounting event. In addition, a special Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers (CACEE) accounting workshop was offered through the Career Centre to business students and alumni applying to CA firms who require CACEE application forms.

An Evening of Professional Accounting Event:

Over 80 people attended this accounting event including students, alumni, employers, faculty and staff, and management. Eleven accounting firms and associations from the Fraser Valley exhibited and promoted their employment opportunities to our students and alumni. The event also provided an opportunity to promote the Career Centre's Co-operative Education program and the new Accounting option in the Business department to all attendees. The event was held in the cafeteria due to lack of venue space, however the café was converted into a "dining hall" to suit the event.

Envision Financial Info Session:

An information session on campus was arranged for Envision Financial to promote their new Fast Forward to Account Management program. Following the presentation, seven UCFV students and alumni were granted first-round interviews which took place on site. There were four positions available (for this program Envision recruited exclusively from UCFV and SFU) and at least three of our students were invited back for second interviews, and we are aware of at least one successful UCFV placement.

Marketing:

The Career Centre has been working with MarCom and a designer on new marketing material. A new, funky student brochure has been created and the feedback on this piece has been well received by students. The Coordinators continue to work on a new employer brochure. Work has begun on a much needed re-haul of the Career Centre's website. The new site should be completed in the new year. The site will be reorganized, and will feature a new job-posting database and a tutor database.

Attractive material and branding of the Career Centre is needed to compete with our counterparts at other institutions. Sponsorship dollars were obtained to assist with these marketing efforts.

A new interactive advice column on career and employment advice for students has been implemented in *Cascade*, the student newspaper. The column, called Career Corner, runs bi-weekly.

Work-Study Fall 2006/Winter 2007:

To date, 123 students have been employed in work-study positions, with another eight positions yet to be filled. Additional positions are planned for the winter 2007 semester, including twenty 60-hours research assistant positions that are posted for the office of Research and Industry Liaison.

Other Activities:

The Coordinators participated in a number of other activities and meetings during the month of September including: the new CIS Mentorship program, Student Welcome Back BBQ, Alumni Board meeting, History Day, Internationalization committee, and Residence Programming committee.

Faculty of Arts & Applied Arts

Visual Arts:

"*Interweave*" is an off-campus exhibition featuring new works by eight senior students of the Visual Arts department. The exhibition will be held at the old post office in downtown Abbotsford, with an opening reception Friday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., and will be open to the public daily until December 9. The show comes at a crucial point in the development of arts and culture in Abbotsford, and the students hope to raise interest in the possibilities for critically-engaged art-making in the area.

Toni Latour exhibited *The Drag King Project* at Gallery Gachet in Vancouver during Vancouver's annual gallery hop SWARM. An article on the show was published in *Extra West*.

Photography and Film Studies instructor Grace Tsurumaru served as juror for the Vancouver Student Film Festival.

Video instructor Tom Konyves had a screening of his two-minute video poem on November 16 at the Pacific Cinematheque in Vancouver as part of "*Visible Verse*".

This fall, New Media instructor Jonathan Middleton exhibited in a group exhibition at Tracey Lawrence Gallery, reviewed in the *Vancouver Sun* by Clint Burnham. He has a forthcoming review in *Frieze* magazine by Maria Fusco. Jonathan curated two exhibitions at his new art space: The Bodgers' and Kludgers' Cooperative Art Parlour. The first of these had a large review in the *Vancouver Sun*, and has been featured on the blog of the Henry Art Gallery in Seattle. The work in the exhibition was sold to Bill and Ruth True and will be featured prominently in an exhibition this January at their private museum, the Western Bridge (see www.westernbridge.org for more details).

Jonathan also has an essay in a catalogue on Hadley Howes and Maxwell Stephens published by Western Front and Projectile Publishing, due out later this month. He co-edits *Fillip Review*, an art publication which launched its 4th issue this fall, alongside working on publications produced by Presentation House. Jonathan delivered a talk at the "Public Speakers" series in Portland, Oregon, organized by Matthew Stadler (Clearcut Press) for the "Affair at the Jupiter Hotel" art fair.

