

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE UCFV BOARD

March 2006

As the Board knows, I was unable to attend the last Board meeting because I was at the 3rd Native North American Film Festival, which UCFV co-hosted with the British Museum. The event was very successful, with the theatre in the Museum filled to overflowing with more than 200 people for the opening night, and with more than 100 attending each film and panel discussion for the three days. I trust it will be as successful when we bring the festival to Chilliwack in April, in cooperation again with the British Museum and with the City of Chilliwack.

It was quite thrilling to be able to open the Festival along with Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Sir David Attenborough, and to hear the many accolades UCFV received during and at the end of the event. As is mentioned in the report from History, UCFV brought along our Professor Gwen Point, and our First Nations Chair holder, Professor Hugh Brody, as well as Professor Jo-Ann Archibald from UBC, and Chief Joseph Gosnell of the Nisga. Each of them presented on several panels, including one examining the issues raised by one of Prof. Brody's superb films, and each made a very significant contribution to the success of the Festival. In addition, Dr. Steven Point, Chair of the BC Treaty Commission, came on his own to accompany Gwen, and was gracious enough to present on several panels. UCFV is very grateful to him, especially as one of our very first honorary degree holders, for his presence.

We also owe a vote of thanks to Hugh Brody, who was instrumental in our being asked to co-host the Festival, and to Yvon Dandurand and the staff in his office, for recruiting presenters and making very complex arrangements. A very special tip of the hat goes to Brad Whittaker, who has worked unceasingly to make the London part so successful, and who is continuing to do so for the Chilliwack section of the festival.

Back at home, intense work continues on the university status question, and on the question of what the academic look of the new Chilliwack campus should be. Abbotsford Mayor George Ferguson, accompanied by Councilor John Smith, who Chairs the Friends of UCFV Society, and City Manager Gary Guthrie, met with Minister Coell about our status change in Victoria on February 9. Although they did not, as Councilor Smith said, "get the order," they did get a thorough hearing. This was an important step in the on-going campaign of the Friends. For more information on their activities on UCFV's behalf, I am attaching the report they have sent their members.

As I said to the Board at the January meeting, and in my President's Report for the start of 2006, Senior Administration has been involved with intense consultations on the academic plan needed before developing both Abbotsford and Chilliwack campuses. These have involved numerous meetings with the departments primarily concerned, as well as university wide forums. The results of these discussions have led to some modifications of the original ideas. A general report on the proposals and the discussions of them, which is being tabled for general UCFV information, is attached to this report. Senior Administration has a few more meetings scheduled, and will be presenting the Board with a high level set of recommendations and their rationale before the Board meeting on March 2.

FACULTY OF ARTS AND APPLIED ARTS**Modern Languages**

Angelina Vermeer, a Kinesiology student at UCFV, has been awarded a Chinese government scholarship to study Kinesiology at a Chinese University. Vermeer has been taking Mandarin classes with Huifang Qiao for two years and is one of the best students in the Mandarin program.

The scholarship was announced at the “*2nd China-Canada Teaching Chinese as Second Language Symposium*” that Qiao attended last summer. At the Symposium, the Director of International Exchange of the Chinese Ministry of Education announced that the Chinese government would grant 15 scholarships to BC students through BC’s Ministry of Education as a contribution to building BC’s Pacific gateway.

In 2005, the Kinesiology program at UCFV started a summer abroad program in China and now more Kinesiology students are starting to learn Mandarin in order to improve their learning experience in China. This motivated Qiao to seek out such opportunities and promote them at UCFV.

Vermeer eagerly accepted the opportunity and, with a glowing letter of recommendation from Qiao, she won the scholarship. Now she is getting ready to study in China for a year beginning in September 2006.

School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

The Abbotsford Police Reserve Pilot Program is being developed in partnership with the Abbotsford Police and the University College of the Fraser Valley (UCFV), School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The purpose of this pilot project is to strengthen community partnerships, enhance quality learning opportunities for students and expand/support community police efforts. This pilot program will attract some of the best local applicants that will invest hours of service in the local community. The Abbotsford Police and School of Criminology and Criminal Justice have shared a long history of working together to develop unique learning opportunities for UCFV students. Consistent with a good neighbour philosophy, this program serves the interests of the public, students and the Abbotsford Police.

