President's Report

Reports received from academic and service units are included below. An update of the President’s activities for the month of September will be presented at the meeting.

College of Arts (Jacqueline Nolte, Dean)

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Sylvie Murray to her new role as Acting Associate Dean of Faculty for the 2016-17 academic year. Ken Brealey, who served in this role for four years has moved into a new role as acting AVP, Faculty Relations in Human Resources. Sylvie is a long-standing faculty member in the History department and served as department head from 2003-07. For the past three years Sylvie has been the Program Development and Quality Assurance Coordinator and has been instrumental in helping bring our program proposals to completion.

We are also pleased to have Nicole Klassen rejoin the Dean’s Office as Manager of Academic and Administrative Services, a role she filled on a temporary basis for six months in 2015. For the past year Nicole was the acting Finance Analyst & Liaison to all academic faculties including the College of Arts. During her fifteen years at UFV she has worked in the Dean’s Office of the Faculty of Science, GATE (Geography and the Environment) and in several other departments. Nicole is replacing Deborah Greenfield who after 19 years of dedicated service at UFV, 14 of which has been in the Faculty/College of Arts, is retiring.

Theatre:

Season of Theatre

- UFV Theatre will present a challenging, diverse, and engaging season of theatre in the Fraser Valley. The department is heading in exciting new directions, with a season highlighting explosive, contemporary, experimental, and ambitious performances produced and directed by students.
- UFV Theatre’s 37th season opens on October 20 with the Governor General award winning playwright John Mighton’s Possible Worlds. This student-produced main stage performance, directed by Noel Funk, promises a blend of murder mystery, romance and science-fiction. Possible Worlds runs October 20-30 at the UFV Theatre, 45635 Yale Road, Chilliwack. Showtimes are Thursday – Saturday, 7:30 pm, with Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. $15 regular admission; $10 students and seniors. Online ticket purchases available at ufv.ca/plays.

BA, Theatre Major was approved in July 2016 and will be implemented in 2017.
- The program, which is unique in the Lower Mainland, combines opportunities for substantial applied, practical theatre experience with the strengths of a liberal arts degree, allowing students to develop the transferable skills—such as professional communication, creative problem-solving, collaboration, and analytic thinking--that today’s employers demand.
Visual Arts:

Faculty Updates

**Geoffrey Carr, Assistant Professor presented at McGill University**
- Geoffrey will facilitate UFV’s TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Commission) Reading Circle September 2016 through April 2017.

**Michael Love, Sessional Faculty**
- Newly appointed as Board member of Access Artist Run Centre in Vancouver
- September 10-October 8 - Solo show, Between Ideology and Ruin at the Franc Gallery (Vancouver).
- October 1 - Book launch, Between Ideology and Ruin, includes essay by independent curator Joni Low.

**Melanie Jones, Assistant Professor**
- Canada and US tour of her feature film, FSM, was screened at the Female Eye Film Festival in Toronto in June and the Portland Film Festival in August.
- Live Pitch Competition cash prize award winner for her next project, Switchback.
- Jury member for two film competitions: The Raincity 72 Hour Noir Film Competition and Run ‘n Gun 48-hour Film Festival.

**Jill Bain, Associate Professor**
- Attendee at the 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2016, at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

**Davida Kidd, Associate Professor**
- Selected Artist, one of 12 from Vancouver for Bombay Sapphire® Artisan Series, a competition with the aim of discovering the next big name in visual arts.
  - Since 2010, Bombay Sapphire® and the Rush Philanthropic Arts Foundation have provided artists with an international platform to showcase their work.
  - Close to 1000 artists submitted their work to the competition from Canada. Ten artists from Vancouver will now participate in a group exhibition at Winsor Gallery, where one artist will be selected to go to SCOPE Miami Beach on September, 2017.

**Stephanie Gould, Sessional Faculty**
- Published Essay “Women’s Citizenship and Identity in Stó:lō Territory: a collective essay from the University of the Fraser Valley’s Lens Project (British Columbia, Canada)”
  - The essay was first presented at a conference at Loughborough University in the UK by its authors: Stephanie Gould (Sessional Faculty, Visual Arts), Jacqueline Nolte (Dean, Faculty of Arts), Shirley Hardman (Senior Advisor, Indigenous
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Affairs), Sarah Ciurysek (former Sessional Instructor, Visual Arts at UFV, now Assistant Professor, University of Manitoba) with UFV students Jessica Bennett, Andrea Smith and Jennifer Janik. More information about the book is available here: liverpooluniversitypress.co.uk/products/73646.

