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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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I would like to start by wishing everyone a joyous start to the 2022 Academic Term. A special welcome to all of the new faculty, staff, and students who have joined UFV this Fall and to the returning and new Senators this year. I look forward to working with all of you in support of advancing our Academic Mission.

COVID-19 Updates

The beginning of the Fall, 2022 term has been a return to some normalcy after two years of pandemic restrictions. While the pandemic is still ongoing, the tools and our understanding of how to mitigate the spread of the SARS-Cov2 virus have improved tremendously. UFV continues to closely monitor the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and adhere to the guidelines developed by the BCCDC in collaboration with other BC Post-Secondary Institutions [see [Post-Secondary \(bccdc.ca\)](https://www.bccdc.ca)] to support a safe learning and work environment for everyone. UFV also continues to encourage everyone who is eligible to be up-to-date with BC's COVID-19 vaccination program; including the roll-out of the 2nd booster dose scheduled for this Fall [see [COVID-19 Immunization Plan - Province of British Columbia \(gov.bc.ca\)](https://www2.gov.bc.ca)].

Strategic Enrolment Management Plan

After almost of year of consultations that included input from across the University community, I am excited to bring forward for Senate's recommendation to the Board of Governors the Strategic Enrolment Management Plan. The SEM Plan is rooted in our Integrated Strategic Plan will guide UFV's long-term planning around student enrolments. I wish to thank all Senators for their participation at various stages of the SEM Plan development and to the entire University community who actively participated in its development.

Sr. Administrative Updates

Over the summer months, we welcomed three new members to the Provost's Sr. Academic Leadership Team:

- Dr. Allyson Jule: Dean for the Faculty of Education, Community and Human Development
- Dr. Aweet Sivia: Associate Vice-President for Teaching and Learning
- Nicole Klassen: Business Manager, Office of the Provost.

Searches for the following Sr. Administrative positions within the Provost area are also currently underway:

- [Dean – Faculty of Science](#)
- [Dean – Faculty of Applied and Technical Studies](#)
- [Associate Vice President – Indigenous Affairs](#)

Dr. Lucy Lee and Dr. Peter Geller, the current Deans of FoS and FATS, have appointment terms that end on August 31, 2023.

Age-Friendly University

Over the summer months, UFV received the international designation as an Age-Friendly University. UFV joins 8 other Canadian Universities to receive this designation and is the first in BC to receive this distinguished status. I'd like to recognize and thank Dr. Shelley Canning, Director of the Centre for Education and Research on Aging (CERA), for initiating and leading this process on behalf of UFV. An official celebration is planned on October 4th at 4pm on the patio of the K-building to recognize this significant accomplishment.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

There are a number of events scheduled across British Columbia to recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation on September 30th. Please participate if and where you are able. At UFV, the [Rise Up, Wake Up](#) event will honour the spirit of children lost to residential schools, survivors and families. The event is scheduled to take place on September 29th at 1:00 at the Gathering Place in the CEP building. I encourage everyone to reflect upon the critical role we play as educators to redressing the lasting and ongoing legacy of residential schools and the harmful practices of colonization, and to continue to commit ourselves to supporting authentic truth and reconciliation.

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 SASET Youth in Trades program was delivered over the summer with 11 students between the ages of 15-19 enrolled in the 4-week trades sampler (Carpentry, Automotive, Welding and Culinary).
- A keystone to our recruitment activities this year will be an comprehensive [Open House](#) on October 22 featuring UFV programs and services. Plans are well underway for the day-long event that will bring prospective students and their supporters on to campus to see all that the University has to offer.
- Libraries supported the students and faculty providing a welcoming environment with in-person at the Reference Desk and online chat services through the AskAway portal. During the summer semester, library use returned to the normal pre-pandemic use for a summer semester with many reference questions fielded and assistance provided for with research assignments.
- The inaugural [Research Centres, Labs, and Institutes Showcase](#) will highlight the diverse and ground-breaking work happening at UFV's 12 hubs of research
- New Faculty Kickstart – This year's NFKS ran from August 22 - 25 with ~30 new faculty enrolled in the program. NFKS ran online with a combination of synchronous Zoom sessions and asynchronous learning in Blackboard. Co-facilitators in this program were Claire Hay, Teaching Specialist, Michelle Johnson, Educational Developer, Lorna Andrews, Teaching Specialist Indigenization, and Victoria Surtees, Teaching