Faculty and staff with the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice have partnered with outstanding professionals in the field to create the best practicum experience possible for its students. The *School* works to ensure that its graduates are professionally positioned for careers in criminal justice and facilitates this by linking students with agencies like the *Abbotsford Police*. Through this pilot program, reservists will receive course credit, as well as participate in training consistent with the Provincial Reserve Policing Standards.

For the Abbotsford Police, the Reserve Pilot Program will provide high quality reserve candidates with an already identified interest and commitment to working within the Justice System. It is anticipated

that at least some of these candidates will select policing as their career path and as reservists they will have the opportunity to demonstrate their interest, abilities, and commitment to a career with the Abbotsford Police. The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is equally committed to preparing students for careers in the criminal justice system and supports partnership opportunities that promote learning and professional development for its students.

During the course of their service, Reserve Constables will be tasked to provide a wide variety of services to the community. Most of these services will be related to community policing / crime prevention functions. It is also anticipated there will be some selected opportunities to participate in other police related duties such as police directed searches, special events and traffic control. As part of their exposure to operational policing, reserves will be offered some ride-along opportunities.

History

The British Museum:

Feast and Transformation: The Third Native North American Film Festival

In collaboration with the University College of the Fraser Valley, and the Royal Anthropological Institute. Supported by the Sosland Family, Kansas City.

Gwen Point, a member of the School of Social Work and Human Services and the History department at UCFV, just returned from London, England where she attended the above-noted event. The film festival focused on The First Nations of the Northwest Coast, bringing together a selection of films which included work that has been of central importance in the renaissance of Aboriginal culture, work that expresses protest as well as recovery, and work that reveals some of the anguish and loss that are still so much a part of life for First Nations. The programme included films by three directors from First Nation communities, and other films that have been made through close partnership between filmmakers and Aboriginal people.

The festival was introduced by Sir David Attenborough, showing his own remarkable film from the Northwest coast, and included discussions with Aboriginal elders from several of the communities where films in the programme were made, as well as filmmakers who were on hand to talk about their work. (<http://www.thebritishmuseum.ac.uk/filmfestival/index.html>)

Gwen was on several panels along with Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald (University of British Columbia), Dr. Joseph Gosnell, Nisga, and Dr. Steven Point, Chair of the BC Treaty Commission.

Fashion Design

UCFV's second-year Fashion Design students are anticipating their practicum experience, coming up February 20 - 24, 2006. The practicum experience has always been rewarding for the students with the "hands-on" knowledge and industry experience they gain. We appreciate the time and preparation that is provided by companies sponsoring the work practicum component of our program.

The Fashion Design's annual Open House and Absolute Style Fashion Show is being held this year on Wednesday, April 26, 2006. Ticket prices are \$10 for the afternoon show and \$15 for the evening. The Fashion Show is always a much anticipated and well attended event and the Open House allows everyone to look firsthand and the breadth and talents of our fashion students. Invitations to the Board will be sent out closer to the date.

The fashion program has been fortunate to receive a generous donation of fabrics from Mountain Equipment Co-op (MEC). This donation in-kind is valued at over \$8000. MEC's generous donation will benefit students in two programs – Fashion Design and Theatre.

Fashion faculty members are looking forward to hosting a Fashion Orientation to prospective students in the new fashion facilities. This orientation evening is scheduled for February 21.

Presently, the department's faculty and students are immersed in developing designs, fabrics, garments and story boards. Students' works are displayed in the lower wing of building D; displays change frequently, so stop by for a preview!

Excitement is gearing up for the New York Study Tour April 28 - May 6, 2006. The tour will take in a number of fashion establishments, museums and research shopping forays.

Presentations showcasing student works and design have been given to various guild meetings in the local community.

Faculty News

Faculty members Rene Evans and Anne Hadziev's collaboration *Evergreen Queen* was awarded honorable mention at the Wearable Expressions juried show sponsored by the Palos Verdes Art Center in California.