Faculty of Science (Lucy Lee, Dean)

Since our last report of May 26, 2016, the Faculty of Science (FoS) has the following to report:

Dean’s Office:

The Faculty of Science celebrated convocation awarding 100+ Bachelor of Science degrees. This years’s Governor General silver medalist, Alyssa Zucchet from Biology is off to med school at UBC Okanagan, as are four other UFV Science graduates. Several of our graduates have also gone into graduate programs at UBC, SFU, USask, etc. It is noteworthy that a former student, Andrew Alexander, Science Dean’s medalist 2014, who is doing a PhD at UBC, was recently awarded the prestigious NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) Vanier award worth $150,000 ($50,000/year for three years).

Dr. Lucy Lee, Dean of the Faculty of Science, was busy through the summer months participating in conferences relating to both, her role as administrator and as scientist. She attended the Canadian Council of Science Deans in June and organized a session on the topic of Predatory Publishing with University of Colorado Librarian Jeffrey Beall.

Dr. Lee and three of her current and past students, Gagandeep Rai (BSc 2016 graduate), Harshraj Sidhu (4th-year Biology student), and Kamal Moghrabi (BSc 2015 graduate) presented at the World Congress on In Vitro Biology held in San Diego, CA in June. The students made oral and poster presentations, and Kamal Moghrabi took third place at the poster competition beating out many MSc and PhD students who participated in the competition.

The Faculty of Science is excited to hear that UFV received $2M in funding from the Provincial government for renovation of Science labs. This is a much needed upgrade to the aging infrastructure in order to meet safety standards, as well as to find space efficiency to accommodate the increasing science lab demands and to implement the newly accepted Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree which will begin to be offered in winter of 2017.

The Science Rocks! 2016 camp finished up on August 12. Over the six weeks, 95 campers from grades 4-7 enjoyed week-long science-based demonstrations and activities from finding out why some things stink, to mystery solving, and forensics. The Science Rocks Camp Coordinator, Robin...
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Endelman, and science faculty members Alan Reid, Cory Beshara, Ian Affleck and Lab Technician, Avril Alfred supervised a camp each. The Science Rocks Team Leaders who attended each of the camps were UFV science students, Rebecca Robertson, Ali Renwick and Valerie Flokstra. The average attendance for each camp was 14, whereas the Aboriginal Youth Camp which ran August 2-5 ran at full capacity with 24 kids. Once the word got out, there were many last minute registrations.

The Centre for Environmental Sustainability (CES) had been working with Facilities and Sodexo to bring composting back to campus which has now been successful. CES continues to be active in the UFV community with continued presence at events such as at the New Student Orientation (Pat Harrison, Chair of CES) and U-Join events. Travis Gingerich took over as the new Facilities Student Environmental Coordinator from Alyssa Bougie who graduated in June with her BSc. Pat and the GreenUFV team (Mark Gouldsblom, Sheldon Marche, Gayle Ramsden and Alyssa Bougie), were the inaugural award winners for the UFV Teamwork award.

Biology:

Following the retirement of Beth Gillespie, Biology hired a new tenure-track faculty member: Dr. Nathan Bialas, a cell and molecular biology expert who works with tiny worms called Cenorhabditis. Nathan is actually not new to UFV, as he worked as a sessional since 2009. Nathan has a PhD from SFU and has extensive teaching experience.

July 2016 was an exciting month for Biology Professor Alida Janmaat and Biology Student Chris Hinz. They attended the 49th annual meeting of the Society for Invertebrate Pathology held in Tours, Loire Valley, France. Chris presented their poster entitled: Does Agriotes obscurus avoid the fungal entomopathogen, Metarhizium brunneum?

