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FROM: Dr. James Mandigo, Provost and VP Academic
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SUBJECT: Senate Provost's Report

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COVID-19 Updates

On January 24th, 2022, UFV started Phase 3 of its graduated start to the Winter semester and resumed regularly scheduled modes of delivery identified in the Winter 2022 timetable. Senators are also encouraged to review the latest Virtual Post-Secondary Town Hall with Dr. Bonnie Henry that was hosted by UFV on February 9th. A recording of the February 9, 2022 town hall can be viewed [here](#). UFV continues to meet regularly with Fraser Health officials to discuss and monitor our safety measures that are in place for on-campus activities.

Strategic Enrolment Management Plan

To support the implementation of the Integrated Strategic Plan, UFV is undergoing a renewal of its Strategic Enrolment Management Plan. A total of 101 responses to an institutional survey were received to help inform key priorities for the SEM Plan. Discussions focused on the results of the consultations to date have taken place with a number of Faculty Councils place over the past month with more scheduled in the upcoming weeks. A series of institutional focus groups following the results of the survey and consultations to date are also planned in the next few weeks.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. This year's theme is *February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day*. I would encourage everyone to take time to reflect, acknowledge, listen, and learn more about the significant contributions that Black Canadians have made and the barriers they have faced and had to overcome due to systemic racism in our society. Thank you to Sundeep Hans, Director for EDI, on recommending the following resources to foster this learning and awareness:

- [Celebrate Black History Month by learning from UFV honorary degree recipient Esi Edugyan | UFV Today](#)
- The BC Black History Awareness Society has an incredible [lineup of events](#) celebrating the achievements of historical and contemporary Black Canadians.
- [RAN](#) invites the UFV community to attend a "Literary Circle in Honour of [bell hooks](#)" on February 28 from 1pm-2pm. Folks are invited to bring with, read aloud, and reflect on their favourite and most impactful bell hooks quotes/passages. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88247231233> Meeting ID: 882 4723 1233.

- Explore this virtual museum exhibit explores the rich history of BC's Black pioneers through images, photographs, maps, and archival documents focusing on a group of 800 invited settlers: [British Columbia's Black Pioneers: Their Industry and Character Influenced the Vision of Canada](#)
- There are a lot of online events taking place as well, you can find them [here](#), and some of [these](#) are in-person (dependent on the regional public health protocols)

To align my report with the Integrated Strategic Plan, I have reorganized the activities across the Academic Units under the Mission and Goals of Engaging Learners, Transforming Lives, and Building Communities. Thank you to all those who contributed to providing these updates from the Faculties and Academic Units.

Engaging Learners: Yoystexw ye totilthet

Provide inclusive learning environments for everyone

- The 2022 EDI Calendar is now available: [EDI calendar project | UFV.ca](#)
- TLC in partnership with UFV International will be hosting a series of podcasts called Student Voices that will include interviews with students on a wide variety of topics. Do you have a particular topic you would like to have addressed? Do you know of any students who would be good candidates to interview? Please contact Victoria Surtees, Teaching and Learning Specialist, Internationalization at Victoria.surtees@ufv.ca.
- In March 9th the ASC will be hosting the Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP) once again with events planned both on campus and online that will run until midnight. It's a fun night with challenges, workshops, giveaways, food and music. We encourage all students to attend. Events will be held in Abbotsford and Chilliwack. LNAP is part of a week-long national collaborative Procrastination Avoidance Week. UFV will be working with other postsecondary institutions that week as they share guest speakers, workshops and other events. More information to come. Watch social media.
- The GDS program will be holding a virtual event on March 8, 2022, from 9-10 am on "Gender Equality and Climate Change". This event is open to all. Tickets will be available soon on Eventbrite.
- Dr. Carin Bondar, Biology Adjunct Professor and Sessional Instructor filmed a documentary for CBC and ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) last spring called 'Carbon – An Unauthorised Biography' hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson. The trailer for the movie was just released this month. The Vancouver premiere will be February 22. Carin is in the trailer at 01:00 <https://vimeo.com/663981105>. Film website: <https://www.thecarbonmovie.com/>. She also finished shooting Season 2 of Battle of the Alphas on Love Nature <https://tv.lovenature.com/shows/battle-of-the-alphas/>.
- Christine Dalton, Biology Lab Instructor has not only been writing articles for NatureWILD Magazine <https://naturekidsbc.ca/be-a-naturekid/naturewild/> for the past couple of years she has been serving on their Editorial Board. NatureWILD is BC's only all-colour mature magazine for children

and their families. Every issue features a range of articles by BC's leading naturalists, as well as games, nature activities, step-by-step drawing instructions, contests, quizzes, nature news from across the province, stories and more!

- The Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies hosted students and parents from the Chilliwack School District to an orientation evening on Monday, January 24 at the Trades & Technology Centre. This is part of a dual credit partnership where high school students complete 12 weeks of instruction at their school and come to UFV for the remaining 22 weeks. This year, there are 15 students in the Automotive Foundation Program and 9 students in the Welding Foundation Program. The evening included a welcome, orientation, tour of the shops, and presentations from the Industry Training Authority, UFV's Centre for Accessibility Services and the Office of the Registrar. The students will be on campus starting January 31, 2022 until June 30, 2022.
- As part of Web-based Business Communications (ABT 160), students have been working in teams to develop a product or service for the Fraser Valley market, design a social-media marketing campaign, and launch an online product-promotion week.