This piece and a selection of others (including one designed by retired faculty member Yvonne Wakabayashi), are presently on display at the Tom Bradley International Terminal at the LA International Airport.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Abbotsford In Motion Project

With the help of Robin White, several Psychology students, and two mathematics students, UCFV has just completed a second survey for the Abbotsford In Motion Project. The most recent survey, funded by the Canadian Cancer Society, was designed to estimate the proportion of Abbotsford residents who have heard of the Abbotsford In Motion initiative. The student researchers initiated over 2000

telephone calls, with about a 40% response rate from the homes who were contacted. In addition to measuring awareness, the survey was designed to detect differences in awareness among subgroups in the community. Two of the student researchers were bilingual in English and Punjabi so that respondents could complete the survey in either of these languages. Analysis of the survey data is still underway, but a rough estimate of the responses indicates that about 40% of Abbotsford residents have heard of the In Motion initiative, though this drops to only about 10% of those whose home language is primarily Punjabi.

Agriculture Technology

Faculty, staff and students from the Department of Agriculture volunteered at the Pacific Agriculture Show, February 16, 17 and 18. Faculty member, Tom Baumann, moderated the raspberry and strawberry grower sessions and gave a presentation on new variety performance. Some of Tom's work is supported through release time provided by the UCFV research option program. The agriculture students ran audio-visual equipment, assisted with registration and with the pesticide safety displays. The Department also had a display about careers in agriculture included in the "Ag Zone".

In January, faculty member, Rose Morrison and Program Director, Norma Senn, and Hanoi Agriculture University colleague, Nyugen Trong Dac, presented a paper on rural sustainability issues facing Canada and Vietnam at the Second International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability in Hanoi, Vietnam. The power point portion of the paper is available for viewing on the Department of Agriculture website.

Faculty are doing several community/professional speaking engagements over the next month, including presentations by Tom Baumann to Elder College in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, and by Norma Senn to the South Surrey Garden Club and the UBC Botanic Gardens staff and volunteers. Norma Senn is also an invited speaker at the national conference of the Canadian Golf Course Superintendents in early March.

Health Sciences

As of January 1, 2006, Hannah MacDonald is the new Director for Health Sciences, replacing Wanda Gordon who retired.

September 2006 is the start of the two-year Dental Hygiene Diploma program that will enroll 16 students. There is an overwhelming demand for this program and already there is a very steady influx of student applications which began on February 1. The program is partnered with Camosun College to adopt their fully accredited diploma curriculum.

There will be additional hiring again for new nursing faculty positions to address the instructional needs for the dual intake and increase in overall nursing student FTEs.

The department is partnering with the Fraser Health Authority and UCFV Continuing Studies department to run a separate section of HS/RCA students (a group of 8) out in Hope this Spring - the theory and practicum experiences will occur in Hope and then they will come to Chilliwack for the nursing lab component.

Science Advising

Darren Francis, Educational Advisor for Science, had an article entitled *Advising Against "Pop Culture"* published by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA). The article can be located on their website at the following link: http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/AAT/NW29_1.htm#8.

School of Social Work & Human Services

On March 8, faculty member, Adrienne Chan, is delivering a workshop on Intercultural Communication for Student Life's Leadership Series.

Gloria Wolfson, Director, and Adrienne Chan are doing a study for the Ministry of Children & Family Development (MCFD) of *Social Worker Attitudes and Barriers to Out-of-Care Agreements*. They are also working with the Ann Davis Transition House on a study of needs of sexually exploited teenagers.

The School is pleased to announce that Kathryn Irvine, who is completing her doctorate in social work at the University of Calgary, will be joining our faculty this summer.

The School has just negotiated a transfer credit arrangement with Okanagan College into the BSW.

In January 2006, faculty member, Curtis Magnuson became Chairperson of the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) to Corrections Canada's Pacific Institution & Regional Treatment Centre (PI/RTC), a multi-level psychiatric facility located on the Matsqui complex. A member of the CAC since its inception in 2003, Curtis was Vice-Chairperson in 2005.

Patti Wilson, Public Services Librarian, and Colleen Gingerich, Computer Information Systems Instructor, are collaborating with Curtis to provide a half-day workshop at the end of March for Institutional Parole Officers at PI/RTC on the effective use of internet resources to conduct pre-release planning with mentally disordered offenders.