Biology student, Vivienne Beard has been busy representing UFV at scientific conferences (eg. Genetic Society of America’s meeting in Orlando) as well as attending the 58th London International Youth Science Forum (LIYSF) held in London, UK July 27-August 10. Vivienne’s activities can be read in the FoS blog articles for LIYSF at http://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2016/07/26/less-24-hours/ and for her conference participation in Genetics at http://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2016/07/26/definitely-no-grass-growing-viviennes-feet/

The Super Science Club, which is coordinated by Christine Dalton, continues to deliver exceptional science fun to elementary students. This year, Megan Krabbendam, Sandeep Gill, Rebecca Robertson and Ali Renwick took the program to two schools in the Valley. Megan and Sandeep worked at Rick Hansen Secondary in Abbotsford with Grade 5 students from Rick Hansen’s feeder schools. Rebecca and Ali worked at Vedder Elementary in Chilliwack with 30 elementary children and their families. Megan also provided interesting science activities with groups of
students from grades 3-6 at Dewdney Elementary, Mission; Shortreed Elementary, Langley; and Yarrow Community School, Yarrow.

Biology Instructor, Pat Harrison, along with several other members of the faculty of Science were on hand at the U-Join event held at the Abbotsford campus September 6-7.

Chemistry:

Chemistry was saddened to hear that retired professor, Dr. Nigel Dance succumbed to cancer this past June. Dr. Dance and his late wife Dr. Lesley Spiers taught for many years at UFV/UCFV. They will be dearly missed. Work is in progress to establish an endowed scholarship in their name. Two new faculty members were hired this summer: Drs. Golam Gafaroufar (PhD’15 U Montreal) and Linus Chiang (PhD’14 SFU, PostDoc U. Stanford) joined UFV this year filling the needs for Analytical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry respectively. Dr Chiang was recently appointed Adjunct Faculty at SFU that will allow him to supervise graduate students through that institution.

Professor Tsutomu Asano from Oita University, Japan, visited UFV in June and July 2016. He was hosted by Dr. Noham Weinberg for a research collaboration. Two full-day sessions were also held that included student presentations and subsequent discussions of their results. Plans for future collaboration were outlined.

Math & Stats:

New Student Orientation was well attended. Faculty members from the Math and Stats department were on hand to answer questions and help make the transition to UFV a smoother one for students. Math instructors Robin Endelman (pictured at right) and Karin Loots (in picture at left) were nearby to assist.

Math Department Head, Ian Affleck was available to answer questions about the Math and Stats department at the U-Join event held September 6-7 at the Chilliwack and Abbotsford campuses.

Math Professor, Cynthia Loten has returned from her sabbatical and has scheduled Math Mania dates for 2016/17. Sandy Hill Elementary, October 5, 2016; Yarrow Community School, February 1, 2017; and, Chilliwack Adventist Christian School, May 17, 2017.

A new faculty member, Dr. Kseniya Garaschuk (PhD’14 UVic) began August 1. She is working on course design, curriculum development and outreach, and has already published a paper with UFV affiliation. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of Crux Mathematicorum and is a member of various committees within the Canadian Mathematical Society.
Physics & Engineering:

The first cohort of the Engineering Physics diploma program crossed the stage at the June convocation, many of whom also completed the BSc in Physics degree. There were nine students completing the diploma which provided excellent applied research opportunities with regional partners, including the Cancer Centre and agricultural industries. These opportunities allowed Dr. Lin Long to apply for an NSERC CRD (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada’s Collaborative Research and Development) grant which was successful and she will be receiving over $200,000 in funding for the next two years.

The Faculty of Science was thrilled to team up with GearBots Makerspace who provides learning opportunities for kids ages 9-15+. The Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies at UFV initiated the program with GearBots. Derek Dirom from GearBots Makerspace and eight of his young apprentices took up residence in our Physics Lab in August at the Abbotsford campus for a week of coding using the robotic devices.

Physics Professor, Derek Harnett, UFV’s 2016 Research Excellence award winner, returned from his year-long sabbatical at the University of Saskatchewan, and is back teaching and continuing his research supervising various graduate students as an adjunct professor at USask.

Physics and math student, Josh Friesen, recently wrapped up a work semester in the marketing department of the Prospera Credit Union in Abbotsford. He found that the analytical skills he learned in both his physics and math classes were well suited for the job.

Faculty of Health Sciences (Joanne MacLean, Dean)

Faculty Awards of Excellence
This year’s Faculty Awards of Excellence were recently handed out. Congrats to the following recipients: Joanna Sheppard (teaching excellence), Jason Brandenburg (research excellence), Rona Miller (student mentorship), Treena Peters (service excellence), and Hannah MacDonald (community service excellence).

