

MEMO

FROM: Dr. James Mandigo, Provost and VP Academic

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SUBJECT: Senate Provost's Report – Nov/Dec 2019

Happy New Year to all Senators and I wish all of you a successful start to the new term and the new decade ahead! The following is a summary of activities during the months of November and December, 2019 that have taken place across the various units that report into the Provost and Vice-President Academic.

Our Faculty & Staff

- Provost hosted Ken Steele to deliver a State of Higher Education address to Faculty and Staff as part of UFV's Strategic Planning process
- Dr. Satwinder Bains received a lifetime achievement award at the Drishti Awards Gala attended by the Provost and Dr. Gary Fehr.
- Cindy Schultz will begin a five-year term as Director, School of Health Studies on January 1st, 2020. Cindy is a graduate of our programs (Diploma in Nursing, Nursing Management Certificate, and BSN) and also has an MA in Leadership from TWU, a certificate in Reproductive Health Screening (BC Women's Hospital and Health Centre), and is a certified practitioner in Sexually Transmitted Infection Management (BCIT). She began working as an RN in 1993, and has been a faculty member at UFV since 2007. Cindy has previously held the positions of BSN Year One Lead, and BSN Coordinator. She has experience in global health, having taken two groups of nursing students to Belize as part of the international nursing elective. Cindy's recent teaching area has been gerontological nursing, reproductive health care, and community health. She is a member of the Options for Sexual Health organization in Abbotsford and Chilliwack, and initiated a partnership between the clinic and the Chilliwack Youth Health Centre.
- BSN Associate Professor Shelley Canning put on an ageing gala in one of her nursing courses. First year nursing students presented on various topics related to ageing, dementia, isolation, etc.
- The Physical Literacy Action Network (developed by Assistant Professor Lauren Couture and Associate Professor Joanna Sheppard) is up and running in 4 local Chilliwack elementary schools this term and will continue next term as well.
- Associate Professor Alison Pritchard-Orr and recently retired Associate Professor Kathy Keiver are involved in a project with the Abbotsford School District OT (Alex Thompson Elementary School) on self-regulation, titled: "Learning Physical Literacy and Self-Regulation".
- Institutional Research and Planning has developed a dashboard that provides a full cross-walk of FTEs between departments and programs. The user can choose a program and see in which department the FTEs are produced, or choose a department and see in which programs course department FTEs are generated. This will assist with planning and scheduling, allowing us to predict how students in programs translate to departmental FTEs. This cross-walk is necessary since students enter programs but budgeting is done by department and faculty.

- [UFV Continuing Education](#) (CE) hosted an instructor appreciation event to recognize exemplary CE instructors. Mike Mutter received the *Standout Initiative Award*; Gary Kwan and Linda Swanepoel received the *Innovator Award*; and Sabrina Ngo received the *Dedication to Education Award*.
- [Upgrading and University Preparation](#) Associate Professor, Anna Kuczynska, published her recently-completed MATH 085 textbook, [Intermediate Algebra and Trigonometry](#), through BCcampus. This open source textbook covers all the learning outcomes articulated in [BC's ABE Articulation Handbook](#) for *Advanced-Level Algebraic Math*.
- LNAP (Long Night Against Procrastination): On November 6th, UFV Libraries in Abbotsford and Chilliwack once again joined colleagues in the Academic Success Centre to offer this event. The libraries extended their evening hours and offered Makerspace and other activities, as well student supports such as the ever-popular St. John Ambulance Therapy Dogs.
- New Demand Driven E-Book Acquisition Program: We have launched a new Demand Driven Acquisition (DDA) program on the Proquest E-Book Central platform. Records for over 16,000 new titles are now showing up in our [Books & DVD's catalogue](#). The library will pay a short-term loan fee for titles that are viewed once or twice, with titles being purchased on the third use. The Library has been experimenting with a number of DDA packages over the past few years, as a way to build a digital collection that meets the needs of faculty and students.
- AskAway: UFV librarians provide service on the collaborative BC post-secondary online chat reference service, AskAway, and have done so since its beginning in the 2006-2007 academic year. AskAway provides real time chat reference support to the province's students, faculty and researchers. While UFV librarians contribute 8 hours per week, during the fall and winter semesters the service is available 73 hours per week, including some hours when the UFV library is closed. 2019 marked big changes to the service with the adoption and implementation of a new chat software platform, LibraryH3lp, currently in use by three Canadian collaborative chat reference services.
- UFV Launch concluded its first of two courses for new full-time faculty. The first course was nine weeks and included topics such as active and collaborative learning, the thinking classroom, assessment practices, rubric design, learning in digital spaces, etc. There were 25 participants in the program with more being added in the second course in the winter semester.
- Teaching and Learning provided a professional development workshop for all its staff on "Creating Dependable Allies," a workshop that focused on use of gender pronouns and difficulties faced by LGBTQ students. As a group they worked through scenarios, brainstormed solutions, and improved their knowledge around LGBTQ issues.
- Three SLG leaders from the science program collaborated to form a support group for women in the STEM programs, calling it UFV WEST. They held their first career planning event recently where they invited successful local women in STEM professions to come and hold a panel discussion open to students.
- History Associate Professor, Scott Sheffield, was a guest on CBC's "Unreserved" on November 7, speaking about Indigenous Veterans in World War II.
- Friday, January 17, 2020 — Public book launch for Lenore Newman's *Lost Feast* in the UFV Abbotsford Library
- Thursday, February 6, 2020 — PoliTalk by Dr. Scott Matthews in B101 lecture hall, a collaboration with the Political Science department
- Human Resources and the Marketing Department completed a year-long project to develop a recruitment strategy for UFV. The features of the recruitment campaign includes a website dedicated to the recruitment message – which outlines the benefits of working and living in the Fraser Valley <https://www.ufv.ca/careers/>

