

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 2007

President's Report

On Friday, February 16 we received word that the Employers' Bargaining Committee and the college and university college faculty union had reached an agreement. UCFV had, as you know, concluded our agreement last spring, but were tied to the results of the other University Colleges and the Colleges for the exact terms of the financial settlement. That is now determined, as per the chart I have appended to this report.

On that day we also, in accordance with the terms set by the Board, have concluded a Memo of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Abbotsford for the Sports and Entertainment Centre to be situated at the edge of the Abbotsford campus. There are several legal and provincial steps ahead, to be sure, but we are making significant progress. When completed, the facility will be of great benefit to the University and the City, providing a much richer interaction than we have had before.

On February 8, I was one of the presenters at the annual Higher Learning Symposium in Vancouver. This is co-sponsored by the University Presidents' Council, University Colleges Consortium, Colleges of British Columbia, and Clark Wilson LLP. It brings together the entire higher education system, including the Ministry for a day of dialogue and networking. I spoke on international education, using our Indo-Canadian initiative as an example of how the post-secondary sector can partner with the Province on its Pacific Gateway Strategy.

Tomorrow (February 20) I shall be at the Budget "lock-up" in Victoria, and we do not expect any major surprises. Barring them, we do have a balanced budget to submit to the March Board meeting. It should be mentioned, that the Ministry has confirmed UCFV's FTE additions over the next three years as originally announced in the Strategic Investment Plan. Some institutions were having them spread over four years and some are having them reduced. Our ability to fill seats in the past has led to our previously assigned FTEs being confirmed.

On Wednesday, February 21 I shall attend a meeting of secondary school superintendents and college and university college presidents called jointly by the Ministry of Education and Advanced Education. It will be a day of looking at how to coordinate better around both adult basic education and Trades. UCFV has had numerous meetings with local superintendents, in order to get ahead of the curve on this initiative. I shall report on this meeting at the Board meeting.

Research & Industry Liaison

UCFV signed a collaboration agreement with the Fraser Health Authority (FHA) on February 19. The agreement will facilitate research collaboration between our researchers and the FHA. This is one more step in developing a closer research collaboration between the two organizations.

Faculty of Arts & Applied Arts

Criminology/Criminal Justice:

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice celebrated the participation of over 90 student volunteers who took part in the Automatic License Recognition, a study which was conducted in partnership with IMPACT (Integrated Municipal/Provincial Auto Crime Team). This celebration included the IMPACT team members who presented the students with fleece IMPACT jackets as well as participation certificates signed by Sgt. Rick Stewart and the School's own Dr. Darryl Plecas. According to members of IMPACT, it was a pleasure to include School of Criminology and Criminal Justice students in a project that will "revolutionize the way we police in Canada".

Fashion Design:

The fall semester began at a hectic pace, with field trips to BC Fashion Week and the Apparel BC Industry Recognition Event, and by preparing for the October Women's Show held at the Tradex at the Abbotsford International Airport. Current students and past graduates 'wowed' the crowd with one-of-a-kind design garments and apparel. Creative styles were embellished and decorated through surface design processes, or fashioned from unique machine knitted or hand woven designer fabrics.

In October, Fashion Design students were involved in the Annual Apparel BC Industry Awards and Fashion Show. Two fashion graduates from 2006 opened the show. The styles and designs of their fashion lines, which were developed at UCFV, matched in style and quality to the featured clothing from apparel designs and manufacturing companies here in BC.

Fashion faculty also attended career fairs at various area schools in October to promote UCFV and the Fashion program.

In December, Fashion Design (in conjunction with Visual Arts) hosted an Open Day for local students and parents with demonstrations and displays. Positive connections were made with high school teachers and counselors. In addition, Paula Funk (Program Advisor for Fashion Design and Visual Arts) was involved in *Interweave*, an exhibit of UCFV student art, held in downtown Abbotsford's former post-office on Montrose Avenue.