Health Sciences Adopted Trail continues with Fall Cleanup
Last semester, the Faculty of Health Sciences adopted a section of the Rotary trail from Vedder Road to Peach Road from the City of Chilliwack. You can see our faculty name displayed on the signs that are posted on that section of the trail. The cleanup walks have continued, check out the fall schedule to learn more: http://blogs.ufv.ca/health/adopt-a-trail-walks/

Exciting news, our faculty in now on Facebook
It’s official, we are now on Facebook. Yes, we know. It is 2016, but it is never too late to try new things. We have a lot of catching up to do. So stay tuned for news, events and updates for our programs in Nursing, Kinesiology and Dental. Like our page at: https://www.facebook.com/ufvhealth/
Save the Date – Fall 2016 Dean’s Speaker Series
When: October 24th at 12 noon
Where: Gathering Place, Chilliwack Campus CEP A building

The Fall 2016 Dean’s Speaker Series will feature internal research and teaching initiatives from six members of the Faculty of Health Sciences. They are as follows: Renette Aubin Boisclair (BSN Selective Entry), Bethany Jeal (TBD), Amber Johnston (KINPals), Ashley Moyse (Medicine and Religion), JoAnne Nelmes (The Faces of Pain), Maggie Shamro (Mindfulness).

School of Health Studies:

Upcoming community health events
Two community outreach events are being planned for fall 2016 at the UFV Five Corners building. A youth event is being planned to promote healthy lifestyles for youth living in downtown Chilliwack. As well, UFV will be hosting a flu clinic on November 24 from 1-4 pm to increase accessibility for vulnerable populations. Two public health nurses will help support UFV students, staff and faculty to administer flu vaccines for residents in downtown Chilliwack.

Nursing students on the fast track celebrate graduation
Getting on the fast-track means that Nursing students in the (BSN) program can finish their degree in just three years. As part of the graduation celebration, three awards were handed out to recognize professional, academic and outstanding achievements.

ARNBC (The Association of Registered Nurses of BC) presents an award to the student exemplifying professionalism in nursing. At the event was Joy Peacock, Executive Director of ARNBC, who presented the award to Jodi Allan.

Learn more at: http://blogs.ufv.ca/health/nursing-grad-2016/

Department of Kinesiology:

KINPALS help ease student transitions through healthy competition
The first annual KIN Cup is a series of events that will challenge teams to work together on physical and mental competitions. The event has been organized by KINPALS, a new mentorship program that pairs upper-year Kinesiology students with new incoming students.

Learn more about this event: http://blogs.ufv.ca/health/easing-student-transitions-through-healthy-competition/
Kinesiology Professor Joanna Sheppard featured in documentary on physical literacy

Learn more about this documentary at: http://www.norunningdoc.com/

Or skip right to UFV’s segment of the documentary at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3KpSB5p5FY&feature=youtu.be&t=15m35s

Friesen celebrates Olympic cycling medal and consoles those who missed the podium

UFV’s Roger Friesen was cheering from the sidelines when Canada’s women’s pursuit cycling team won a bronze medal on August 13. Friesen’s a bit of a secret weapon for elite athletes. He combines his teaching duties as an associate professor of kinesiology at the University of the Fraser Valley with a thriving career as a performance psychology consultant, helping athletes hone their mental game.


Students and Enrolment Management (Jody Gordon, VP)

Student Life and Development:

Advising
The Qualifying and Exploratory (Q+E) Advisors have been working closely with the Office of the Registrar on a communication plan for the conversion group of Program Path students over to Qualifying Studies (QS) as per the stated goal in our Strategic Enrolment Management Plan. The Q+E Advisors plan to look at how appointments will be scheduled around the winter registration period, to try and accommodate the mandatory advising load at that time. The Q+E Advisors will also be going out to the local high schools again this fall, for on-site advising related recruitment visits.

Financial Aid
Financial Aid & Awards participated in the Student Union Society’s Welcome Week and the New Student Orientation’s Amazing Race challenge. These events facilitated interactions with over 600 students at both the Chilliwack and Abbotsford campuses.

A new initiative beginning this fall – Financial Aid is providing on-site student financial assistance at the Indigenous Student Centre, every Tuesday (alternating campuses) over the lunch break.