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Specialist, Internationalization. Zoom sessions included a faculty panel with Tim Dueck and Patrick Watchorn sharing their experiences; a student panel with three current UFV students sharing their thoughts on the instructional experiences they have had at UFV; an introduction to Indigenization that focused on the intersection of decolonization, reconciliation, and Indigenization; and an introduction to internationalization and culturally relevant pedagogy. Asynchronous learning included modules on Blackboard basics, active learning, learning outcomes, assessment design, and academic integrity.

- Ken Harmel, Learning Designer, created the following video resources which can be found here [How-to Videos for Instructors - UFV MediaSpace](#)
 - How to submit a video assignment
 - How to add a Turnitin Assignment in Blackboard
 - How to copy a course in Blackboard
 - How to record a video in Blackboard ultra using MyMedia
 - How to add a digital signature to PDFs
 - How to add permanent feedback to your Blackboard course (ex. Blackboard Course Tour 2022)
 - Example Blackboard Course Tour 2022
 - How to add a video to a group discussion forum
 - How to set up and run a hyflex meeting <https://web.microsoftstream.com/video/18e9a238-ba9a-435f-9b1e-607b454f80e7>

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

- [Impact of COVID-19 on Post-Secondary Students](#): A Systematic Review of Institutional Reports
In partnership with the British Columbia Council on Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT), CHASI recently launched an interactive dashboard to share the results of a national project assessing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on post-secondary students.
- [Unearthing Canada's First World War Internment History](#): CHASI Faculty Associate Dr. Sarah Beaulieu was recently highlighted by the Canadian Museum of History for her work excavating Canada's World War I internment camps. Her work uncovers a long-hidden part of Canadian history and, as she says, "is giving voice to these individuals who have been essentially forgotten about."
- English student Sarah Brown was awarded the Chilliwack Foundation Annual Scholarship, University Women's Club of Chilliwack Memorial Endowment Scholarship, and the Henrik and Alice Sorila Memorial Endowment Scholarship for her work over the Fall 2021 and Winter 2022 semesters.
- Amea Wilbur (ADED), Brianna Strumm (SSWHS), and Tanis Sawkins (ADED) are showcasing newcomer women's individual experiences of "belonging" and "exclusion" as they settle in Canada – in a multimedia exhibition based on their SSHRC and UFV-funded photovoice project. All are welcome to attend on September 23, 2022 at the S'eliyemetaxwtexw Art Gallery on the UFV Abbotsford Campus.
- In partnership with Archway Community Services, Continuing Education secured funding from BCTEAL to develop first aid instructional materials for English as an Additional Language learners

