

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 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 October will be presented at the meeting.

## Faculty of Arts (Jacqueline Nolte, Dean)

### **School of Criminology and Criminal Justice:**

The School is pleased to welcome new faculty member Dr. Zina Lee.

Instructor Terry Waterhouse is involved in an ongoing project dealing with prison reform in Southern Sudan, sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. As part of this, he has conducted an assessment of the juvenile justice system and assisted in the development of alternatives to imprisonment. He also worked with colleagues at Masinde Muliro University in Kenya on the development of a collaborative research project on juvenile justice and the rights of children. In addition, he recently partnered with UNICEF on a study of juvenile crime prevention in Vietnam.

Senior Research Chair, RCMP, Dr. Darryl Plecas presented a paper (with instructor, Dr. Martha Dow as co-author) as an invitee to the Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University in July. The paper was based on an evaluation of the planning and execution of security for the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. In July, Dr. Plecas, along with Jennifer Armstrong, one of our incoming graduate students, spent two days with police and justice officials in the United Kingdom learning about Automated License Plate Recognition for a study they are doing for RCMP Traffic Services Division. Dr. Plecas gave a presentation at the annual general meeting of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police in Edmonton, talking on the issue of information sharing in law enforcement. Dr. Plecas also attended the first meeting of the Safety and Security Advisory Committee for the Saskatchewan Global Transportation Hub Authority. Dr. Plecas is the Chair of the committee, which is made of public safety experts from the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States. Currently, there are three UFV Graduate students and four UFV undergraduate students at the RCMP training facility in Regina conducting a study for the RCMP on recruits.

Instructor Amanda McCormick recently completed a study on domestic violence and the police response to these incidents.

### **Social, Cultural, and Media Studies:**

Instructor Christine Elsey is hosting an anthropology book club. Students are meeting weekly from October 12 to November 16 to discuss *Ethnicity, Inc.* by John L. and Jean Comaroff.

Instructor Darren Blakeborough played a key role in organizing *Adventures in Aging: Search for the Fountain of Youth*, a one-day colloquium presented by the CERA (Centre for Education and Research on Aging) that took place on October 15, 2010.

As she has for the past few years, instructor Katherine Watson helped coordinate a Graduate Studies Student Information Session, held on November 3, 2010.

**English:**

CBC-TV's news anchor-journalist Gloria Macarenko, accompanied by sports reporter Shane Foxman, was on campus in Abbotsford to speak to students from the new Journalism Certificate program on September 23. Gloria spoke about her background and how she got into the television news business. Gloria and Shane responded to questions from UFV students during a journalism/media-related Q & A session.

**Faculty of Access and Continuing Studies (Sue Brigden, Dean)**

**UUP (Upgrading and University Preparation)**

The UUP department has had a great start to the fall 2010 semester, with well-enrolled, on-campus classes in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Mission, and Hope. The department continues to work with community partners to offer off-campus literacy programming in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, and the Adult Special Education program, Workplace TASK (Training in Attitudes, Skills and Knowledge for the Workplace), on the Chilliwack and Mission campuses.

Our students continue to impress us with their accomplishments. Several have returned to let us know they have completed their Bachelor degrees or training in other programs of the institution. In September, Hope Centre instructor, Susan DeLong, was proud to see her student, Kam Fung Li, receive a Writing Centre writing prize.

The highlight of our fall start-up was a Harrison River boat cruise that included people from the department, the institution, and the community. The cruise, which was guided by the very knowledgeable Chehalis Band member, Darren Charlie, helped all participants learn more about the history and culture of the Harrison River and to connect with each other.

**Graduate and Research Studies (Yvon Dandurand, Associate VP)**

**Research Publications:**

The annual Publications and Research catalogue lists publications and presentations of our faculty and students. It is also available on the website at <http://www.ufv.ca/Research/Publications.htm>.

The UFV Research Showcase folder includes inserts that highlight work of our centres, faculty and students. Additional inserts are in production and the folder allows for easy updating as well as customizing the information for specific audiences.

Both publications have been distributed to the Board.

**Collaboration with MMUST (Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology)  
Kenya:**

UFV has received a small grant from CIDA(Canadian International Development Agency/AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada) to work collaboratively on a strategic

partnerships project on strengthening higher education with the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology in Kenya.

**Development for a New Generation:**

The Development for a New Generation project is funded by a CIDA public engagement grant and UFV graduate Baraa Ali has been hired to manage it. The project will increase the awareness, understanding and engagement of secondary school aged youth in the Fraser Valley on Canada's approach to sustainable international development with particular focus on improving health and strengthening basic education.

**GDI (Global Development Institute):**

Garry Fehr has been appointed as Director of the GDI for the next two years. Garry will be building on the excellent foundation set by previous director Cherie Enns and the institute's associates.

**Canada Research Chairs:**

UFV's Canada Chair, Hugh Brody is submitting an application for renewal of his Tier 1 Research Chair. His next body of work continues in Aboriginal studies.

UFV has been allocated a CRC (Canada Research Chair) Tier 2, and a Task Force was set in summer with faculty from both Sciences and Humanities to set the terms of reference for this position. It was agreed to post a position for a CRC in an agriculturally related field in the area of food and water safety and security, and productive and sustainable agricultural practices and technologies, as described in UFV's Strategic Research Plan. A SAC (Selection Advisory Committee) was held over the summer and a number of excellent candidates were interviewed. Dr. Lenore Newman from Royal Roads University was selected and a proposal is being submitted to the Chairs Program. Dr. Newman's work is in sustainable urban food systems and her proposed research program is titled Food Security and the Environment.

**University Press:**

UFV Press recently published a book *Making Waves: Reading BC and Pacific Northwest Literature* edited by Trevor Carolan. UFV Press is experimenting in a partnership with a private publisher, Anvil Press, on this book.

**UFV Journals:**

UFV is finalizing an agreement with the publishing company EBSCO (Elton B Stephens Company) for much wider distribution of our two journals: *Research Review*, and *The Journal of Historical Biography*.