In early January, Fashion Design, International Education, and the Dean of Arts and Applied Arts attended a presentation from Optitex, an innovative software company specializing in two dimensional patterns and 3D imaging for the apparel industry. This software has the potential to open many opportunities for UCFV by merging animation, fashion, apparel and graphic design within many educational and research applications.

Fashion faculty and students have begun planning the Absolute Style 2007 fashion show. The show will be held on April 19, 2007 in the Student Activity Centre (Abbotsford campus). The creative and technical styles and materials produced by the fashion design students are regularly showcased in the changing hallway and window displays near the fashion labs in Building D.

History:

Our Stó:lō History course (HIST 103), designed and taught by Gwen Point, was featured in an article in the *Chilliwack Progress* on February 6, 2007 ("Out of the classroom for Stó:lō immersion," by Jennifer Feinberg). The innovative approach of the course, which is based on

immersion in Stó:lō history and culture through field trips to various sites of significance, is highlighted along with Point's long-term commitment to increasing access of Aboriginal students to education. Point has a joint appointment with the History department and the School of Social Work and Human Services. The full text of the article can be found at:

http://www.ucfv.ca/MarCom/Newsroom/Sto_loHistory.htm. For more information about the course, see http://www.ucfv.ca/history/Sto_loHistory.htm.

Geography – Annual Report to the Board:

Faculty Changes:

Instructors Dave Gibson, MA and Dr. Don Tunstall, the department's two most senior appointments took retirement, while Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh, who had been with the department for 13 years, including the last four as Department Head, left the department to take up a position of Dean of Science and Technology at Douglas College. Dr. Ken Brealey has been appointed as the new Department Head effective January 1, 2007.

Two new faculty have been hired: (1) Dr. Scott Shupe (University of Arizona), who will develop the Geographical Information System (GIS) stream and capacity; and (2) Dr. Jonathan Hughes (Simon Fraser University), who will develop a new stream in bio-geography and environmental change. Together, both are strengthening the department's physical geography and techniques streams. Gary Fehr, ABD (All But Dissertation - PhD expected May 2007) has also been appointed to the department, with a start date of August 1, 2007. Gary is expected to continue a portion of David Gibson's core courses, as well as develop his own courses in cultural and environmental geography. Gary brings to the table expertise in the rural space economies of India, and so, along with Cherie Enns, Member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP), will strengthen Geography's links to the new Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies.

Faculty Research:

Some of the yearly highlights include Cherie Enns, who received a \$20,000 Shastri Award (with an additional \$5,000 from UCFV) to cover research, present papers and/or cover expenses associated with her work on development and planning issues in India. Cherie also has a number of local projects ongoing in the Lower Fraser Valley, India and Kenya, generally dealing with planning issues and the creation of more child-friendly cities and communities. She is collaborating with local planning agencies in Vancouver, Chilliwack and Abbotsford.

Dr. Olav Lian has been very productive, receiving a \$120,959 National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Research Tools and Instruments (RTI) grant, and an \$80,000 BC Knowledge Development Fund grant in the amount of \$60,000. Olav has also secured \$80,000 NSERC Post-doctoral Fellowship (PDF) for Gloria Lopez, a PhD candidate from McMaster University, to work in the lab at UCFV. Olav continues with his research in quaternary science and post-glacial change in the Baker Lake area of the Canadian Arctic.

Ken Brealey has been active in a trio of land claim research initiatives for First Nations in British Columbia. He completed the lay witness map series for the Xení Gwet'in and Tsilhqot'in First Nation advocacy phase in the matter of *Williams vs. Her Majesty the Queen (HMTQ)*, and is currently researching traditional Hulq'umin'um fisheries for the Hwilitsum First Nation for treaty negotiation purposes and both the Documentary and Traditional Use Study map series and reports for the Okanagan Indian Band in *HMTQ vs. Wilson*.

Claire Beaney, MSc, continues her own work investigating the spatial and temporal variants of wetland pollutants in the Lower Fraser Valley. Steven Marsh was on sabbatical this past fall, but co-authored a report on the 2004 Abbotsford Aquifer Nitrate Study, and also is serving as co-editor of the *Georgia Basin – Boundary Habitat Atlas* due this spring. He continues collaborative community work with the Friends of Semiahmoo Bay, Little Campbell Watershed Society, Abbotsford Sumas Aquifer Stakeholders Committee, Shared Waters Alliance and Silverdale Wetland Committee.