Emergency funding was awarded to six students within the first week of class.
students about essential support services, but also to cultivate students’ sense of comfort in proactively accessing those services. The Amazing Race facilitated embodied, experiential learning by making students enter the physical space of a service and interact with representatives of that UFV department. Students also attended a plenary session in which they were welcomed by the UFV Elders, and UFV President Mark Evered.

NSO Part 2 was attended by 120 students at CEP and 446 students at Abbotsford. A team of over 50 current student volunteers and over 80 UFV employees contributed their time and energy to make this event a success.

Winter New Student Orientation
Planning for Winter NSO is underway. Winter NSO will take place from 4-7:30 pm on October 26 at CEP and November 3 at Abbotsford and will use the same format as NSO Part 1. The following activities will be offered:

- campus tours
- student services fair
- supporters’ orientation session
- registration information sessions (presented by the Registrar’s Office)
- academic orientation sessions (presented by the relevant advisors and/or faculty)

The following academic programs have opted-in to Winter NSO so far:

- Arts
- Sciences
- Visual Arts
- Library and Information Technology
- Qualifying Studies

The Department of Student Life is currently in discussions with the Faculties of Health Sciences and Applied and Technical Studies in order to address their students’ orientation needs.

The primary goal of Winter NSO is to prepare new students for registration, which opens in mid-November; this is why Winter NSO is being held earlier in the fall semester than in previous years.

Residence Life and Housing
Meet the New Team
On August 15 the new student staff team began their academic tenure as Resident Assistants and Front Desk Assistants. There are seventeen students on the team, eleven of which live in Baker House. There are eight international students, two aboriginal students and seven domestic students on the team. Student Staff training included several new modules: Naloxone Training (for treating drug overdose), Working in an Intercultural Environment, Courageous Conversations, Let’s Get Consensual, Setting Boundaries and Peer Counselling.

The search for a Housing Operations Coordinator has come to an end. Caitlin O’Donoghue began her permanent position on September 19. Caitlin comes to Residence Services with four years’ experience in Residence Services. She has served as a Resident Assistant, Front Desk Assistant, Senior Front Desk Assistant and an Auxiliary Housing Operations Coordinator for two
summer semesters. Caitlin graduated this summer from the Bachelor of Business Administration program at UFV.

As the Housing Operations Coordinator, Caitlin’s responsibilities include: overseeing the day-to-day activities related to Housing Services, developing protocols, coordinating processes and managing student accommodations. Caitlin is also responsible for managing the ongoing maintenance of our building, supervising the Front Desk Assistants and for marketing communications related to Residence Services.

**Housing Operations**
There are currently 196 students residing in Baker House for fall 2016, including two PhD students who are affiliated with UFV’s Geography department. In mid-August there were forty-five students waitlisted for the fall. Housing was able to extend thirty offers due to cancellations. Winter applications opened on September 15. It is anticipated that Baker House will be full for the winter term by mid-October.
The Residence demographics for the Academic Term are:
- 74 domestic students
- 122 international students (includes the two PhD students and 27 exchange students)
- 137 new residents
- 59 returning residents

**Residence Orientation**
One hundred and thirty-five student residents (69 percent of all residents) attended our Fall Residence Orientation. This year our Residence Orientation focused on supporting our student residents to understand their rights and responsibilities as citizens of an on-campus community. Topics included: unit maintenance, co-operative garbage disposal, use of the Community Kitchens, responsible use of alcohol, noise reduction in the building, and processes related to roommate transfers, move-in and move out. Shopping shuttles were arranged for August 27 and September 5. This year, Front Desk and Resident Assistants escorted residents on the shuttle and provided ongoing orientation to Abbotsford and the amenities available to students. Residence Orientation was followed by a pasta community dinner catered by Old Spaghetti Factory and an afternoon of fun at the Extreme Air Trampoline Park in Langley.

**Kitchen Orientation**
The new Kitchen Orientation program began the week of September 5 and has been attended by one hundred and fifty-nine residents. Ten, thirty-minute orientations were delivered. Students learned about kitchen hours, cooking on a glass stove top, kitchen safety, and their responsibilities in terms of kitchen cleanliness. The objective is to increase student engagement in establishing and maintaining food safe practices within the community, to provide an opportunity for students living on their own to develop their daily living skills with respect to food preparation, food safety and kitchen safety.

