

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 2007

President's Report

Thanks to the many Board members who braved the snow to attend the Chilliwack announcement and/or the Chamber of Commerce meeting with the Premier. Everyone will likely agree that to have the new campus publicly announced is very gratifying. I'm sure everyone who was in the new Trades building for the first time now fully understands what an opportunity this new facility gives our Trades programming. Although, the Premier did not make the announcement we all wished to hear at the Chamber meeting, the support in the room for UCFV becoming a university was tremendous. Last year was an extraordinary year for UCFV, as the appended pamphlet demonstrates. It seems clear, given the events of January, that this year is continuing our success. I am taking a brief holiday from January 17 – 25 so as to catch my breath, so should be in very good shape at the February Board meeting. I enclose reports sharing the ongoing, intense activities at UCFV.

Faculty of Arts & Applied Arts

History:

Dr. Molly Ungar returned to the MSA Museum Annex on Thursday, January 11 to present "Myths and Legends of the New Year". This illustrated talk, with musical accompaniment, is a cultural journey through the ways people have marked, and still mark, the coming of the New Year.

Gwen Point, instructor for both the History department and the School of Social Work and Human Services was involved in the following activities over the Fall semester:

September

- participated in the First Nation Education Steering Committee and Ministry of Education English Language Arts 12 Advisory/Development Team meeting.

October

- participated in the Mt. Thurston Resort committee: Ch-ihl-kway-uhk Tribe information session presentation to the local Skwah First Nation community.
- presented "Healthy School and Community-Aboriginal Cultures in Canada" to Kent Elementary Aboriginal students and teachers.

November

- presented traditional Stó:lō welcome - Spindle Whorl Dancers for the Aboriginal Spirit: Honoring Women, Arts and Fashion event.
- attended Coqualeetza Reserve Creation Community to Community forum hosted by Stó:lō Nation Lands department.
- organized and hosted the book launch for *Call Me Hank*, authored by a local Stó:lō writer, and republished and celebrated in a Stó:lō ceremony. Gwen was asked to organize the creation of a bursary/scholarship from the sales of the book.
- sang a traditional Stó:lō welcome song for the opening ceremonies for the new GW Graham School.

December

- presented "Aboriginal Education Reform" for Boston University's Indigenous Perspectives program held at Chief Dan George Centre in Vancouver, BC.
- attended Indian and Northern Affairs Canada - Indian Studies Support Program Studies committee quarterly meeting.

Criminology/Criminal Justice:

Dr. Darryl Plecas, RCMP University Research Chair in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at UCFV, has received the Citizen of the Year distinction from Abbotsford mayor George Ferguson for his many years of research and for tackling the hard issues in the service of public safety.

Theatre:

The Theatre department opened Kevin Kerr's *Unity* (1918), the second production of the 27th season of theatre, on Friday, January 12. The play dramatizes the impact of the Spanish flu pandemic in the fall of 1918 on the inhabitants of Unity, Saskatchewan. VP Academic, Dianne Common hosted the opening night reception.

This Fall, UCFV's Shakespeare Garden was featured in a monograph entitled *Shakespeare in the Garden* by Mick Hales and published by Abrams of New York. The book includes wonderful photographs and accompanying text of gardens in Stratford, England; Central Park, New York; Northwestern University in Illinois; Stratford, Ontario; and the Shakespeare Garden at UCFV's Chilliwack campus. The author highlights the unique features of UCFV's Shakespeare Garden stating "it was seen not only as a multi-faceted teaching opportunity for the departments (Theatre, English, Agriculture and Health Sciences), but also as a community-building experience within the college and local environs...This community involvement has been one of the most successful aspects of the whole project."

Inclusion in this prestigious publication is yet another positive achievement for UCFV. Shakespeare Garden is a unique teaching and learning facility in which we can all take pride.

Faculty of Science, Health & Human Services

Agriculture:

In December, faculty member Tom Baumann visited staff and faculty from the University of Hawaii's Faculty of Agriculture, Hilo campus, and also met with agricultural extension workers for the island of Hawaii. Tom has developed specialty knowledge in integrated pest-management protocols for a number of tropical and semi-tropical crops. He is working on developing more linkages with the Hawaiian research, extension and teaching professionals in this area. The UCFV Department of Agriculture continues to maintain transfer arrangements for our students with the University of Hawaii. Recently, one of UCFV's agriculture grads recently completed the University of Hawaii Bachelor of Science in Horticulture and received excellent transfer credits from UCFV.

In December, faculty member Rose Morrison visited a number of Scottish crofters and will be relating some of her observations of small-scale agriculture, niche-marketing and Scottish agri-tourism to students in her Agricultural Sustainability courses, (Agri 130 and 230) and World Food Policy (Agri 270).