Drs. Olav Lian, Scott Shupe and Jonathan Hughes are currently on the UCFV research option.

Faculty Publications and Presentations:

Departmental members have been busy with publications for academic peer review journals and/or books and unpublished reports prepared for external agencies or consultancies. In 2006, Olav Lian published two solo articles for the *Encyclopedia of Quaternary Science*, and co-authored five articles for *Quaternary Science Review*, *Quaternary Geology*, *The Holocene and Journal of Maps*, and has two more co-authored papers in review as of this writing. Olav gave two lectures at the Geological Survey of Canada and participated in the Department of Geography and Earth Sciences Seminar Speaker Series at Simon Fraser University. Olav also continues to serve on the editorial boards of *Elsevier*, *Quaternary Geochronology* and the *Elsevier Encyclopedia of Quaternary Science*.

Cherie Enns has delivered several papers and reports, including papers presented at the City Conference in Germany, to the Vancouver Island Planners and at Beijing University. Cherie has been working with the Abbotsford Parks and Recreation department on the Revitalization of Jubilee Park, and was interviewed for popular press articles on planning and her article for the *Journal of the American Planning Association* is in press.

Ken Brealey completed both an unpublished documentary evidence report and an unpublished traditional use map series and report for Woodward and Co. in the matter of *Williams v. HMTQ*. Stewart Brown, MSc, a sessional instructor, co-authored a paper in *Arctic, Antarctic and Alpine Research*.

The department collectively had a very strong showing at the 2006 edition of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (WDCAG) at Thompson Rivers University in March. Presenting papers were Ken Brealey, Sandy Vanderburgh and Claire Beaney (the latter two co-authored) and, with Dr. Patrick Buckley at Western Washington University, Dr. John Belec.

Sandy Vanderburgh presented a paper at the 2006 edition of the Canadian Association of Geographers at Lakehead University in May, and, with Dr. Michael Roberts at Simon Fraser University, has co-authored a paper to be published this year. Ken Brealey presented a paper at the first Indigenous Cartography and Representational Politics Conference at Cornell University in March.

Inter- and Intra-University Collaborations and Field Schools:

In the wake of the SE2 controversy, the University College of the Fraser Valley and Western Washington University (WWU) signed in February a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining their intent to work together towards better long-term stewardship of our shared bio-region. Geographers John Belec at UCFV and Pat Buckley at WWU were instrumental in getting this initiative going, and it continues to be one of John's major research undertakings.

The department also continued its tradition of offering annual study tours and adventures in geography. In September, Claire Beaney, Steven Marsh and Sandy Vanderburgh led 16 students through Jasper and Banff National Parks and the Badlands of Alberta. In May, Dave Gibson and Dr. Steven Piper (Sociology) took a group of 16 students through the markets, religious festivals and public spaces of southern Mexico.

Upcoming Initiatives:

The department is hoping to secure approval to offer a BSc in Geography. The proposal is now in the latter stages of the consultation process and the department anticipates that it will be ready to go to the Ministry in the very near future.

David Gibson may be retired, but by no means gone, as Geography's new (and first) Instructor Emeritus he will be offering his world-famous Mexico Study Tour in spring of 2008. He will continue to offer the occasional course in upper-level cultural-geography, including one in the Summer Intersession of 2007.

In May 2007, the department will be offering its bi-annual Hawaii Study Tour, and in August, Dr. Michelle Rhodes will conduct "Adventures in Geography" in Yellowstone National Park. Future study tours planned include the Yukon in 2008 and Costa Rica in 2009.

Scott Shupe and Jonathan Hughes have applied for NSERC grants to further their work in GIS capacity expansion and bio-geographical and climate change respectively. A decision is expected shortly.