School District 33 has established two new \$500 bursaries - the Gwen Point Bursaries. These awards are for Aboriginal students who are planning to continue on to post secondary education in an accredited institution.

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FRIENDS OF UCFV SOCIETY CAMPAIGN UPDATE – FEBRUARY 2006

A lot has been happening in the weeks since the Friends of UCFV Society launched its public campaign to make UCFV the Fraser Valley's university. Check it out:

- 1) First public meeting
- 2) Meeting with Minister of Advanced Education
- 3) Membership sales
- 4) Petitions
- 5) Corporate sponsorships available
- 6) Campaign logo on newspaper ads
- 7) Displays at community events
- 8) High school campaign
- 9) Testimonial ads in Times newspapers
- 10) Special newspaper supplement with Metro Valley News
- 11) Society Board of Directors

1) First public meeting

More than 200 people packed the UCFV Abbotsford campus on January 18, 2006 to hear almost every mayor, chamber of commerce president, and school board chair in the valley support the initiative. They were joined by high school and university college students, and several community leaders, professionals, and business people. Read all about it at www.fraservalleyu.ca/news.htm. The event generated excellent media coverage in all our regional newspapers and a special feature on SHAW TV.

2) Meeting with Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell

Mayor George Ferguson, City Councillor and Friends of UCFV Society President John Smith, and City Manager Gary Guthrie recently met with Murray Coell, the Minister of Advanced Education, to discuss university status of UCFV. Fraser Valley MLAs John Les and John VanDongen joined the meeting

“Our delegation was well received. Our discussions were “cordial but frank” and we emphasized the reasons why the Fraser Valley is the logical location for BC's next university.” reported Smith.

In presenting their case, the Abbotsford delegation highlighted the arguments for a university in light of historically low participation rates in post-secondary education in the region, current and predicted population growth, changing demographics in the Valley, growing commuting time and costs, the economic value of a university, and the fact that UCFV already functions as a university in all but name. They strongly emphasized that with the recent establishment of new universities in Kamloops and Kelowna, the communities in the Fraser Valley are not asking for special treatment, but they are demanding equal treatment.

According to Smith, Minister Coell indicated that his ministry is conducting a comprehensive study into the entire provincial post-secondary system to assess the current situation and to determine future needs, including whether or not more universities are needed. This could take up to a year. He also said that the government is concerned regarding the potential for additional costs at a new university in the Fraser Valley.

Smith also reported that during the meeting, Ministers Van Dongen and Les were very vocal and supportive in helping to present the Fraser Valley's case.

"I'm optimistic that we will be successful in achieving a university in the Fraser Valley," said Smith. "We have overwhelming evidence supporting the need and I'm prepared to work with the Ministry to make this a reality. After all, 'It's Our Time'."

3) Membership sales

Sales have begun in earnest. To date, more than 400 people have joined the Society. Memberships are \$1 for high school or university students and \$10 for everyone else. Online memberships and a list of members to date are available on the Society website at www.fraservalleyu.ca. The website also houses a printable membership form for anyone who would rather fill it out and drop it off at any UCFV campus, or mail it in with their fees. In-person purchases of memberships are available at UCFV campus bookstores in Chilliwack and Abbotsford, UCFV reception desks in Hope and Mission, UCFV Student Union offices, as well as at the Harrison Festival of the Arts office in Harrison Hot Springs.

4) Petitions and letters

Petitions are also available at the above locations or online on the website. To date more than 10,000 people have signed letters or petitions in support of the campaign. A number of letters to the editor have appeared in the local media. Members are strongly encouraged to write to the editor of your favourite newspaper and express your support.

Anyone interested in setting up a community location for more membership sales and/or petitions should contact Bob Warick at 604-557-4074 or email info@fraservalleyu.ca

5) Corporate Sponsorships

The Society Board has established another way for community and corporate supporters to play an effective role in the campaign. Sponsorship packages are available for community members (\$100) and corporate supporters (\$500). Details about these sponsorships are available on the website. Along with membership fees, these funds will be used to assist the campaign through advertising, events, and other promotional activities and materials.