Transforming Lives: Ayeqet kw'e shxwaylexws

Provide opportunities for people to discover, develop, and share their gifts while also recognizing and celebrating the gifts of others

- The Enactus UFV project, The Big Brain Literacy Program (BBLP), has been selected to receive a \$2,500 grant as part of the Shaw Youth Entrepreneurship Project Accelerator. This BBLP project also got two additional grants: \$2,500 from Jean Sauve Global Project Accelerator and \$2,500 from PC Financial Resilience Project Accelerator.
- Teaching and Learning Specialist, Indigenization Lorna Andrews is establishing a working group to develop a short module as an introduction to Indigenous and Stó:lō peoples and history. The module is to support the need to provide international students and others with a foundation on Indigenous knowledge and history. More information to come as the working group is established. Lorna is also working on a series of new one-hour workshops to begin in January. Check the TLC website for topics and schedules.
- The TLC is producing a series of podcasts on teaching and learning issues and successes featuring our own faculty as well as experts from across Canada. Catch the latest with Communications professor Hannah Celinski on Student Success.
https://video.ufv.ca/media/TLCAsks+E2A+Hannah+Celinski+on+Student+Success/0_b6h5ctrf
- Alison Pritchard-Orr: MYSelf Club (hybrid exercise/self-regulation intervention study)- We have now hired 13 KIN students who will act as both remote coordinators and in-class facilitators for our intervention which will be delivered via Microsoft Teams for synchronous intervention sessions at a local elementary school in Abbotsford. The intervention will be an 8 week (24 session) study running from April 5- May 26. Research assistants attended a criminal record check, COVID

protocol information session at our intervention site (Ross Elementary) in Dec. Orientations for research assistants and KIN 465 students to take place at CEP campus February 10 and 17.

- SCMS Sessional Instructor and Faculty Associate at CHASI Dr. Sarah Beaulieu was featured on the latest documentary from the Fifth Estate called [“The Reckoning: Secrets Unearthed by Tk'emlups te Secwepemc.”](#) The documentary features Dr. Beaulieu’s work on ground penetrating radar investigation at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School
- HR Recruitment Campaign – “why not both” was expanded to include more diverse voices:
 - [Watch the updated main video here](#)
 - [Watch the individuals shorts here](#)
- A special program has been approved by the Human Rights Tribunal, enabling the University to hire indigenous staff and faculty on the basis of their ancestry. HR has been working with the Special Advisor and steering committee members to establish posting wording, a self declaration and validation process related to the program.
- Continuing Education secured funding from TEALBC (Teaching English an Additional Language) to develop First Aid learning materials and supports for individuals learning First Aid. English as an additional language learners often struggle with subject specific language as presented in standard first aid curriculum.

Building Community: Thayt kw’e st’elt’elawtexw

Collaborate and partner in pursuits that enrich the lives of all people on our campuses, in our local communities, and beyond

- Dr. Russell Campbell is organizing a Game Jam event, a day long participatory event where students and members of the community can join and develop advanced computer games.
- Dr. Mandeep Pannu is organizing a hackathon even with local high school students, demonstrating Cybersecurity techniques.
- Abbotsford/Chilliwack CityStudio digital HUBBUB #8 for Fall 2021 semester classes. Student project posters and videos can be viewed at CityStudio Virtual Hubbub #8 - Fall 2021 | Let's Talk Abbotsford (letstalkabbotsford.ca) Everyone is welcome to cast their vote for the People’s Choice Award.
- CHASI partners with Archway Community Services for upcoming projects: CHASI is undertaking two major projects in partnership with Abbotsford's Archway Community Services. One will explore the relationship between experiences of food insecurity and housing accessibility, while the second will evaluate an inter-agency housing and drop-in centre initiative funded through a \$1.5m UBCM Strengthening Communities’ Services Grant.
- Dr. Lenore Newman, Director of the Food and Agriculture Institute and Professor in the School of Land Use and Environmental Change, was featured in the first episode of UFV’s “Get to Know” podcast. She talked about her career journey, the recent floods in the Fraser Valley, the future of

food, and her retirement dream. Listen to the podcast on Spotify here:

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/2ZqQ1aG13lklTqoSKrmBlf?si=XHe7p-i4TpKZ9hv7NWNNGmA>

- Feb 17 – Partnership to support flood recovery 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm
 - PARC awarded an *i2i (Ideas to Ivory Tower)* grant to Great Blue Heron Reserve. The collaborative meeting between UFV faculty & off-campus organization leaders will brainstorm ways to address challenges identified by external organizations within the community and work together to create innovation solutions.
- PARC and the Abbotsford Police Department have developed the Connection Circle Diversity Series – a collaborative initiative to connect with our community.
- A new partnership has been developed with the Indigenous Education branch for Abbotsford School District. The Teacher Education Department is working with Abby teachers to develop curriculum that includes Indigenous content, perspectives, and pedagogy into K-12 classrooms for their district.

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