- Dr. Jonathan Hughes has now formally stepped into the new role of Director of the new School of Land Use and Environmental Change (SoLUEC). Thank you to Dr. Greg Schlitt for his service as the Interim Director for the past 6 months.
- The Halq'eméylem PD wrapped up. Jonny Xotwes Williams taught two sections of ten one-hour classes of Halq'eméylem to faculty and staff. Attendees learned many basics, including pronunciation of the new UFV Vision, Mission, and Values in Halq'eméylem.
- The Advising Centre personnel participated in a professional development workshop on Design Thinking Innovation with David Harper as the facilitator.
- Orientation 202001 was a coordinated effort between UFV International and Student Life. UFV International managed the “check in” part of orientation and then immediately transitioned the students to the various venues for New Student Orientation (NSO) where both domestic and international students attended sessions and took part in activities together. Sessions included Time Management, University 100, and learning about UFV support services.
- Modern Languages (MOLA) is offering free French language workshops to all students starting January 6. Contact: Renee.Hamiltonclark@ufv.ca
- Graphic and Digital Design is hosting a [Portfolio Info Session](#) on February 6 from 5 – 8pm on the Mission Campus (D227). Future students will be introduced to program offerings, instructors, students and alumni, and can receive feedback/advice on entrance portfolios and questions.

Our Students

- Provost hosted a breakfast for recipients of the Athletic All Canadian Awards
- UFV Nursing students hosted the Canadian Nursing Student Association Conference in Abbotsford on November 1st – 3rd. Approximately 155 nursing students from Western Canada attended. It included sessions on “Navigating Healthcare”, a Kairos Blanket Exercise, a “Speed Nursing” event to learn about specialities, and a gender diversity and dysphoria workshop. The students raised \$784 for Foundry Abbotsford with a silent auction
- There are 17 undergraduates, 5 undergraduate leaders, and 1 TA currently preparing for the upcoming year’s study tour in Antigua.
- Three UFV students have been chosen for the “Peace Summit of Emerging Leaders” conference to be held Feb 5-7, 2020 in Bangkok, Thailand: Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghafoor, Tara-Lynn M. Kozma-Perrin and Katelyn Van Hove.
- Student invitations have been sent out to attendees, panel speakers and co-leaders for the second annual [Student Leadership Symposium to be held on January 3, 2020](#). This year’s symposium is designed around the topic of personal empathy. Steven Schroeder a Teaching Chair in UFV’s Peace and Conflict Studies program will present a workshop titled: “Non-Violent Communication;” Angela Low will present: “Empathy Activate!;” and the keynote, Swil Kanim, will discuss “The Art of Honour.”
- The ASC continues to see an explosion of growth in students visiting the Centre and using its services. In the month of November 2019, there was a 25% increase in the number of students using their services with a 33% increase in the numbers of sessions provided as compared to November 2018. Almost 60 students attended workshops, 82 students used the WriteAway service (where students submit their papers online and a tutor provides written feedback). UFV tutors reviewed 61 papers in the WriteAway system.
- SoCA presented its first production of the 2019-2020 season, ‘ART’ by Yazmina Reza, translated by Christopher Hampton. The show was a debate about representational versus abstract artwork, which was an exciting topic that aligned with the creation of the School of Creative Arts. ‘ART’ had successful

runs, great publicity and received positive audience feedback. It was featured in the [Abbotsford News, Cascade](#) and [UFV Today](#).