6) Campaign logo on newspaper ads

The Times newspapers in Chilliwack and Abbotsford, as well as the Chilliwack Progress and Abbotsford News have agreed to invite their advertisers to include the campaign logo in their print ads. Hopefully many advertisers will agree to include the logo on their ads, which will reinforce the strong community support for the cause and add some extra value for the advertiser by showing their support for the community and the university. Anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity should contact one of their local newspapers. Once again this clearly demonstrates the tremendous media support that the Society and the campaign have received.

7) Displays at community events

The Society is arranging for as many displays at community events as possible. Recently a display booth was featured at the Chilliwack Home Show. Thanks to the generosity of the organizers who provided the space at no charge, more than 600 names were added to petitions and a number of new members were recruited. Organizers of the Fraser Valley Home Show at Tradex on March 10 – 12,

2006 have also offered space at no cost to the Society. Anyone knowing of other opportunities, please call 604-557-4074 or email info@fraservalleyu.ca

8) High school campaign

UCFV students have been setting up lunch-hour displays at a number of high schools in the region. Along with the opportunity to collect names on petitions, this has been an excellent chance for current students to promote the many opportunities available at UCFV, and to raise awareness and support for the university campaign. UCFV will also be welcoming high school counselors from across the Valley to campus on February 21 and will provide them with an update on the campaign as part of a day-long conference.

9) Testimonial ads in Times newspapers

The Times newspapers in Chilliwack and Abbotsford have also offered the campaign a series of free testimonial ads. These are now being assembled and should begin to appear soon in local editions of the Times. Our special thanks to Times publishers Rod Thompson (now also a UCFV Board member) and Nick Bastaja for their support.

10) Special newspaper supplement with Metro Valley News

Once again the Abbotsford News and Chilliwack Progress will support the Society and the campaign. They will produce a major newspaper supplement which will be distributed throughout the region in March. The supplement will contain the latest information about the university campaign, testimonials from community leaders, facts and figures, and feature stories. It will also be an opportunity for businesses to show their support by purchasing ad space in this special publication. Anyone interested in purchasing an ad in this supplement should contact Fiona Harris at the News in Abbotsford or Andrew Franklin at the Progress in Chilliwack.

11) Society Board of Directors

A few new members have been invited to join the Board of Directors. For a complete listing of current Society Board members check out the website at www.fraservalleyu.ca and click on “Supporters”. You’ll also find the latest membership list for the Friends of UCFV Society.

PLANNED MOVE TO CANADA EDUCATION PARK SPARKS MAJOR REVIEW OF PROGRAM LOCATIONS

It's a time of major change for UCFV.

With plans underway to move the Chilliwack campus to the Canada Education Park (pending final Ministry approval in spring 2006), and the continuing push for university status, senior administration recently initiated a process to review the "big picture" for UCFV in order to make long-range decisions that will prepare the institution for growth, relocation, and new partnerships. These plans involve UCFV creating a true multi-campus institution, with centres of excellence at each major location.

Major topics of discussion have included:

- moving Trades (except for Aerospace and Career Technical Centre (CTC) programs) to Chilliwack to take advantage of space and facilities there, which will enable them to expand and develop new offerings
- moving Health Sciences to the Abbotsford campus to enable the program to grow significantly and to create a health and wellness centre at that campus, in association with the School of Social Work, Kinesiology, Child and Youth Care, and other programs, and to capitalize on any potential synergies with the new hospital in Abbotsford
- moving Criminal Justice to Chilliwack (leaving select first- and second-year course offerings in Abbotsford as well) to facilitate working closely with the RCMP, which has its regional training facility in the Education Park, and other potential partners such as the Justice Institute of BC
- moving parts of Business Administration to the Chilliwack campus to facilitate working closely with the World Trade University (a UN institution headquartered in the Park) and to enhance opportunities to attract international students by offering residence options and working with partner universities
- moving Theatre to either Mission or Abbotsford. However, after reviewing feedback from the Theatre department, the decision was made to keep it in Chilliwack, moving it to the Education Park
- moving Agriculture to another location, although a decision was made to keep it in Chilliwack at the present time and possibly strengthen its ties with the research centre in Agassiz
- retaining Arts and Sciences at the Abbotsford campus. The Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies and Research would remain in Abbotsford, including the new Chair, once hired
- committing to maintaining lower-level courses in Arts and business at Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission campuses, as well as College and Career Prep courses. Developmental science (up to Grade 12 level) would continue to be offered in Chilliwack. Whether or not first- or second-year science would still be offered there is currently under consideration. Forensic and soil science courses to support the Agriculture and Crim programs would be offered in Chilliwack
- launching an Arts cohort in Chilliwack, which would see students move through the program as a group, and be guaranteed access to core courses
- basing the Teacher Education program (currently offered onsite by SFU) in Chilliwack when UCFV takes ownership of it

