

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 2010

President's Report

Reports received from academic and service units are included below. An update of the President's activities for the month of February will be presented at the meeting.

Faculty of Arts (Jacqueline Nolte, A/Dean)

History:

History department member and military historian Dr. Scott Sheffield delivered the first talk in the University Lecture Series on the evening of January 27. There was a good turnout to hear Dr. Sheffield's lecture "Mobilizing Indigeneity: Comparing Settler Societies and Indigenous Participation in the Second World War" which examined the differing and similar contexts of Indigenous wartime participation in Canada, the United States, Australia, and New Zealand.

UFV and the History department will be hosting an Enhanced Citizenship ceremony on April 8, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon in room B121. A number of new Canadians will emerge from the ceremony, and UFV faculty and staff will be involved in small roundtable conversations with those taking their citizenship before the ceremony takes place. A judge will administer the Oath of Citizenship following the roundtable discussions.

Visual Arts:

Senior sculpture students spent several weeks in early January preparing for their show *fully round*, which was on display until February 12 in the UFV Gallery. The twelve participating students exhibited work in a variety of media including fibre, fabric, and metal. First year sculpture students' exhibition *My Weary Heart* was on display February 9 - 12.

The first annual Visual Arts poster competition, *pARTicipate* was recently completed. This year's theme *Let's Get Physical* was chosen to coincide with the Olympics. The department offers a big thank you to our prize donors: Tim Segger, Vice-President of Administration; Dr. Jacqueline Nolte, Dean of Faculty of Arts; Cameron Roy, UFV Bookstore Manager; and Christine Wiebe, President, Abbotsford's Spirit of BC.

The 2010 BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) graduating class is in the midst of fund raising activities for their grad show. The 3rd Annual Silent Auction took place February 22 - 26, and details on the graduating class show will be available soon at:

http://www.ufv.ca/visualarts/BFA_Grad_Show.htm.

Two Visual Arts instructors are preparing for international exhibitions. Davida Kidd (Print Media) has been selected as one of the artists representing Canada at the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai, May 1 - October 31. More than 150 artists will be featured in Canada's themed creation, "*The Living City: Inclusive, Sustainable, Creative*", the brainchild of Cirque du Soleil, which signed a partnership with the federal government to produce the event. The Canada

Pavilion is expected to draw more than five million visitors or an average of 30,000 per day over the six-month Expo.

Shelley Stefan (Painting and Drawing) is the subject of a solo exhibition at the Azucarera Gallery, Harlem, New York City this summer 2010.

Two UFV photo students, Akeem Nermo and Jessica Parsons have been announced finalists in the *Photographer's Forum* magazine annual emerging photographers contest. Their photos were shortlisted from over 14,000 images. As finalists, they will be published in the annual contest book. We await word to find out if they will win the grand prize.

Faculty of Professional Studies (Rosetta Khalideen, Dean)

Dean's Office:

The Faculty Council in the Faculty of Professional Studies has been very active since its inception. The Council has established three standing committees to work on specific areas of development within the Faculty. The committees are: 1) Field Education and Practicum Placement, 2) Retention, and 3) Learning Exchange. The committees have begun identifying and working on their activities, with each committee reporting on its progress at Faculty Council meetings. The Council has also established an ad hoc newsletter committee to produce a Faculty of Professional Studies newsletter, with the first issue tentatively scheduled for February 2010.

The Faculty Council has appointed the following representatives to other Faculty Councils: Larry Howe, Faculty of Trades and Technology Faculty Council; Maple Melder Crozier, Faculty of Science Faculty Council; Cindy Stewart, Faculty of Arts Faculty Council; and Jan Lashbrook Green, Faculty of Access and Continuing Studies Faculty Council.

The Faculty Council is pleased to welcome two student representatives, Genevieve Kreye and Dirk Kerkhoff, and one sessional instructor representative, Sundeep Sandhu as voting members. The Council also welcomes Cheryl Isaac as the Faculty of Access and Continuing Studies Faculty Council representative; Andrea Hughes as the Faculty of Arts Faculty Council representative; and Colleen Bell and Diane Cruikshanks, sharing the role of library representative. In the Winter 2010 semester the Council hopes to finalize the appointment of a non-voting member from Senate.