Art History instructor Aleksandra Idzior has published a paper "Distance and Proximity in History Painting by Piotr Michałowski, Emanuel Leutze and Adolph Menzel", in: Robert Born, Adam S. Labuda, Beate Störckuhl, ed., *Visuelle Erinnerungskulturen und Geschichtskonstruktionen in Deutschland und Polen 1800 bis 1939 / Wizualne konstrukcje historii i pamięci historycznej w Niemczech i w Polsce 1800 – 1939*, Warszawa: Instytut Sztuki PAN, 2006 (English title: *Visual Constructions of History and Historical Memory in Germany and Poland between 1800-1939*).

Criminology/Criminal Justice:

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and its Centres are conducting research in the following areas:

- (1) Public Safety survey of eight different cities and communities in British Columbia.
- (2) Voluntary Self-Exclusion study surveying every casino in British Columbia.
- (3) Crystal Meth study for the City of Chilliwack.

English:

Professor Nilufer Bharucha, head of the English department at the University of Mumbai, was a visiting professor at UCFV this fall. During her three weeks on campus, Professor Bharucha shared her knowledge and insights with many different groups. She gave several lectures on aspects of Indian literature to students in English 380: Studies in South Asian Literature. She met with Andrea MacPherson's students in Creative Writing to discuss her own work as a short-story writer, and she gave a lecture on Indian film to students in Grace Tsurumaru's film studies course. There were two public events with Professor Bharucha: a lecture on images of women in Indian

cinema, and an informal "book-group" style discussion of short stories by an Indian writer. Professor Bharucha discussed possibilities for continuing links between the University of Mumbai and UCFV.

History:

The History department has been very busy this fall in offering a number of informative student sessions for both new and continuing students. History Day, on September 19, invited participants to a whirl-wind tour through 5000 years of history. Faculty answered questions and stamped 'passports' to guide students through the department's programs and courses. History alumni attended the event and discussed their successful careers in law, teaching, and museum and archival work, in addition to the presentation about grad school. History Day ended with a BBQ for students, faculty and presenters. On October 17, a Writing for History workshop was offered by Alisa Webb from the History department and Gloria Borrows from the Writing Centre. On November 8, the Applying to Grad School information session was co-hosted with the English and Social, Cultural and Media Studies (SCMS) departments. All events were well attended and the information gratefully received.

On October 24, Sylvie Murray spoke at the first History Roundtable of the year. Her topic was "The Amateur in the Classroom: A discussion on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning History". Robin Anderson will lead another roundtable discussion on his current research project titled "The British Columbia View of Cartoonist J. B. Fitzmaurice, 1908-1926". This event was held on November 21.

In the community, Dr. Molly Ungar spoke at the MSA Museum and Annex on November 7; her topic was "Painting the War: Official Art in Wartime Canada".

Faculty of Science, Health & Human Services**Biology:**

In December of 2005, Alida Janmaat received an 18-month \$14,000 research grant from the BC Greenhouse Growers' Association for work on a project entitled "Effect of Imidacloprid and Parasitoid Resistance on Fecundity and Production of Winged Morphs by Green Peach Aphids". This project has involved collaboration with Agriculture Canada at Agassiz and Houweling Nurseries (Delta).

A small laboratory space for rearing of aphids and carrying out experiments has been set-up in the Biology department. The research has been carried out with the assistance of several work-study positions and student research assistants. Two undergraduate thesis projects are currently being completed as part of this research.

The next and final phase of this research will be carried out in collaboration with Kwantlen University College's Institute for Sustainable Horticulture. Starting in the spring, one of Alida's UCFV students (who is defending her 409 thesis on this project in December) will be working at Kwantlen to investigate the use of integrated pest management strategies to control aphids. Kwantlen is donating greenhouse space and the assistance of horticulture students in a pest-management class.

The Abbotsford biology labs have been the site of more successful Genome BC workshops for high school students. Several Grade 11 honours classes from Abbotsford high schools have attended and, as teacher interest is high, more are planned for the next two semesters. The teachers report that they like the idea of bringing the students to UCFV because they can see the local opportunities for a university education and also get used to the idea of post-secondary education. The coordinator of the program encourages the attending students to consider UCFV for an excellent university education.

School of Social Work & Human Services:

Adrienne Chan recently published a paper in collaboration with colleague Donald Fisher: Adrienne S. Chan and Donald Fisher. 2006. *Academic Culture in Canadian Universities: The Contexts for Change*. In Yves Gingras and Lyse Roy (eds) *Les Transformations Des Universites du XIIIe au XXIe Siecle*. Quebec: Presses de L'Universite du Quebec.