Forum feedback

At forums held on Feb 10 in Chilliwack and Abbotsford, President Skip Bassford emphasized that now is the time to envision a future for UCFV as a 21st century university, one that integrates theory and

practice, clearly serves the needs of its region, and primarily serves an undergraduate student body. He pointed out that the Education Park initiative is a \$75 million project – the largest UCFV has ever undertaken.

He said that as UCFV looks to absorb 1,700 new student spaces (and possibly more) by 2010 and continues to grow after that, the proposed new 85-acre Chilliwack campus will have to absorb a great deal of that growth, as room to expand is limited on the Abbotsford campus, which is bordered by agricultural land reserve properties.

“We’re looking at 1,600 students based in Chilliwack when we open the new campus,” he said, “and it will grow, possibly to 5,000 FTEs in the decade after that, with Abbotsford growing in a parallel way. Eventually, as Mission grows, we foresee a large campus there as well.”

While planning how to “grow” the new Chilliwack campus, senior administration considered which programs would fit well with other partners at the new Education Park. “As we look toward moving to a new type of campus in Chilliwack, one where there are opportunities to work closely with partners such as the RCMP and the World Trade University, we looked strategically at what it would make sense to locate there. Criminal Justice, Business Administration, and Trades all made sense for various reasons. Criminal Justice is our most successful academic program, in terms of national and provincial recognition, so apart from the benefits of working closely with the RCMP, we feel its presence will draw students to Chilliwack.

“At the same time, we thought that we could foster some greater synergies between Health Sciences and other health and wellness related programs by bringing them together on the Abbotsford campus, which would add another theme to that campus.”

Bassford stressed that a successful multi-campus approach would mean a split President’s Office, locating at least one vice president on each major campus, spreading administrative support groups between campuses, and fostering new growth on the Mission campus.

At the Chilliwack forum, employees generally applauded the decision to keep Theatre in Chilliwack, and welcomed the idea of more programs and growth, but they questioned moving Health Sciences, given that the programs in that area have proven very successful at drawing students from around the Valley and beyond to Chilliwack.

“We planned our current campus around four pillars: Theatre, Agriculture, Aboriginal Education, and Health Sciences, and now you’re proposing moving the most successful one with the most consistent student numbers,” noted longtime CCP faculty member Janet Gibson.

Mark Hoffmann, who recently began working in Chilliwack after 30 years in Abbotsford, questioned whether people would drive to Chilliwack for education, given the tendency to travel west rather than east, and the fact that it is further from UCFV’s secondary markets in Langley, Surrey and Maple Ridge.

Administrators replied that as traffic becomes more congested in the urban core, driving east will become more appealing. UCFV will also continue to grow its own market, as the youthful population of Abbotsford and Chilliwack reach post-secondary age in great numbers.

Chemistry professor Lillian Martin reminded management of its obligations to the people in the eastern end of the valley, including smaller communities such as Hope, Agassiz, and Harrison, noting that while planning “big vision” initiatives, UCFV shouldn’t lose sight of its community college roots, and should ensure that basic access, including first year arts and science, is available in Chilliwack.

Health Sciences director Hannah MacDonald, while acknowledging that there were benefits to moving to Abbotsford and that her programs will draw students wherever they are based, noted that they had been looking forward to exploring international partnerships by being based at the Education Park with residences close by and possibly international partners on site. She also noted that while based in Chilliwack, her programs currently work successfully in partnership with health agencies throughout the region, placing students in practica in all communities.