**C.L.E.A.R on Consent**
Student Leader, **Jesus Araujo** and Professional Staff, Caitlin O’Donoghue, delivered the first session of *Let’s Get Consensual* to the Residence Services Team. Feedback from students that have attended indicates that the session was well organized, added value to their campus experience and prepared them to talk about consent with students living in residence, their peers, and partners. As an experiential component to the training students who attended also manned the C.L.E.A.R. on Consent tables during NSO, discussed consent with our student population and promoted taking the pledge to be C.L.E.A.R. on Consent.
Building Maintenance
This summer Residence Services made the decision to partner with Facilities to provide janitorial services for all of our cleaning needs, including unit maintenance after move-out. This began with an audit of each unit and there is an anticipated annual savings to the Institute of approximately $17,000 in the next fiscal budget.

Counselling Services:

In August and September, the Counselling department delivered workshops to target the broad UFV student body, in addition to specific student groups including Health Science nursing students, Task students, and Student Life student leaders. On August 22, a pilot leadership skill development workshop was facilitated to student ambassadors, which was able to reach many international students leaders. The workshop titled, *Strengths Based Exploration: Building Leadership Capacity from the Inside Out*, was facilitated by two UFV counsellors and reached approximately 45 students. On August 30 and September 2 students visited the Counselling department at CEP and Abbotsford during the *Amazing Race* New Student Orientation event. The students interacted with two UFV counsellors personally, identified common stressors as a group, which helped to normalize the student experience and learned about our counselling resource.

As part of Student Life’s training week, UFV Counselling facilitated a one-day workshop titled, *Essential Skills for Peer Helpers*. The workshop focused on helping students to address common challenges that peer helpers in any role at UFV often face. Topics included: communication, crisis and referral, setting boundaries, and other peer support content. Student attendees included groups such as Baker House resident assistants, student ambassadors, and peer supporters from the Peer Resource and Leadership Centre.

Alongside the group events and workshops, the Counselling department continued to operate efficiently and continued to meet the needs of students through individual counselling sessions.

Career Centre:

The Career Centre's mission is to cultivate career readiness in students, to grow student work experience, to connect students and employers, and to produce graduates that can find and advance in a career.

The Career Centre is divided into four functional areas: Career Services, the Work-Integrated Learning program, the Co-operative Education program, and the Work Study Grant program. Career Services supports student career development and management through career coaching, employer event organization, and an online job bank. The Work-Integrated Learning program develops program-related student work opportunities and raises faculty and student awareness of these opportunities. The Co-operative Education program formally integrates full-time academic study with paid work in a program-related industry. The Work Study grant program is an internally funded program that supplies students with on-campus part-time student work opportunities.

*Career Services*

In the summer semester 2016 the Career Centre organized six career events with a total attendance of 153 students. Career Services also ran 26 individual career coaching appointments. Employers listed 623 jobs on CareerLink, the Career Centre’s online job database.
From May 18-26, the Career Centre participated in the UFV New Student Orientation, connecting with 100 new students and informing them of the experiential learning opportunities available through Career Services, Co-operative Education, and the Work-Study program.

The Career Centre Director and the Career Services Co-ordinator, together with the College of Arts Associate Dean and the Director, Advising Centre have been developing Major Maps for majors in Philosophy and in Psychology. Major Maps are visual representations of academic, extra-curricular, and career-related activities intended to help the student in their journey. The maps also included discipline-specific career options and job titles.

*Work-Integrated Learning*
A new position has been added to the Career Centre – Work-Integrated Learning Co-ordinator. A new office has been secured for this position, and the hiring process is underway.

*Co-operative Education*
For the summer semester Co-op Co-ordinators admitted a total of 29 new co-op students into the Co-operative Education program, with the following breakdown by discipline:
- Arts: 4 admissions
- Business Administration: 11
- Computer Information Systems: 11
- Science: 3

The total enrolment in the Co-operative Education program is 265, with 103 female, and 48 International students, and the following breakdown by discipline:
- Arts: 50
- Business Administration: 76
- Library and Information Technology: 5
- Computer Information Systems: 95
- Science: 39

For the summer semester co-op co-ordinators placed a total of 32 co-op students, with the following breakdown by discipline.
- Arts: 1 placement
- Business Administration: 8
- Library and Information Technology: 0
- Computer Information Systems: 19
- Science: 4

In August 2016 the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education (CACE) nationally accredited the UFV Co-operative Education program for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Professional Studies, and the Faculty of Science, for a six-year period, ending on December 31, 2022.