Professional Development:

Another area of activity within the Faculty of Professional Studies is professional development for program heads and directors. There have been two professional development events to date for this group. The most recent was in December; the Dean facilitated a one-day retreat on the challenges of change, based on Peter Senge's model of the "learning organization". The retreat was well-attended and very positively received.

Early Childhood Education/Child & Youth Care:

As we work on our Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, we have been receiving encouragement from several sources, all indicating that we are on the right track with our proposal. One unanticipated turn of events has come with the request from the Fraser Valley school districts to also develop a program that would provide additional education to existing teachers who want to move from Intermediate grades of teaching to Kindergarten and Pre-

Kindergarten instruction. So, we are now working on another proposal for a program that would meet those needs in a partnership with local School Districts.

We welcome Christine Slavik back from her sabbatical leave as she begins to teach once again.

Maple Melder-Crozier reported to the department in December that the research project she has been involved with in partnership with MCFD (Ministry of Children & Family Development) and Big Brothers-Big Sisters to provide mentoring relationships with high school students at risk of dropping out of school has concluded and was very successful.

The BladeRunners project to deliver our Family Childcare certificate has concluded and it was a very successful program. Fourteen of the sixteen students have graduated and some of the students have expressed an interest in future studies at UFV. It is great to see at-risk, marginalized Aboriginal youth given the opportunities to improve their chances to move into meaningful careers, and it is very gratifying to see the results. The BladeRunners organization was a wonderful group to partner with and we are having discussions to repeat this project next fall.

Social Work and Human Services:

One of our diploma students, Reid Peters, won the Canada Post Aboriginal Education Incentive Award. Reid is a First Nation student from Seabird Island. He was the top student in his English 081 class. It was an essay written about his educational journey that won the award.

Dr. Adrienne Chan is part of a group of collaborative partners who were successful in receiving a grant from the Foundation for Canadian Studies in the U.K. The grant will be used to support two collaborative activities between the participating institutions. In addition to UFV, these include the Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Warwick, UBC, and Simon Fraser University. There is a proposed seminar and a collaborative research project which share a common theme of exploring issues of access, class, gender, race, social inclusion, and inequality in adult, community and higher education.

Dr. Adrienne Chan had a paper published on 'Health and Mental Health Issues for South Asian Families'. The paper will be presented in Dublin at the 6th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health; 'Changing Health' which is being held in June.

Dr. Leah Douglas was successful in a competition for a \$3750 seed grant from the Women's Research Network. She will be completing research related to Concurrent Disorders among Women in the Fraser Valley.

The Master of Social Work program was successful in passing the public posting process on the DQAB (Degree Quality Assessment Board). The final stage of the external approval process is a site visit from DQAB, which has been scheduled for April, 2010.

Faculty of Access and Continuing Studies (Karen Evans, A/Dean)

UUP (Upgrading and University Preparation):

Myles Mitchell was chosen to light the Olympic cauldron during the Chilliwack Olympic ceremonies February 7 in front of 10,000 cheering on-lookers. Myles is a 23-year-old man who

was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor when he was eleven years old. Since then, he has dealt with life one day at a time with a wicked sense of humor.

The committee who chose Myles for the honor of lighting the cauldron chose him because of his outlook on life, his generosity, and his entrepreneurship. Myles graduated from the University of the Fraser Valley Chilliwack Workplace TASK (Training in Attitudes, Skills & Knowledge for the Workplace) program in 2006. Workplace TASK is a UUP department pre-employment program for people with disabilities that is offered in Chilliwack and Mission. Since then, he has started his own internet business using his computer-aided art work stenciled on t-shirts, sweat shirts, and canvas bags. Myles donates much of what he earns from his business to an organization that holds a special place in his heart because of his own experiences there as a child -- Canuck Place.

AAS (Aboriginal Access Services):

Overview of Activities

Activities undertaken by the AAS from October 2009 to end January 2010 have been characterized by orientation and familiarization with UFV AAS services with the hiring of three new staff in October 2009: Aboriginal Access Coordinator, and two department assistants. The positions for Activities and Cultural Coordinator and for AAS Elder are continuing. All job descriptions for this group are currently under review and revision.

Staff schedules accommodate days at each campus (Chilliwack and Abbotsford) by all staff. Office operations set-up and a series of training sessions (webpage training, data collection, GroupWise, MS Office Word, Excel, and Publisher, minute taking, etc.), is being undertaken by department assistants.