At the Abbotsford session, employees packed the lecture theatre to learn more about the plans and share their perspectives. Initial questions centered on what background research had been done to ensure that the new Chilliwack would be successful drawing students from across the Valley. Administrators responded with a variety of data points (from Trades and Crim, in particular) suggesting that the possibility of massive reductions in student numbers was overstated. Dale Box also pointed out that in past years, when there were fewer available spaces, it was proven that students will travel to Chilliwack to pursue the courses they need/want.

Library staff raised concerns about the timelines for planning, constructing, and equipping a new library facility in Chilliwack. Tim Segger provided an overview of a more efficient building process that would vastly condense planning time requirements in the months to come. He also underscored that the new campus would incorporate state-of-the-art learning commons ideas not unlike those recently implemented at Malaspina U-C.

History department head Sylvie Murray questioned the vision for Arts, wondering if there would be a single focal point or if we would be “doing a bit of everything everywhere.” Administrators noted that 40% of UCFV programming falls under the Arts umbrella and acknowledged the need to consult further with the Faculty of Arts and Applied Arts on the matter. They also stated that the core Arts focus would remain in Abbotsford, with *at least* first-year programming being offered in both Mission and Chilliwack.

Mission campus manager Marilyn MacDonald wondered how Mission figured into the multi-campus vision of the future. Administrators responded that the City of Mission has expressed significant interest in helping UCFV expand there, but that details will take some time to work out. In the meantime, the focus should be on making the current Mission campus work as well as possible.

Bonnie Sigaty, Continuing Studies program coordinator, asked what services will be made available to the Trades team as the first group onsite at the new Chilliwack campus – a full year before any other

department. She was reassured that the basic support services (notably cafeteria, computer support) would be available.

Many of the concerns from Chilliwack employees about first-and second-year sciences programming (and associated lab requirements) were echoed at the Abbotsford session.

Representatives from Trades were very interested in what the plans were for either relocating or replacing (and then maintaining) major pieces of specialty equipment. A general commitment was made by Dean of Trades Harv McCullough to “replace what needs replacing.”

Department of English head Jim Anderson received strong support on his recommendation to package many of UCFV’s existing education-related courses into a defined Education offering as a means of attracting a key set of prospective students in the Valley.

Wayne Welsh was careful to point out that the institution must commit to fully supporting the key programs that will be making major moves and that, in the short term, “we have to focus on making a few programs more spectacular than others” rather than “doing everything for everyone.” He also noted that as part of our application for university status, we are requesting additional funding to recognize the support and resources we will need to move the institution forward.

As part of the move to the new Chilliwack campus, some renovations will be happening on the Abbotsford site. As in Chilliwack, concerns were raised and commitments made to pursue environmentally responsible building and commuting options.

Planning for Ed Park on the fast track

While still in the “pending” phase, the planned move to the Canada Education Park could happen very quickly.

The Ministry of Advanced Education has indicated that it would like to sign off on the deal next month. This would see UCFV taking ownership of 85 acres of land on the former CFB Chilliwack currently owned by the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation (CEPCO).

The new campus will include a performing arts theatre, 11,367 m² Trades facility (already in existence and needing \$8-12 million in retrofitting), homes for its major programs, classroom space, learning commons, a teaching cafeteria (which will see Cook Training students feeding the campus), and residences (also already in existence). The campus would be focused around the former parade square and would incorporate public access paths through to the TransCanada Trail next to the Vedder River.

In order for Trades to move by Sept 2007 and the rest of the campus to follow by Sept 2008, planning will have to start immediately. Key activities in the short term include:

Feb 10 – Mar 1:	Additional consultation between Administration and departments. Key groups to tour the proposed future sites for their programs. Administration to speak with Student Union Society about proposed plans
Mar 2	Recommendation for campus programming to be submitted to the UCFV Board of Governors for ratification
Mar 3	Request for Proposal (RFP) from suitable architects begins
end Mar	Target date for land purchase completion (Ministry target)
April 1	Initial site schematics underway, assessing basic requirements for square footage and building structures etc. Detailed planning with various departments to begin after basics are completed

A calendar of events will be prepared and circulated to UCFV employees in the coming weeks, outlining the process and identifying how user groups will be coordinated to assist in the planning process. The first priority will be the Trades building on the new campus.

Please submit any questions or comments to questions@ucfv.ca.