Director Norma Senn is on the national "set up" committee to develop an affinity linkage between the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) and the Canadian Association Diploma in Agriculture Programs (CADAP). Through ACCC and CADAP, several proposals are currently being developed for consideration by the National Sector Council on Agriculture, for joint funding by Agriculture-Agri-Food Canada and Human Resource Development Canada. Several national conference calls have been completed leading to a proposed Memorandum of Agreement between ACCC and CADAP to advance national education and training in agriculture. A conference will be held in Vancouver in February to further develop these proposals for funding.

Health Sciences:

The Health Sciences department continues to grow in size as we begin the faculty selections process for a new full-time faculty position in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program and two new full-time faculty positions in the Dental Hygiene program. The new position in the BSN program is one of the last full-time positions added in response to the increase in student FTEs and the expansion to dual intakes. The Dental faculty positions are in response to the implementation of the second-year of the Dental Hygiene diploma program in Fall 2007.

All Health Science programs readily fill program seats with the exception of the Home Support Resident Care Attendant (HS/RCA) program. Over the past five years we have experienced difficulty in filling all the seats in the HS/RCA program. This has been a phenomena shared by many HS/RCA programs throughout BC. With the expansion of long-term care-beds across B.C., it is critical we maximize our program intakes. With the assistance of the UCFV Marketing department, we are implementing several strategies targeted at specific audiences in the Fraser Valley to raise the profile of the HS/RCA program and to encourage potential applicants. We are hopeful that our marketing efforts will have a positive impact on our applicant pool.

There are several exciting scholarly activities in progress by some of the BSN faculty. Sheila Edwards will present her study entitled "Integration of Immigrants with English as an Additional Language Within Canadian Nursing" at the annual Ethel Johns Research forum February 3 at St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver. This spring, Sheila will participate in a poster presentation of this study in Yokohama, Japan at the International Council of Nurses Conference 2007. Samarjit Dhillon will also present her study entitled "Nursing Students' Perception of Faculty Support Towards Them in a University College Setting" at the Ethel Johns Research forum. Hannah MacDonald's manuscript entitled "Relational Ethics and Advocacy in Nursing: Literature Review" has been accepted for publication in the January 2007 issue (Vol. 57, Issue 2) of the *Journal of Advanced Nursing*. In addition, in collaboration with UCFV's Centre for Education and Research on Aging, potential research initiatives are currently being explored with our local partners in the Fraser Health Authority.

Kinesiology & Physical Education:

Faculty member Michael Gaetz has recently presented two papers in Miami, Florida: Gaetz, M., Parrott, H., Iverson, G.L. (2006). "The British Columbia Concussion Rehabilitation Program (BC-CRP): Normative and Case Data." Presented at the Brain Injury of the Americas

Conference (North American Brain Injury Society – NABIS), September 14-16, 2006, Miami, Florida.

Iverson, G.L., Brooks, B.L., Azevedo, A., Gaetz, M. (2006). "Modifying the British Columbia Concussion Recovery Program For Use With Injured Adults With Post-Concussion Syndrome." Presented at the Brain Injury of the Americas Conference (North American Brain Injury Society – NABIS), September 14-16, 2006, Miami, Florida. Heather Parrott, one of the co-authors, is now officially a Master's student in Kinesiology at SFU.

Faculty member Roger Friesen has provided sport psychology services to the UCFV teams for the last couple of years. He has provided 74 hours of such service since September. On September 12 he also hosted the BC Sport Psychology consulting group - an informal group of practitioners from the Lower Mainland meeting every second month to engage in various professional development initiatives.

Also in September, Roger presented on team-building and team-dynamics for athletes of Pacific Sport, and presented on parent/coach/athlete relationships for a gymnastics club coached by a former student, Tara Plantinga.

In October, Roger began the development of curriculum for BC Paramedics. This is a significant undertaking as it represents a new focus and direction for this profession. He is currently developing curriculum for two modules that will be incorporated at all levels of BC Paramedic training. He also developed and presented a workshop on stress management and functional teams for BC Paramedics - the first of its kind in Canada.

In November, faculty member Emilio Landolfi presented a scholarly presentation at the Coaching Association of Canada National Conference Research symposium. His presentation was on ethical issues in coaching, entitled, "Coaching as a Formative Process".

Faculty member Alison Pritchard Orr presented a poster presentation at the 2006 Northwest Regional Fetal Alcohol Spectral Disorder (FASD) conference (Washington, Alaska, Oregon and British Columbia) entitled: "Toward Exercise Intervention for Children with FASD: A Strength-Based Approach". This presentation was coauthored by Chris Bertram, and two student researchers (Ryan Konarski and Sean Conner).

Department Head, Greg Anderson published a book review on *Policing and Stress* (2005) edited by Heith Copes (Pearson Prentice Hall) in *Police Practice & Research*. He was the external examiner on one master's thesis, by N. Dinn from the Memorial University of Newfoundland, and is the external examiner of a PhD project, "Development and Validation of a Physical Fitness Test and Maintenance Standards for Canadian Forces Diving Personnel," by L. Goulet from the University of Victoria.