Regular attendance at AAS centre includes tutors, work-study students and practicum students in part time attendance at AAS locations. Visual Arts 142, Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge 121, and some Psych 101 classes are run on Chilliwack AAS premises.

The S'OLH SHXWLÈLÍ cultural activities schedule has been developed for sessions from January to April. This schedule involves workshops, guest speakers, information sessions (financial aid, alcohol and drug resources), ceremonies and craft workshops.

The Abbotsford lounge has undergone a physical transformation of setting which is more appealing and functional, in addition to facilities repair for leakage.

Reports and Meetings

The AAS reports to and meets with the Teaching and Development Heads group and the Aboriginal Community Council which is facilitated by Shirley Hardman, Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs. AAS staff meetings are held bi-monthly. Other regular meetings attended on notice include the UFV Canada Education Park Design meetings; cultural planning; updates with Associate VP, Karen Evans, Department Head meetings; Aboriginal Community Council; and the Aboriginal Community Council sub-committee meetings. The AAS is also a member of the BC Post Secondary Aboriginal Coordinators group which met recently in Vancouver.

Public Events

The following public events were supported:

- Joseph Boyden (guest writer) reading in Abbotsford and class attendance in Chilliwack
- Guest researcher in IPK (Indigenous Peoples' Knowledge) 100 class, Chilliwack

- Ceremony for President and Vice-Chancellor with drummers Jonathon Williams and Jason Thompson
- Russian delegates and translator visit to AAC attended also by Vice-President, Academic, Eric Davis; Shirley Hardman; and Rasunah Marsden. An interesting exchange of questions to determine services available to Aboriginal students in both nations' regions ensued.
- Elder's luncheon
- Guest writer Al Hunter
- November 26. Herb Joe and Wendy Ritchie's presentation about the Reciprocal Research Network (Virtual Museum Online)
- November 30. Eric Anderson, 2nd year UFV student in the Child and Youth Care program, was elected on a three-year term as the Aboriginal Student Representative at UFV. He will be featured in upcoming newsletter.
- December 1. Christmas luncheons held at both campuses for Aboriginal students. Both events included giveaways, with the larger event at Chilliwack campus including elders and family member invitees.
- December 3. UFV student, Reid Peters receives \$1000 Canada Post Award at ceremony held at the AAS with dignitaries from Canada Post and from UFV.
- January 13. Elder Terry Prest meeting students in Abbotsford campus.

Recruitment

Staff has been alternating attendance at recruitment events:

- November 16 - Coquitlam Career Fair
- November 17 - SD 42 Aboriginal Career Fair (Maple Ridge Secondary School)
- January 19-21 - Healing Our People Residential School conference
- January 29 - Sto:lo Employment Services Career Fair

Newsletter

Monthly issues from November are put on AAS webpage on UFV website.

Other Notes

- A count provided by the Registrar's office in November 2009 lists 324 self-identified First Nations, Inuit, and Métis students as registered.
- Traffic fluctuations through both AAS locations is attended by much lower number of Aboriginal students day-to-day, depending on student needs for assistance, classes, workshops, events, tutelage, and other assistance needed.
- An emerging focus is student-driven activities, starting with a focus group or survey. Newly elected student Aboriginal rep., Eric Anderson, is keen to promote activities with students at both campuses, beginning with a meet & greet in Abbotsford (supported by SUS) that took place on February 24.
- New linkages and view of recruitment materials is being conducted in conjunction with Marcom, as well as attention to publicizing of upcoming events through all available avenues.

Graduate & Research Studies (Yvon Dandurand, Associate VP)

Graduate Certificate in Program Evaluation – update

The program has been approved and will be launched in May at the Canadian Evaluators Society annual conference in Victoria, with a program start date of September 2010. This is the first of UFV's graduate certificates and several more are in development.

Micro-lectures

In January, 14 UFV researchers took the two-minute challenge and presented a summary of their work at the university's first 'microlecture' event. Sessions can be found online at: <http://stream.ufv.ca/OnDemand/MARCOM/Microlectures.wmv>.

UFV Lecture Series

University of the Fraser Valley historian Scott Sheffield, is currently researching how settler societies interacted with their indigenous peoples during the wars, and he presented some of his findings at a special public lecture on Wednesday, January 27 as part of the inaugural UFV Lecture Series.

