

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

May 2009

President's Report

This is the last report to the Board I shall make as president of UFV. On the one hand, it feels as though my entire career has been at UFV; on the other hand the last eleven years have passed in a flash. Thanks to the amazing efforts by the students, faculty, staff, community, and the Board, I am able to approach the end of my term knowing it has been a successful one overall. I shall not review the eleven years here, but simply wish to thank you for the investment of time and energy far beyond the normal call of duty for board members, and for the wonderful support you have provided for UFV and for me. I look forward to watching UFV's continuing success in years to come, as you carve out exciting new directions for university education in Canada.

I append reports from the Development Office, Faculty of Arts, and Graduate and Research Studies, as well as an annual report from UFV International and a report on recruitment and retention from the Faculty of Professional Studies.

Development Office

- 1) The call centre has been actively calling two nights a week since January 29. Approximately 14,000 calls have been made to UFV alumni attempting to connect with them, tell them what is happening at UFV, and request their financial support. Calling ended on April 30.
- 2) We have received a \$15,000 grant from the Loyal Protestant Association for our dental program as a result of a grant application submitted.
- 3) Daryl Plecas and the School of Criminology are providing \$12,500 for a student award and have challenged the Fraser Valley Indo-Canadian Business Association to contribute the same, which they have agreed to.
- 4) The Development Office met its fundraising goal for the 08/09 fiscal year of \$1,675,000 achieving a 25 percent increase in donations compared to 07/08.

Faculty of Arts

UFV once again hosted *Historica*, the Historica Foundation's national series of history fairs, on April 30 and May 1. *Historica* encourages the study and appreciation of Canadian history, and this year 120 students in grades four to nine, from schools in Agassiz, Abbotsford, Hope, and Maple Ridge, took part in the event, which was opened by Lieutenant Governor Steven Point.

Students participating in *Historica* all produced poster displays on a range of historical topics, some dealing with local issues, and some with a more national focus. The History department's Molly Ungar and Robin Anderson worked closely with the MSA Museum Society to coordinate the event. A number of community organizations were also represented, providing information and/or demonstrations on everything from genealogy to weaving.

A number of departments within the Faculty of Arts have recently hosted very successful events, bringing many visitors to both the Chilliwack and Abbotsford campuses.

Theatre:

The Theatre department's fourteenth annual Directors' Festival took place April 22-26. This exciting event showcased some of the best young theatre talent in BC, featuring a cornucopia of one act plays, some original and some tried and true. The festival provides a variety of opportunities for involvement, with productions directed, acted and often written by theatre students from throughout the province.

Fine Arts:

On April 24 the newly renovated UFV Gallery on the Abbotsford campus re-opened with *Therefore*, an exhibition of works by graduating Bachelor of Fine Arts students Anyssa, Janet Comer, Eduardo Dioses, Raimond Domino, and Colin Watchorn. For more information on the students and their works, go to http://www.ufv.ca/visualarts/Therefore_2009.htm.

Fashion Design:

On Wednesday, April 29, graduates of the Fashion Design diploma program presented two shows on the Abbotsford campus, both to packed audiences. *Absolute Style 2009* showcased designs for specialty markets including swimsuits, evening wear, tailored jackets, and coats. Students' work in weaving, machine knitting, surface design, and draping was also highlighted. The graduating class of eighteen students (listed below) each presented their collections.

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| Corey Bond | Brandie McGreish |
| Nancy Chi | Emily McIntyre |
| Sarah Davis | Jennifer McManaman |
| Christina Dietterle | Sigal Singh |
| Christa Dunlop | Courtney Stewart |
| Gina Hopkins | Jennine Vidal |
| Kidde Itto | Julianne Wang |
| Tomoha Kobayashi | Vanessa Watkins |
| Amelia MacArthur | Sarah Yarwood |

Indigenous Arts certificate program:

The first graduating class of UFV's year-long Indigenous Arts certificate presented their completed masks to the community at a celebration of their work on Tuesday, April 28 in the Chilliwack Theatre. The eleven artisans are Crystal Chapman, Isadore Charters, Vern Millward, Harvey Robinson, Ali Buffalo, Bernadette James, Augie Williams, Lee Prevost, Tony Williams, Vaughn Jones, and Ron Austin, Jr. They have been guided and mentored by instructor Francis Horne, Sr. and technician Rocky LaRock. The event also featured a ten-minute documentary video of the student carvers entitled *In the Moment*, produced by UFV student Debbie Bob, and was followed by the introduction of a new Sto:lo Tourism Commission video entitled *Beautiful Land of the Sto:lo*.