Internally, the department is in discussion with Criminology on an initiative that will dramatically expand its GIS capability and hopefully lead to the creation of a new GIS dedicated laboratory. Jonathan Hughes has developed a new course cross-listed with biology, and this term, Satwinder Bains (MEd), is teaching a fourth-year course in the regional-geography of India.

The department will host the 2007 edition of the Western Division Canadian Association of Geographers (WDCAG) March 8-10, 2007. Approximately 160 delegates are expected to attend, many of whom will be paper and poster presentations by Master and PhD level, and undergraduate, students. Four separate field trips, guided by UCFV Geography faculty, will be offered. The main conference venue will be Building A, with Dr. Richard Hebda providing the keynote lecture in the theatre on Friday, March 9. The conference banquet and awards ceremony and dance will be held at the Ramada Inn on Saturday, March 10, with Professor Hugh Brody, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Studies as guest speaker.

Student Research:

Olav Lian has secured three geography major students to conduct undergraduate research under his supervision: Lisa Thiessen and Laura Day, both supported by UCFV Work Study funds and a portion of Olav's NSERC Discovery Grant; and Winter Moon, winner of a NSERC Undergraduate Research Student Award (URSA). Steven Marsh, working in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, is supervising two students mapping and classifying roadside watercourses in Abbotsford.

Geography students were also been active on the conference fronts. The department sent some 16 student delegates to the April 2006 annual meeting of the Association of Washington Geographers (AWG) at Western Washington University. At the 2006 WDCAG, presenting

faculty (noted above) were accompanied by some dozen geography major and minor students, with students Alex Gnes and Jacqueline Mulcahy presenting undergraduate papers, and Jason Stower and Yvonne Spaeti undergraduate posters.

Student Awards:

On behalf of his co-authors, geography major student Yvonne Spaeti and instructor Steven Marsh, Jason Stower picked up an AWG Award for best Undergraduate Poster at the 2006 edition of the AWG. Geography major Jacqueline Mulcahy received an Undergraduate Research Excellence award at the 2006 UCFV Awards dinner held at the Ramada Inn in April.

Some twenty graduating geography majors joined with a half dozen faculty for the department's annual Student Awards Barbecue in June. Jason Stower added to his AWG win in April by taking home both the Canadian Association of Geographers Award for the highest departmental GPA, and the Doug Nicol Faculty Award for his excellence in both physical and human geography, while Laura Cameron took home the American Association of Geographers Award for her high cumulative GPA and contribution to the department.

Graduates have been successfully finding employment in fields ranging from environmental and urban planning, to GIS and geo-technical research, and in municipal government and public school teaching.

Geography Undergraduate Students:

The Geography Undergraduates Student Society (GUS) ran several social events in both winter and fall 2006, including a pub night, bowling night, a hiking trip, and, along with Geography faculty, the annual Christmas party at University House. The department plans on continuing to work with GUS to support student initiatives in the upcoming year.

Faculty of Science, Health & Human Services

Chemistry:

Faculty member David Fenske is a co-author of a recently published review, D.B. Fenske & P.R. Cullis (2007) "Encapsulation of Drugs within Liposomes by pH-gradient Techniques, in Liposome Technology" 3rd edition ("Volume II: Entrapment of Drugs and Other Materials into Liposomes"), G. Gregoriadis, ed., *Informa Healthcare*, New York, pp. 27-50.

Faculty member Noham Weinberg is now the UCFV representative to NSERC (Natural Science & Research Council) and recently attended a meeting in Ottawa in this capacity.

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

In an exciting regional development, ECE/CYC is introducing the first step toward a Child Life program on the pediatric unit at MSA Hospital on Monday January 15, 2007.

Christine Puder, a Certified Child Life Specialist and the Department Head for the UCFV ECE/CYC Program, will be working with two students on our unit. The two students, Amanda Willoughby and Lorrin Einarson, will be on the pediatric unit, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Both students need to complete 480 hours of clinical time in order to obtain certification for Child Life.

Some of the staff on Pediatrics have been very fortunate to work with Child Life at other hospitals, while for others, this is their first experience. Essentially, the role of a Child Life Specialist is to help children and their families cope with the effects of hospitalization, and to promote normal growth and development. They provide support to a child and their family in many ways depending on each individual's particular needs. Therapeutic play, preparation, pain management and emotional support are some of the key clinical interventions.