The second lecture in the 2010 UFV Lecture Series will feature Dr. Darryl Plecas, a renowned UFV criminologist. He will speak on successful crime reduction on Wednesday, March 10, at the Abbotsford campus lecture theatre.

Development Lessons from Conflict and Post-Conflict Zones:

Building a Country in the Midst of Crisis - Wed. Feb. 3

Terry Waterhouse of the UFV GDI (Global Development Institute) moderated a diverse panel of speakers and presenters discussing the hard-won lessons of development practitioners trying to build long-term sustainability in the midst of chaos, disaster, and violence. This event was sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee, Food for the Hungry, CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency), BC Council for International Cooperation, and the University of the Fraser Valley.

Forum on Human Trafficking

On January 29, a forum on Human Trafficking was held at UFV. The practice of modern day slavery is worldwide in scope, and is happening domestically, as well as internationally.

Speakers included:

- a. Yvon Dandurand, Associate Vice-President of Research and Graduate Studies at UFV
- b. Major Winn Blackman, Women's Ministries Director for the Salvation Army in BC
- c. Diane Sowden, Founder and Executive Director of the Children of the Streets Society
- d. Janneke Lewis, lawyer and advocate at North Shore Law

A few striking statistics:

- the average age for recruitment in Canada is 13 to 15 years of age
- it is the second largest criminal endeavour in the world - behind drug trafficking
- conservative estimates say there are currently between 25 to 32 million persons enslaved in human trafficking worldwide

Publication Celebration - March 4

Similar to a recent book publication celebration, the Deans and AVP (Associate Vice-President) Research & Graduate studies will be hosting a celebration of peer reviewed articles on Thursday, March 4 in the Centre for Indo Canadian Studies from 4-6 p.m.

Child Trafficking in Haiti

The UFV GDI (Global Development Institute) responded to a request to develop a short training curriculum for law enforcement and border guards in Haiti, to help prevent child smuggling and trafficking. This training has recently taken place.

Student Services (Vi Chappell, Director)

Student Life, Housing, and Campus Recreation:

New Student Orientation

Fall orientation was attended by 950 students. The day was full of activities ranging from campus tours, peer-networking, faculty interaction, food and fun. Sixty-eight volunteer student orientation leaders and representatives from thirty-four academic departments played a significant role in making the orientation a success. Winter orientation took place in Chilliwack on January 6 and in Abbotsford on January 7, 2010.

Student Clubs and Associations

We now have more than fifty-six student clubs and associations who are far more organized, active, and sustainable than in the past. Their involvement ranges from participation in regular meetings, discussions on university directions, and student run events. Over 2000 students have participated in the more than forty student run events this semester, running the gamut from movie nights to speakers, Ramadan dinner and Diwali celebrations, zombie walks, free pancake breakfasts, Japanese culture activities, Remembrance Day peace forum, ice cream socials, mocktails, and a curling bonspiel.

Student Outdoor Life and Recreation (SOLAR)

SOLAR had a wonderful fall, with well attended hiking trips, canoeing, cave exploring, and a hot springs tour. Their last trip of the fall semester is snowshoeing in Manning Park.

Campus Recreation

The month of December was a month of activity. All of our Campus Recreation league intramural programs geared up for the tournament finals. Campus Recreation hosted a Dodge ball tournament on November 21 that was enjoyed by many students. Medals and trophies were awarded for best team, most valuable player, and most sportsmanship.

Angel Tree 2010

This year we had a total of 77 families and 164 children participating in the Angel Tree program, hoping to have their Christmas wishes filled. The response to this initiative from the UFV community has been outstanding.

University House

University house is the place to hang out, meet new friends, study, work on group projects, eat, sleep, and attend many of the student functions. Clubs and associations regularly book Uhouse for their meetings and events. On any given day the open lounge space is being used by a minimum of one hundred and fifty students.

Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute had another successful semester offering the "Leadership Challenge" to all students who were interested in developing their leadership skills. The Leadership Weekend in November focused on responding to the questions related to the UFV strategic plan. In 2010, we will focus on an improved information system and a peer developed student leadership conference scheduled during the reading break of 2010.

Residence Services

This fall the residence was fully occupied.