- Two Modern Languages (MOLA) students, Hanna Młotkowska from MAND 201 and Constance de Bruin from MAND 101, on behalf of UFV, won third place in the final round of Chinese Bridge BC – Mandarin Singing Contest. They impressed the judges with the accurate pronunciation of Mandarin and vocal harmony. [Read more in an Arts Blog Article](#).
- Katrina Penner-Loat, SoCA student, is holding a [photography exhibition](#) at the Mission Community Archives from November 23 – December 20. The exhibition features photographs from the Mission Community Archives of iconic locations in the Fraser Valley, juxtaposed next to contemporary photographs of the iconic locations in the present
- Theatre is completing their final designs for the upcoming production of Shakespeare's [Richard III](#) to be presented from March 11 – 21, 2020. The play is adapted and directed by Anna Griffith. Designers include: Parjad Sharifi (scenographer), Heather Robertson (costume design), Lucy Mulder (hair and makeup design, student), Steven Bowman (sound design, student).
- The newly formed UFV Women in Engineering, Science and Technology (UFV-WEST) Student Group hosted their first Career Panel event on November 28. The panelists included: Angela Bedard, Genetic Counsellor, BC Cancer Agency (Biology Adjunct Faculty); Dr. Carin Bondar, UFV Science Communicator, Biologist with a Twist (also a Biology Adjunct Faculty); Emily Prachnau (UFV Alumnus), Software Developer; Eryne Croquet, Agrologists and Geoscientist, Statlu Environmental Consulting; and Kara Jefford, Manager of Transportation & Drainage, City of Chilliwack.
- UFV Let's Talk Science (LTS) Coordinator and 4th Year BSc Student, Emily Ell, and her team have managed to reach over 340 youths this semester. They were invited to schools across the Fraser Valley and hosted workshops at both the Chilliwack and Sardis libraries. See: <https://www.theprogress.com/community/super-science-event-offered-stem-based-learning-for-kids-at-chilliwack-library/>
- BEd students had a powerful day of learning about Special Education: Stacey Wakabayashi came and shared important information about Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder with our students in the morning; in the afternoon our guests were two young men with global dyspraxia. They are also non-verbal and have autism. They shared their experiences (both positive and negative) while they were in the school system. The BEd students also participated in the Blanket Exercise, an experiential learning opportunity that teaches about the history of colonization in Canada.
- A Cohort Completion dinner was held to celebrate the participants of the Métis Community Support Worker certificate program, a partnership between UFV and Métis Nation BC. 9 students will graduate from the program. See <https://www.mnbc.ca/news-events/posts/mnbc-celebrates-m-tis-community-support-worker-pro>
- CECE is looking to expand the City Studio model across the Fraser Valley region. During the fall semester, Larissa Horne coordinated an exploratory pilot in experiential education with the City of Chilliwack. On December 4, 55 students from GDD 317 (Jennifer Deon) and GEOG 111 (Michelle Rhodes) presented 19 projects addressing two pressing community problems—single use items (plastics) and illegal dumping.
- On [December 3](#), 75 Students from BIO 310 and BIO 410 (Dr. Sharon Gillies') and GEOG 360 (Dr. Afia Zubair Raja's) classes presented 18 innovative solutions to the City of Abbotsford to address local civic challenges. Student projects resulted in a substantive contribution to the analysis of eradicating invasive Japanese Knotweed.
- UFV International had 216 new students check in with about 10 more expected for Winter 2020. Continuing student registration is currently at 1683 or 96.7% of our expected returning student number of 1740.

- “Neeraj Canada” YouTube channel: One international student at UFV has started a following as he documents via a [YouTube channel](#) his experiences at UFV as a student from India. This is something that the student has done entirely on his own. Since his videos are in both English and Punjabi, representatives from UFV International asked if he could add English subtitles where necessary. Neeraj’s videos cover a range of topics—orientation, tips for students from India, accommodations, and ways of getting involved in international activities such as the *En Route* program.
- UFV welcomed its first student from the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program. The student came to us from a refugee camp in Kenya but is from Somalia.
- On December 5, 2019 the UFV Visual Arts Student Association and Theatre Student Association held a [Creative Showcase](#) in the SUB. The showcase displayed students’ creative and artistic expressions such as visual arts, poetry readings, creative writings, mini-lectures, musical performances, monologues and scenes.
- The College of Arts held its second annual [Student Leadership Symposium: Empathy in Action](#) on January 3, 2020. The event had 55 attendees, with 40 student attendees and 5 student panelists. Students gave positive reviews about the day and what they had learned. "One of the biggest takeaways I got from today was from our Keynote Speaker [Swil Kanim] and how he talked about honouring yourself. I had never really thought about it in that way. That staying true to yourself is actually honouring yourself and in that way you can relate to others more authentically," said Hailey Berge, a student attendee and panelist.