- Amanda Wurz was the recipient of a CIHR Project Grant for “Exploring the effectiveness and implementation of the IMPACT intervention: A physical activity program for children and adolescents on treatment for cancer”. Amanda was also the recipient of the Early Career Investigator Award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (linked [here](#))
- UFV has welcomed one of the recipients of the [International Emergency Fund](#) (IEF) to campus. The student is settled in Baker House.
- As of the first day of the semester, UFV has enrolled more than 2,440 new students in credit, vocational and developmental programs. This is approximately 100 more new students than we enrolled in September 2021. (Trades students are counted separately). International student registration continues its recovery, with more than 1,500 students currently registered. This is a 23% increase over last September.
- The [Undergraduate Research Excellence \(URE\) Awards](#) were held at the Clarion Hotel, Abbotsford on May 31 where 26 students received research awards totaling over \$25,000.
- July 17 | The BC Minister for Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation (JERI), the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, and MLA Pam Alexis recently facilitated a [roundtable discussion at UFV](#) on the future of agritech in the Fraser Valley, in the light of recent federal & provincial funding announcements totaling over \$16m.
- The London International Youth Science Forum <https://www.liysf.org.uk/> was held July 27-August 10, 2022. Biology student and 2022 representative, Rhien Hare, joined our 2020 representative and Physics student, Annabelle Czihaly, who has been patiently waiting to travel since the 2020 forum was postponed due to the pandemic. They joined 500 other leading young scientists from more than 70 participating countries. Their activities can be read on the FoS blog at: <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/category/trips/science-in-london/>.
- Congratulations to Dr. Cherie Enns, from the School of Land Use and Environmental Change and her research team on their Women RISE International Development Research Centre (IDRC) application: ‘Catalyzing Women’s Involvement in Post-Covid-19 Recovery through Agricultural Cooperatives in Kenya (WINRACK)’. <https://www.idrc.ca/en/initiative/women-rise>. Funding for this project will see \$250K to UFV and \$650K to the Kenyan partner.
- Dr. Lauren Erland, Director of Berry Horticulture, received the Canadian Society of Plant Biology Award at the Plant Biology 2022 meeting in Portland in July <https://plantbiology.aspb.org/>. This award is for “outstanding contributions to plant biology by a postdoctoral fellow, based on initiative and originality of the research, productivity of the individual, and leadership during their postdoctoral fellowship.”
- Dr. Justin Lee (Biology) was the recipient of the prestigious NSERC Discovery grant for 5 years plus an Early Career supplement which brings \$145,000 to UFV for research and training of our students. See [NSERC - Research Grants Competition - Results by Institution - 2022 \(nserc-crsng.gc.ca\)](#)
- The Indigenization Committee of the FECHD worked with colleagues from the College of Arts, the FPS, and the Teaching and Learning Office to create this video and we are excited to share it with faculty, staff, and students at UFV. We encourage you to share your thoughts and reflections with colleagues as we move towards making this an ongoing conversation on our campuses: <https://ufv.ca/teaching-and-learning/inclusive-teaching/indigenization/>

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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

- Industry services in FATS delivered a 90-hour Landscape/Horticulture program at Kwikwèxwelhp Healing Village Correctional Institution (2 days per week in July and August)
- August 5-7 August Chilliwack Fair – the Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies along with the Agriculture Department and UFV, co-sponsored the Chilliwack Fair this summer. ATS and Agriculture put together successful display booths and connected well with the community via games and giveaways. Chef Sian Hurley provided culinary demonstrations at the Kitchen stage on each day of the event. The ATS wrapped truck and trailer was also on display over the weekend.
- FATS supplied materials for a temporary public accessibility ramp for the Chilliwack Pridefest (August 21) and Muralfest (August 20). This was organized by Joel Feenstra, Associate Professor, Electrical who also donated his time and labour to build the ramp.
- Carpentry involvement in building teaching Yurt at Abbotsford Campus, a project of Child, Youth and Family Studies (Christine Slavik, Faculty member) – Patrick Watchorn and students construct the foundation, Patrick and Joel Feenstra complete the Yurt construction
- The results of ADED's three SIF grants (Decolonizing and Indigenizing Adult Education, Images of Newcoming, Building Social-Emotional Resilience Through Mindfulness) are now featured in five engaging videos here: <https://www.ufv.ca/adult-education/student-testimonials/> These videos demonstrate the significant outreach ADED has to various communities and how it engages students and alumni in undergraduate research activities. Note that Images of Newcoming was also funded by a SSHRC Explore Grant.
- The UUP department is preparing with Seabird Island First Nations Reserve the launch of Math and English courses for the upcoming Fall 2022 semester. Two UUP faculty will be involved with course delivery during the Fall and Winter semesters.
- Alison Pritchard-Orr was successfully awarded \$5400 from the Centres and Institutes Sustainability and Innovation Fund for the purchase of a trishaw for the launch of the UFV CERA/[CWA](#) Cycle without Age program. The program will be led by KIN students as a KINSA initiative and supported by Alison and the CERA (Centre for Education and Research on Aging) team. Plans are to establish a program of piloted cycling along the Vedder trails for older adults and folks with mobility challenges. UFV students will be trained as trishaw pilots and the trishaw will be stored in building W at CEP
- Strive to Thrive: Employee Fitness Challenge has begun, with walking groups and challenges starting in the fall <https://www.ufv.ca/hr/health-well-being/fitness-challenge/>
- Enactus UFV team represented the School of Business at the annual Archway Charity Golf Tournament held on June 21, 2022. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase the Enactus UFV social entrepreneurship projects, build network with local businesses and sell Oak & Earth Design candle and other products.
- On June 7, [PARC](#) facilitated a gathering at the [Great Blue Heron Reserve](#) as part of their [i2i \(Eye to Eye / Ideas to Ivory Tower\) funding](#). The focus of this gathering was on making connections and bringing Halq'eméylem and other Indigenous knowledge to our signs, education programs, and conservation efforts at the heron reserve.