Greg also presented two invited presentations in New York at the IDEA Personal Trainers Conference, and most recently was in Whitehorse working with their Canada Games coaches, helping them with physical preparation planning for the Canada Winter Games to be held there in February. Roger Friesen followed up with a trip to Whitehorse to work with the same group, working on psychological preparation skills.

Faculty member Brian Justin published two articles in the *OnFitness Magazine* (America's number one personal training magazine) – one on the benefits of strength-training for women, and the other training the asthmatic client.

Faculty member Chris Bertram presented at two conferences: The Canadian Association of Coaches Research symposium in Vancouver in November, and the Sport Innovation (SPIN) Summit in Victoria in mid-October. These presentations included collaborations with five undergraduate students, and two UCFV faculty members. References to these presentations include:

Bertram, C.P., LaRoy, J.N., Marteniuk, R.G., Guadagnoli, M.A., and MacKenzie, C.L. (2006). "The Use and Disuse of Video in Coaching." CAC Coaching Research Symposium, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Palomaria, N.N., Brown, M., Leavitt, E., Cote, A., and Bertram, C.P. (2006). "The Effects of Video Modeling on Performance." Presented at: Sport Innovation (SPIN) Summit, Victoria, BC, Canada.

Bertram, C.P., LaRoy, J.N., Marteniuk, R.G., Guadagnoli, M.A., and MacKenzie, C.L. (2006). "Video Feedback in Performance Training: Benefits and Pitfalls." Presented at: Sport Innovation (SPIN) Summit, Victoria, BC, Canada.

Dickson, D., Gaetz, M., Guadagnoli, M.A., Marteniuk, R.G., & Bertram, C.P. (2006). "The Importance of Training Attentional Focus in Motor Skill Performance". Presented at: Sport Innovation (SPIN) Summit, Victoria, BC, Canada.

Huston, L., Leavitt, E., Guadagnoli, M.A., and Bertram, C.P. (2006). "The Effect of Explicit Knowledge and Attentional Training on Skilled and Unskilled Golfers." Presented at: Sport Innovation (SPIN) Summit, Victoria, BC, Canada.

Balzer, W.C., McFarlane, K.L., and Bertram, C.P. (2006). "The Effects of Manipulating Visual Feedback During Rowing Performance." Presented at: Sport Innovation (SPIN) Summit, Victoria, BC, Canada.

In December, faculty member Graham Fletcher went to Sheffield Hallam University (SHU) in the UK for research. He developed the liaisons with faculty at SHU during his PhD years; thus, enabling the current research project to materialize. There was also, via other contacts, the opportunity to bring a colleague from Russia: Dr. Andrei Pianzin who is Dean of Physical Culture from Cheboksary Chuvash State Pedagogical University. From the data collection, they expect to develop four to five papers on running biomechanics and running physiology that will be submitted for publication in scholarly journals. While in the UK, Graham also visited Bournemouth University in the south of the country to further the liaison with them in the hope he can conduct a research project examining lower-back injuries. Through this collaboration the planned research would partner with the largest building contractor in the UK (Mowlem).

Science Advising:

In December, Science Advisor, Darren Francis had an article titled, "Advisors' Role in Enrollment Management" published in the online journal *Academic Advising Today*. Darren has also recently completed a Master of Sciences in Education with a specialization in Enrolment Management through Capella University in partnership with Noel-Levitz.

School of Social Work & Human Services:

In December, Director Gloria Wolfson and faculty member Adrienne Chan presented at the International Conference on Social Work and Mental Health in Hong Kong. The presentation was "Mental Health Issues in Kith and Kin Child Welfare Placements" and represents research they are doing in collaboration with MCFD (Ministry for Children and Family Development).

Faculty of Community Access, Business and Information Technology

Teacher Education Program:

Dr. Paul Orłowski, Teacher Education Program (TEP) Department Head is actively promoting the UCFV TEP to various groups and communities.

This past November, he gave a presentation at the annual American Educational Studies Association. The well-attended presentation was called "Issues in Aboriginal Education" and took place in Spokane, Washington.

Another proposal for a presentation that Paul has offered has been accepted at the annual Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching (WestCast) conference. This presentation is called "Educating in an Era of Orwellian Mega-Spin: Media Literacy in Teacher Education and the Classroom," and is based on an article he wrote that was recently published in the *Canadian Journal of Education*. This conference will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in February 2007.

Two Selection Advisory Committees (SACs) have been formed to select and interview candidates for the two recently posted faculty positions in the Teacher Education program. The interviews will take place in the second half of January, possibly early February.

English for Career and Professional Integration (ECPI):

UCFV is offering an ECPI evening course. It is the Lower Mainland's first release of new English as a Second Language (ESL) curriculum, developed to help foreign-trained professionals continue their career paths in Canada. Please refer to the attached article from the Abbotsford Friday Magazine for more information.

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