Geography:

The Geography department has completed another very busy year, and recently compiled a report detailing changes in faculty and programming; faculty research, publications, and presentations; inter- and intra-university collaborations and field schools; student research, conference presentations, and awards; and an overview of the department's programs, facilities, and future plans. The entire report is available from the Dean's office, Faculty of Arts (e-mail: deborah.greenfield@ufv.ca)

Graduate & Research Studies

Granting Councils Applications

This year, no one from UFV applied for a Standard Research Grant from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council. Three of our faculty members applied for a discovery grant from the National Science and Engineering Council of Canada; unfortunately none of them was successful this year.

Student Research Day

UFV's annual Student Research Day was held on April 1, in conjunction with the Fraser Valley Science Fair which, this year, was hosted by UFV. Over 50 students submitted poster presentations of their research projects which were judged by faculty. Major prizes were awarded to Gabrielle Thomson (Dean of Arts Award); Melissa Prachnau and Heather Wiebe (Dean of Science Award); Kevin VanderBoom (Luminescence Dating Lab Award); and the top prize went to Justine Cullen (AVP of Research Award). Additional prizes were provided by Employee Services, the Career Centre, Bookstore, and our NSERC representative. Many community sponsors also supported the event: Parks and Recreation, Mission Golf, Ricardos, Gallery 7 Theatre, Nelson Education, Oxford Publishing, Wiley and Sons Publishing, and Prentice Hall.

The Undergraduate Student Research Excellence Awards

Each year the Research and Graduate Studies office holds the UFV Undergraduate Research Excellence award competition. Students are nominated by a faculty member, and each degree granting department puts forward a recommendation to the AVP Research. Each award is worth \$1,000 and goes to a student who has demonstrated excellence in research conducted in particular discipline under the supervision of a faculty member. This year's awards will be presented at a celebration dinner held at the Ramada Inn on June 8. Board members, as usual, are welcome to attend.

Research Advisory Council's proposal concerning academic ranks and tenure

A joint FSA-management committee is looking into establishing ranks and tenure at UFV. The Research Advisory Council, which advises the Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies, recently produced a statement on how rank and tenure might look at UFV. The statement speaks to the role of rank and tenure at a teaching intensive university and gives recommendations on ranks and titles, initial appointments, progression through ranks, and setting rank and tenure committees. This has generated a great deal of discussion within departments and the RAC has encouraged individual departments to submit statements that express their discipline's unique perspective on rank and tenure.

UFV Research Journal

Volume 2, Issue 2 of the *UFV Research Journal* was just released. It is a thematic publication focussing on: "Through Student's Eyes: Selected Papers from the Stó:lō Ethnohistory Field School". I recommend that you have a look at that issue, you will find it most interesting and you will also see the journal's new web page - <http://journals.ucfv.ca/rr/>

Presentations

On April 16, a paper on "Prison Reform in Post-Conflict Societies", co-authored by Yvon Dandurand (AVP – Research and Graduate Studies) and Mark Lalonde, was presented at a workshop on Prison Overcrowding held during the 18th session of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, in Vienna. The paper summarized some of the lessons learned during various initiatives to rebuild criminal justice institutions in post-conflict situations. The case of Southern Sudan in which Yvon Dandurand and Terry Waterhouse (School of Criminology) have been involved in was used as a case study.

In mid-April, the United Nations published a *Handbook on Criminal Justice Response to Terrorism* written by Yvon Dandurand. The handbook delineates various aspects of international law and provides law enforcement and criminal justice officials with guidance in dealing with some of the key issues they face in their efforts to respond to terrorist crimes. The handbook is also meant to help policy makers and political leaders in the shaping of new or enhanced counter-terrorism law, policies and practices. The book explains how measures taken by States to fight terrorism must and can respect human rights and the principle of the rule of law. It covers a number of controversial issues such as arbitrary arrests and detention, incognito detention (Guantanamo), interrogation and torture, illegal deportation and extraordinary rendition of prisoners, shooting without warning, targeted killings, and preventive detention.

This month, the Ministry of the Attorney General of B.C. is releasing a comparative study on "Addressing Inefficiencies in the Criminal Justice Process" also conducted by Yvon Dandurand. The study offers an overview of some of the key issues involved in improving the efficiency of criminal justice systems and the general approaches used in various jurisdictions to improve that efficiency. The study was presented at a meeting of Federal, Provincial, and Territorial Meeting of Deputy Ministers Responsible for Justice.

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