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- On Aug 24, the [South Asian Studies Institute](#) (SASI) launched [Rails, Jails and Trolleys](#), a new documentary on the historic Farmers' Movement in India from 2021-2022. The audience for the viewing reached capacity – an extra date will be scheduled.
- The Faculty of Science program, Science Rocks (SR) was successful in receiving \$5,000 as a Grassroots Grant from BC Hydro's Community giving program. This funding along with the grants from the Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) and the Abbotsford Community Foundation helped bring our summer camps back this summer. Williams Engineering also donated \$750 to sponsor 4 campers. SR finished up on August 19. Over the 6-week period, we welcomed a total of 140 campers from grades 4-7. Each week the kids enjoyed science-based demonstrations and activities. The SR Camp Coordinator, Dr. Robin Endelman, and science faculty members Dr. Alan Reid (Biology), Dr. Vanessa Radzimski (Math & Stats), Avril Alfred (Biology Lab Tech & Sessional Instructor), Dr. Longlong Huang (Math & Stats) and Dr. Ruwan Karunanayaka (Math & Stats) supervised a camp each. The SR Team Leaders who ran each of the camps were UFV students, Ronald Balagtas, Nav Bhatti, Jessica Lo, and Annette Vantil. We also had some wonderful volunteers assisting each week: Dario Jereb, Pearl Virk, Thom White, and Curtis Plug. Special thanks to UFV Librarian, Martin Warkentin for introducing 3-D Printing to our Abbotsford Campers; and to Agriculture Department Head, Dr. Renee Prasad and her team for their time spent with our campers during our Chilliwack Camps. We were thrilled to welcome a former Snowbirds Team Leader, Rob (Scratch) Mitchell, who shared his experience with the campers at one of our Chilliwack camps. <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2022/08/18/science-rocks-campers-welcome-former-snowbirds-team-leader-scratch-mitchell/>
- The Faculty of Science was presented with the 2022 Community Matters Award by the Abbotsford Board of Education for their contribution to the Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair <https://www.ufv.ca/science-fair/>. Dr. Lucy Lee, Science Dean, Caroline Majeau, and Janice Nagtegaal accepted the award on behalf of the faculty on June 14 during the Public Board Meeting at the District office. <https://www.abbyschools.ca/news/ufv-faculty-science-receives-2022-community-matters-award>
- Dr. Renee Prasad and her team hosted the 4-H 'Food for Thought' program in July. Thirty-five delegates from ages 14-15 years of age, rotated through different activities at our facility. Read more on our blog: <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2022/08/02/agriculture-welcomes-4-h-food-for-thought-group/>.
- Dr. Ian Affleck, Associate Dean, Science Rocks Coordinator, Dr. Robin Endelman from Math & Stats, and their team of volunteers participated in the STEM Zone at the 2022 Abbotsford International Airshow. They showcased many of our science outreach programs including Science Rocks! Summer Camps, Math Challengers, and the Fraser Valley Regional Science Fair. <https://blogs.ufv.ca/science/2022/08/16/science-rocks-at-the-2022-abbotsford-airshow/>

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