Faculty of Community Access, Business and Information Technology

The School of Business:

During the month of October, the department completed a major component of its program review. In congruence with this the department also approved and sent to the Undergraduate Program Advisory committee (UPAC) the seven new courses which are designed to enhance current program offerings for business students and other departments.

October also saw the launch of the Executive Education program with delivery planning that took place on November 21, 22 and 23. The two benefits of success in this type of program are: 1) a direct link to future potential post-graduate students and their areas of interest, and 2) a great funding resource for the department.

During October we also saw two of our students being recognized by British Columbia Aviation Council (BCAC) scholarships. Chris Jacobs received the Anne and Rudi Bauer Private Pilot scholarship of \$2,500, while Ryan Evans received the British Columbia Aviation Council Commercial Pilot bursary of \$4,000. Both of these scholarships were academically based and our students were competing against students from many other institutions.

Computer Information Systems (CIS):

On October 21, the CIS department hosted the Cuter Computer Challenge, the first of what we hope to be an annual event for high school girls. Our goals were to make the public aware of the high demand for female IT (Information Technology) professionals, introduce the CIS program at UCFV to young women, and give high school students the chance to meet our current female students in the hopes of dispelling some of the common stereotypes about CIS students. Students participated in groups of two and competed for prizes in a series of challenges. The Cuter Computer Challenge generated a large amount of much-needed publicity for the department in the form of web traffic and various articles/photos in the local media (also in the *Cascade*) as well as in *The Province*. This was a great follow-up to the story we did early this year – in honour of International Women's Day – about several successful female CIS alumni.

A mentorship program for CIS students was started this semester in conjunction with the Career Centre and the Alumni Association. The goal of the program is to provide our students with

networking opportunities and the opportunity to plan for their future. The mentors can also help with choosing those last few electives to suit the students' career objectives. We currently have 13 students in the mentorship program and 10 mentors. We hope to recruit more. Most of the mentors are UCFV alumni, ranging from a senior project manager at Telus, to a security expert at Nokia, and a businessman heading three IT corporations. Mentoring by internationally-based participants (there are currently two) is done online.

Two fourth-year CIS students, Femke Wekking and Natalie Valentine, volunteered to offer a two-hour workshop on web design and the Internet to Don Murray's fourth-year sculpture class. The Visual Arts students were interested in how they could promote and sell their art online. We hope that this service could be provided to other classes if there is a need.

A CIS certificate specializing in Web Design and Animation will start for the new Career Technical Center students in February. This new certificate will offer 2D and 3D animation, drawing for animation, digital photography, writing for the Internet and other new exciting topics. This is a multi-disciplinary offering in partnership with Computer Information Systems, Visual Arts and Communications. These courses will be offered on the UCFV Abbotsford campus in the newly upgraded multi-media lab. The lab will provide state of the art fully functional multi-media lab to service the CTC (Career Technical Centre) students, UCFV Continuing Studies students and UCFV Abbotsford campus students in CIS, Visual Arts, Fashion Design and Fine Arts. This is an exciting new opportunity for these areas.

Changes to the CIS program has included a proposal for direct entry to the CIS degree, allowing degree bound students to enter into the degree rather entering the diploma and laddering to the degree in third year. Interviews by the Deans during the summer registration blitz revealed that potential students were lost from many of the degree programs due to students being required to enter into the diploma first.

Our recent attendance at the Computing Science articulation meeting revealed that a number of the CIS/computer programs at the smaller institutions have been cancelled or are still experiencing dropping student numbers. The CIS department is very thankful that our numbers appear to be heading up rather than down. We would like to thank the UCFV management and the Board for being patient while we work through this downturn in the computing industry as a whole.

The most exciting news is that a recent upturn in the job market is providing students with far more jobs available than students to fill them. This is true for co-op positions in computing as well. We are hoping that the increase in jobs and student numbers is a solid indication that the dropping numbers in the computing area has turned a corner.

Library and Information Technology (LIBIT):

Congratulations to Venessa Wallsten, a LIBIT sessional instructor and UCFV librarian, on her appointment as University Librarian at the new Qwest University Canada in Squamish, B.C.

Recent graduate Sheila St. Laurent has been hired by UCFV's School of Criminology and Criminal Justice to organize and manage the School's print and electronic resources.

Christina Neigel was honoured at UCFV's Book Launch, sponsored by the Research Department.

The Library and Information Technology Program Student Association (LIBTSA) is very active this year. They are planning an author reading, new website and a logo contest.