This is the first step towards having a Child Life Specialist employed on the Pediatric Unit. It is a part of the Pediatric Transition Plan for ARHCC (Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Center). This initiative opens the door for ongoing student placements that support the Child Life Specialization within the Child and Youth Care Degree program, and the post-grad Certificate of Extended Study in Child Life.

Kinesiology & Physical Education (KPE):

Faculty member Brian Justin presented a lecture entitled, "The Role of the Certified Exercise Physiologist in the Post-Rehabilitation of Musculoskeletal Injuries" at UBC.

On February 9, faculty member Dave Harper was a guest on *BC Almanac Today* (a CBC Radio Current Affairs show) speaking about First Nations health issues as a part of their week-long series on Aboriginal health called "Closing the Gap". The other panelists were Lou Demerais of the Vancouver Native Health Society and Dr. Nadine Caron of University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). He also recently made presentations to the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNESC) and The Native Education Centre in Vancouver. He has developed a research ethics policy and health needs assessment questionnaire for the Nazko First Nation in Quesnel and has an application to make a presentation at the Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association annual general meeting in April.

Department Head, Greg Anderson was selected as the National Women's Soccer team's exercise physiologist through to the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. He and Darryl Plecas from the School of Criminal Justice have just received \$21,780 from the RCMP to investigate the physical requirements of police work in the RCMP (Physical Abilities Requirement Evaluation; Phase I) in preparation for a larger study redeveloping their physical abilities test for recruits and incumbents. He also published a study in the *Canadian Journal of Public Health* this month, Anderson G.S., Snodgrass J., and Elliott B. "Determining Physical Activity Patterns of Suburban British Columbia Residents." *Canadian Journal of Public Health*. 98(1):70-73, 2007.

Faculty member Emilio Landolfi reviewed the textbook by Fahey, T.D., Insel, P.M., and Roth, W.T. (2007), entitled *Fit & Well: Core Concepts and Labs in Physical Fitness and Wellness: 1st Canadian edition* published by McGraw-Hill Ryerson and supplied *Educational Supplements for Professors* to go along with the textbook. Emilio also provided a written submission to the British Columbia Legislative Assembly Select Standing Committee on Health, "A Strategy for Combating Childhood Obesity and Physical Inactivity in British Columbia" that was recently published.

Jason Brandenburg, the new hire in Kinesiology and Physical Education will soon publish and present papers as a UCFV faculty. He is a great addition to the faculty in the areas of strength and conditioning. He is presently reviewing several articles for peer-reviewed journals.

School of Social Work & Human Services (SWHS):

“Managing Change: A Case Study of Competencies and Standard” by faculty member Adrienne Chan and Director Gloria Wolfson was published by *The International Journal of Knowledge, Culture and Change Management* Volume 6, Issue 4, 2006, pp.165-172.

A very successful community consultation about the proposed Master of Social Work (MSW) degree program was held on January 31st. Over 60 people attended and contributed to the program. SWHS is now working on revisions to the proposed program based on feedback from the community. An information session for prospective students was held earlier in the month.

Gloria Wolfson has been asked to serve on the external review team for Malaspina University College's proposed BSW (Bachelor of Social Work) degree program.

Faculty of Community Access, Business and Information Technology

Library and Information Technology (LIBIT):

The LIBIT department warmly welcomes Jan Lashbrook Green's return to full-time instruction for the LIBIT department. Christina Neigel now leads the department as program head.

Due to tremendous demand, a second section for LIBT/EDUC 230 Library Services for Children was created to accommodate the needs of over 70 students. This is in keeping with the growing demand for LIBIT courses across the institution.

In an effort to service the needs of the community, Christina Neigel will be leading a professional development day for the Langley School District's library technicians in Advanced Cataloguing Practices. She will also be presenting “Accessing Information in a Digital World: Connecting You to the Resources You Need” with the Abbotsford Learning Plus later this month.

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