*Work Study Grant Program*
The Work-Study Grant program is an internally-funded program with a budget currently set at $218,918 in student salaries and $45,425 in benefits (WorkSafeBC fees, Employment Insurance premiums, and Canada Pension Plan contributions). Funding follows a funding cycle from May to April, with the corresponding semesters of summer, fall, and winter, and allows for 158 120-hour positions per year.
In accordance with the Strategic Enrolment Management Plan, for competitions from 2014/2015 to 2019/2020 funding is available for an additional 20 work study positions per year, bringing the total number of 120-hour positions per year to 178. (Note that with 2014/2015, 36 Work-Study positions were permanently converted to Supported Learning Group trainers work-study positions.)

For the 2016/2017 funding year the Career Centre processed and evaluated 287 Work Study grant applications covering the semesters Summer 2016, Fall 2016, and Winter 2017. 188 positions were allocated to the three functional areas in proportion to the demand: Research (81 positions), Service (96), and Teaching (11). For the summer semester 30 Work Study grants were utilized.

Disability Resource Centre:

The Disability Resource Centre (DRC) is seeing a steady increase in the number of students registered, with numbers exceeding 1000 students as of mid-September. Disability Advisor Karsten Renaerts will be moving from Chilliwack to Abbotsford starting in mid-September.

The Self-Determination and Disclosure symposium has been scheduled for the afternoon of November 3. The symposium will include a student panel, research presentations by UFV disability advisors, and guidelines to support staff and faculty who in turn are working to support students registered at DRC.

A guide was submitted by the DRC on abstract thinking to Teaching and Learning in August, which will be published in a UFV-wide document to support faculty. DRC staff will be presenting that material at the October 5 meeting of the UFV Accessibility committee.

With members of the Counselling department and the Academic Success Centre, DRC will be supporting and participating in the upcoming conference Safe Spaces, held by the Learning Specialists Association of Canada. LSAC voted UFV as the host institution for 2016, and staff are very much looking forward to what is always an interesting and productive conference.

Athletics and Campus Recreation:

The UFV athletics department welcomed their Cascades student-athletes to campus with an orientation event in September, and the soccer and golf teams have already gotten their seasons underway.

The Cascades soccer teams are playing at a new home pitch, MRC Sports Complex in Abbotsford, and both the men’s and women’s sides find themselves near the top of the Pacific Division standings in the early going. The Cascades men have been very strong defensively, with four shutouts in their first six games. The women’s team recently picked up a pair of impressive results against nationally ranked opponents, tying the UBC Thunderbirds 2-2 and defeating the Victoria Vikes 3-0.

The Cascades basketball and volleyball teams are embarking on
their preseason schedules. The basketball squads tip off their Canada West conference schedules November 4-5 at home vs. the Saskatchewan Huskies, while the volleyball teams open the PacWest regular season October 14-15 at home vs. the Capilano Blues.

The Cascades men’s volleyball program was pleased to learn recently that graduate Adam Chaplin, who played for the team the past five seasons, had landed a roster spot with Ikast KFUM, a club team in Denmark.

The UFV golf program has had a solid start to their fall season. The women’s team has won both its tournaments, with individual victories by Sharon Park and Jennifer Kell. The men’s team, meanwhile, is second in the PacWest standings through two events. The perennial powerhouse golf program got some significant media exposure on September 17 when reigning PacWest women’s champ Hannah Dirksen was profiled in the Vancouver Sun.

The athletic department’s great tradition of community initiatives is epitomized this fall by the women’s basketball team’s shoe drive. The squad is collecting gently used footwear for those in need, and they’re already well on their way to their goal of 1,000 pairs, having collected 600 pairs so far. Shoes can be dropped off for donation at a collection bin in the entryway of the Envision Athletic Centre.

