

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 2010

The following report has been submitted by the office of the Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies. An update of the President's activities for the months of May, June, July and August will be presented at the meeting.

Faculty of Professional Studies (Rosetta Khalideen, Dean)

ECE/CYC (Early Childhood Education/Child and Youth Care):

The ECE/CYC department is conducting a full department review during the 2010/2011 academic year. A review committee has been formed and the process got underway in late August with a one-day department retreat. We are looking forward to working through the review process and producing a report for Senate by next spring.

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education program proposal has been completed in draft form and will hopefully be presented to the Faculty of Professional Studies Faculty Council this fall. We hope to move the proposal through the approval process this academic year and begin offering this program in September 2011.

The successful BladeRunners Family Child Care program from last fall has been proposed for a repeat delivery this fall. We are in final preparations for developing an agreement for this educational partnership between BladeRunners and UFV, and we look forward to working with BladeRunners again.

School of Social Work and Human Services:

In July, the School received notice from the Ministry of Advanced Education that the Masters in Social Work program has been approved.

Dr. Adrienne Chan recently returned from Hanoi, Vietnam, where she was working with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) and the MOLISA (Ministry of Labour, Invalids, and Social Affairs), which is the Ministry responsible for Child Protection issues in Vietnam. The project was funded by UNICEF. Dr. Chan is working with Associate Vice-President Yvon Dandurand on a Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators document for the child protection system. Long-term work will be identified to build capacity and monitoring for the child and family system.

School of Health Sciences:

Forty-eight students began the BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) program in September 2009; 15 of these students entered the first offering of the new fast track program option in May of this year. The fast track option allows students to complete the four-year nursing degree

program in three years. Fast track students enter the third semester of the program in the spring following completion of the winter term, while their peers were released for the summer. Classroom instruction for the fast track program took place on the Chilliwack campus throughout the summer. The combination of classroom and clinical activities this summer involved seven faculty members, including new faculty member, Noorjahan Jaganath, who took a significant role in classroom instruction.

After a year of preparation, a Full Review – Self Evaluation Report about the BSN program was submitted to the CRNBC (College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia) at the end of July. The report describes the program in significant detail and is intended to demonstrate how the program meets the Nursing Education Standards of the CRNBC, as well as how students and graduates meet professional practice requirements. This is the first step in the review of the program, which will continue this fall. The program was last reviewed in 2005.

The CDA (Certified Dental Assisting) program has received a letter from the National Dental Assisting Examining Board advising that all 24 program graduates who wrote the June 2010 examination passed. In addition, UFV was also advised that the average score attained by UFV graduates was almost 10 percent higher than the average score attained by all first-time exam takers. Rosie Friesen, CDA program coordinator, indicates that CDA graduates continue to do well in obtaining employment, with many receiving employment offers before completing the program.

On August 1, 2010, UFV submitted its third and last progress report on the Dental Hygiene program to the CDAC (Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada). The progress reports were required as follow-up from the full program accreditation survey which took place in 2008. However, as the program will be reviewed again as an established program early in 2011, work is currently underway to prepare another full report on program curriculum and operations. This report will be submitted to CDAC this fall.

The School has recently experienced a number of retirements from key positions. In the spring, Sandi McGladdery retired from her role as Program Coordinator and instructor in the HCA (Health Care Assistant) program. At the end of June, Shauna Warner retired from the position of Program Coordinator and instructor in the Dental Hygiene program. At the end of July, Janice Corbeil and Christine Sawatzky, who occupied two key staff positions as Program Assistant and Administrative Assistant to the Director respectively, retired from UFV after many years of exceptional and dedicated service.

With the loss of Coordinators in the program areas, some experienced instructors have agreed to take on their roles. Dental Hygiene instructor Leta Zaleski is now the Coordinator for that program, and Health Care Assistant instructor Gianina Bocsanu is now the Coordinator for the HCA program. Melody Penny has joined the School in the Program Assistant position. Recruitment for the Administrative Assistant position is in progress.

The School also welcomed three new full-time faculty members this summer. Noorjahan Jaganath and Lisa Almos have joined the BSN program. Adele Phillips joined the Practical Nursing program. Both Lisa Almos and Adele Phillips have worked previously for UFV as sessional instructors. With the increase in faculty numbers over the last several years, it has been necessary to expand available office space by furnishing a former lab in the Health Sciences building at the Chilliwack campus with cubicles and furniture for faculty.

Another significant recent change in personnel is that, after over four years of service as Director in the School, Hannah MacDonald stepped down from the role and will return to the role of Coordinator for the BSN program. At the end of June, the School of Health Sciences welcomed Dr. Diane Reed as Interim Director for a one-year term. Dr. Reed brings to the position an extensive background in education for the health sciences and a diverse experience in the delivery and administration of post-secondary education in several institutions in Western Canada.

School of Business:

This fall the School welcomes Kevin deWolde as a new faculty member in the Accounting area.

Earlier this year, under the coordination of Dr. Don Miskiman, the School provided feedback to the University of Malawi Polytechnic on its proposal to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business and Organizational Communication. The School was recently notified that the degree proposal has been approved by the University of Malawi's Senate.

The School is involved in discussions with Lucerne University of Applied Arts and Sciences (Switzerland) about partnering in future programs.

Teacher Education Program:

The program graduated its most recent cohort in June, and a new cohort began the program during the summer.

The program is currently searching for a new Program Head.

Adult Education:

A restructuring committee has been created to oversee a restructuring of the program, with the intent of attracting more students to the program and increasing its profile. The committee has internal and external representation. The committee will hold its first meeting in mid-September, and hopes to have a newly restructured program in place for the next academic year.

Office of the Dean of Professional Studies:

Dr. Fiona McQuarrie has been appointed as Interim Associate Dean for a one-year term ending July 31, 2011.