Our Community

- Provost and President MacLean met with the Mayors of Hope, Mission and Abbotsford to discuss areas of priority for partnership between UFV and their respective municipalities.
- Provost represented UFV at the NATVAC Meetings in Toronto.
- Provost attended the Anti Racism conference hosted by the University of Waterloo with a group of other UFV staff, faculty, and students.
- Provost attended an FBS workshop on managing conflict.
- Provost attended UFV’s Town and Gown Event
- Provost attended memorials in Abbotsford and Chilliwack on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. These memorials marked the 30th Anniversary of the tragic deaths of 14 women and 14 injured by a gunman at Ecole Polytechnique in 1989.
- [Fran Vanderpol](#) announced that the Oikodome Foundation, her family’s charitable organization, will be supporting the new Peace and Reconciliation Centre (PARC) within the UFV College of Arts with a donation of \$100,000. Pieter and Fran Vanderpol helped in the development of the Peace and Conflict Studies program at UFV.
- UFV International is currently planning campus visits for partner university representatives who will be attending the Asia Pacific Association for International Education (APAIE) Conference in March in Vancouver.
- Received a couple of very large material donations: 36,700 board feet of softwood lumber (approx. \$18K plus or minus) for the Carpentry Program and several large skids of countertop material for the Joinery Program.
- We are ready to re-open Makerspace programming in the new calendar year. It was put on hold while we build the Digital Manufacturing lab/shop. This is an important community engagement and recruiting program. There is big interest in this kind of activity.
- CECE received a \$300,000 donation from RBC Future Launch to better prepare our students for the jobs of tomorrow. On November 21 UFV hosted our RBC partners in celebrating this generous donation.

Abbotsford News, November 27, 2019:

<https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/i20191127021734679/20>

- Interviews are now in process for the hiring of an additional Sessional Instructor for MOLA's Halq'emeylem due to the increased demand for courses through Seabird Island. Twenty-three students have registered for the additional programming.
- On November 4, the CYFS Department hosted "The Power of Relationship" in the theatre on the Abbotsford campus. This is the second year for this special dialogue with about 90 people in attendance.
- Mandeep Pannu presented a session to girls (age 12- 16) on Cybersecurity "Inspiring Girls to Explore Cyber Security". The event will include trainings, exchanging of ideas and sharing, in girl-focused programming and opportunities.
- Research, Engagement and Graduate Studies facilitated an MOU with the Government of Aruba to explore agriculture education partnerships, as a by-product of our research relationship with Affinor Growers at the Surrey Biopod.
- Dr. Alan Reid continues his Bloedel Conservatory Docent Training Program at VanDusen Botanical Gardens. He hosted two talks for the Agassiz Garden Club and an ongoing set of presentations will resume in January 2020. He continues to offer his walks and talks around campus for indigenous students on food plants in IPK 100 with Julia Shoker and Rebekah Bracket.
- Dr. Carin Bondar was featured in the Chilliwack Progress regarding Climate change issues <https://www.theprogress.com/news/chilliwack-scientist-shocked-to-hear-climate-change-denial-from-some-school-trustees/>.
- Drs. Gregory Schmaltz, Alida Janmaat and Debbie Wheeler, met with Abbotsford airport authorities to discuss birds and wildlife issues at the airport for ongoing collaborative projects that may employ some of our science students.
- Dr. Lenore Newman was featured in CBC's Quirks and Quarks on Dec 20 with respect to her book Lost Feast <https://www.cbc.ca/radio/quirks/dec-21-the-quirks-quarks-holiday-book-show-1.5397535/exploring-culinary-extinction-the-foods-we-have-eaten-out-of-existence-1.5397544>.
- Dr. Iris Lesser, Assistant Professor in KIN, had her research highlighted in the Vancouver Sun <https://vancouversun.com/news/local-news/hiking-for-healing-ufv-researcher-finds-nature-helps-anxiety-among-cancer-survivors>

The Provost and Vice-President Academic's Office continues to lead UFV's Strategic Planning process that builds off of UFV's Visioning exercise. A series of online and face-to-face consultations will be announced in January.

Thank you to all those who contributed to providing these updates from the Faculties and Academic Units.

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