Faculty of Trades & Technology

Advanced Vehicle Research:

An update on the 3-way partnership with UCFV, The University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC) and Eco Fuel Systems to carry out the conversion of the hybrid fuel system, which is facilitated at UCFV by Vern Wright, Automotive Instructor. The test vehicle has been in Colorado and has gone through some extensive emission-testing while there. Although the vehicle meets standards, there are some areas that will need some work and that will take place within the next few months. In October, the vehicle was driven from Denver, Colorado to Abbotsford and recorded the mileage on natural gas as well as gasoline. The total cost of fuel for the total trip of 2600 kilometers was \$155. The vehicle performed very well, but Eco Fuel Systems will make some changes that may result in lower emissions as well as improved performance. These changes will take place as soon as possible, and we will be testing the vehicle on the road as well as doing some dyno-testing with technicians from AirCare test centre. The hope is that we will have better results available early in the new year.

Architectural Drafting:

Tricia Thomson, Instructor – Ed Leave Sept 05 through April 06

During my Ed leave, I attended the third year of BCIT's four-year Bachelor of Technology in Architectural Science program. This full-time program was delivered from their Burnaby campus. The courses I completed during the year are noted below. I hope to work on completing the degree, over the next few years, through a combination of distance education, night school and possibly, short term release time.

This time spent back in the classroom as a student was revitalizing. Not only was the course content an invaluable update of information to work into our own Architectural Drafting Technician program, but the time spent with the students in the program allowed a greater appreciation of student concerns and priorities which, as an instructor, is invaluable. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in this learning experience.

Automotive Service Technician:

UCFV's Automotive programs hosted the Automotive Articulation meetings October 12 and 13. Chair Bernie Duncan worked with Automotive instructors Vern Wright and Dean Key to provide a well-organized and productive meeting for their provincial counter-parts.

The agenda addressed a number of issues that have affected the automotive program over the last year. This included new curriculum outlines, program durations, program variations, textbook options, and instructional resources.

Lloyd Stamm, CEO of the newly formed Automotive Industry Training Association (AITA) gave a perspective of the work that this group is doing. The mandate given this group by the Industry Training Authority (ITA) includes determining all the training needs and funding distribution for the automotive training programs in the province. The group questioned Lloyd on the recent determination by the ITA that Entry-Level Trades Training (ELTT) programs should now be 30

weeks, when industry representation clearly indicated they felt the programs should be 40 weeks in duration. It was explained that this was a directive from ITA and they would only fund the program to level-one technical training levels, and thus the duration determined by them was to be implemented. A new program outline was developed by the AITA to match the new durations and was distributed at the meeting.

Dave Gourley updated the group on the future of BC's AirCare Program. Major changes to this program resulting from automotive technological advances will have a large effect on future operations and the training requirements.

Susan Weber of Advanced Education Media Acquisitions Centre (AEMAC) also attended to work with the group on reviewing and updating license agreements for instructional media resources. The group continued to work with her on reviewing media materials and providing feedback, as well as bringing forward new sources of information.

Continuing Studies Programming:

Students registered for Fall 2006 – 175
(6 courses yet to start)

Students registered for Winter 2006 – 490

What's Hot

- Airbrake Training
- Jewellery Silversmithing
- Computer Assisted Drafting
- Building Service Worker
- Home Inspector's Program
- Motorcycle Training

- Commercial Vehicle Inspection
- Basic Wiring for Homeowners
- Welding (SMAW and GMAW)
- Cabinet Making
- CFC Recovery Certification

What's Not

- Gasfitting C and B
- Blacksmithing

- Electrical Code
- Forklift Certification

Professional Cook:

Starting September 2006 the Professional Cook program moved from the RCMP Training Academy over to the Chilliwack Campus. Not only is the training offered at the campus, but the program also took over and manages the Food Service for the Chilliwack Campus.

The cafeteria has now become known as the Campus Café, and all the students and staff seem to be flocking to the cafeteria. Between managing the business in the cafeteria, along with some outside catering functions, the students are kept busy learning and covering all facets of their chosen trade.

The instructor, Chef Bruce Corbeil has done a spectacular job in setting up the cafeteria, which is like starting and managing a business. A secondary spin-off to the cafeteria is the opportunity for registered UCFV students to become "student helpers"; hence, being able to earn some income to subsidize their training costs.

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