The athletic department recently hired Cheryl Van Nes as campus recreation coordinator – a new position intended to increase student engagement in recreation on campus. Cheryl had previously served as the Envision Athletic Centre operations coordinator on the UFV Abbotsford campus.

University Relations (Leslie Courchesne, Executive Director)

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome Deanna McIntyre as Advancement Services Assistant. Deanna is instrumental in managing our donor database, gift receipting and reports. She is an accomplished fundraiser and event planner with a track record of success at the MS Society and Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation. She is also the past president of the Fraser Valley Event Planning Association. There is now one remaining vacancy in Advancement after nearly a complete re-build of the team this past year.

Event Highlights

UFV hosted the United Way Fraser Valley (UWFV) pancake breakfast kickoff events at CEP Chilliwack on September 12 and Abbotsford campus September 13, drawing 60-80 people each. UWFV Board chair Robin Marshall, UFV President Mark Evered, and Mayors Sharon Gaetz and Henry Braun spoke, with Evered pledging a personal donation of $2,000. UFV Board Chair John Pankratz, Chancellor Gwen Point, FSA President Sean Parkinson, SUS President Sukhi Brar attended. Leslie Courchesne and Martha Dow serve on the United Way campaign cabinet. UFV’s United Way fundraising goal is $25,000 this year.
On September 13, UFV hosted AVED Minister Andrew Wilkinson as he announced $50,000 in funding for a UFV computer coding program being developed by Access and Continuing Education. $500,000 in funding for 10 PSI’s across BC was also announced at this event. Three departments collaborated with University Relations to mark the announcement: Access and Continuing Education, Faculty of Science, and Faculty of Professional Studies.

On September 15, Benjamin O’Keefe was presented as a President’s Leadership Lecture Series speaker in conjunction with the Coast Capital Savings Peer Resource and Leadership Centre and Mindshare (a Universities Canada initiative). More than 100 students attended this free lecture and 20 University student leaders attended a dinner afterward.

University Relations sponsored and planned the UFV Alumni Association’s 2nd annual golf tournament at Chilliwack Golf Club on September 16. With over 90 golfers and scores of sponsors, early estimates show the tournament net at more than $10,000 the UFVAA will donate to student awards.

UFV’s second annual Town & Gown Fundraising Dinner set for November 9 is now sold out with 256 tickets purchased and a waiting list. The sponsorship program is also sold out, and the title sponsor is Prospera Credit Union. Our goal this year is $50,000 net for student awards. In addition to the work of our team, we sincerely thank the 14 dedicated Community Leader volunteers, including past Board members Stacey Irwin and Brian Minter, for driving ticket sales and sponsorships.

Media Highlights

For the calendar year-to-date, UFV is mentioned on average 8.25 times per day on mainstream media websites. This is trending upward from 6.0 times per day, on average, for the period from January 1 to May 1.

Roger Friesen of Kinesiology was interviewed on post-Olympic strategies for athletes on the Canadian Cycling team on On the Coast. Roger provided psychological coaching for the team during the Rio Olympics. 50,000 listeners tune in to any given minute of the CBC broadcast. Roger was also featured in the Chilliwack Progress.

College of Arts Associate Dean of Students Alisa Webb was interviewed for News 1130 radio on the new additions to the Bachelor of Arts degree. The 30-second story was repeated 24 times over a 12-hour period with a potential listening audience of 12,000 people per broadcast.

Both Yvon Dandurand from Criminology, and Hamish Telford from the College of Arts were quoted in separate Maclean’s magazine articles. Yvon was quoted on mandatory minimum prison sentencing and Hamish on housing policy. Maclean’s has a circulation of 313,000 per week nationally.

Many Cascades Athletics items and UFV items were featured in August in the Abbotsford News and the paper also covered the four UFV winners of the Premier’s International Scholarships.
Website Redesign

To follow up UFV’s recently redesigned academic calendar, future student, and international student sections of the website, the University Relations team worked to update 26 more sections over the past quarter, including Student Services, Career Centre, Indigenous Student Centre, Safe Student Community, Campus Card, Peer Resource and Leadership Centre, and our main Current Students page.

The UFV web redesign features: mobile design that works well on all devices, including phones; new site structure and page layouts built around analytics and user types rather than UFV’s internal organization; and improved SEO (search engine optimization).

University Relations also provided technical support for the launch of UFV India’s new website (ufv.in).