

## MEMO

FROM: Dr. Tracy Ryder Glass, Acting Provost and VP Academic

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SUBJECT: Senate Provost's Report

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My message today is one of gratitude as we approach the end of our academic year. Summer has made an early appearance and with it has come the warmth of sunshine, more daylight and the feeling of renewal that some might not have felt in some time.

The past academic year has been a transition, or perhaps more of a climbing out of the COVID era. We have returned to a new normal where things may look different, but our commitment to our students, our staff and our faculty at UFV has not wavered.

As the pages that follow demonstrate, we continue to collaborate, continue to celebrate and continue to support one another as we continue to engage learners, transform lives and build communities.

My wish for everyone is that summer this year brings you plenty of time for laughing and enjoying the company of family and friends in ways that we haven't been able to do so in prior summers.

And what a better way to start that off than with Convocation. An opportunity to celebrate our students, to acknowledge the work of our colleagues and to say thank you for the work, the dedication, and the perseverance you have shown to continue to make UFV an amazing place to be.

To align my report with the Integrated Strategic Plan, I have reported the activities across the Academic Units under the Mission and Goals of Engaging Learners, Transforming Lives, and Building Communities.

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

## **Engaging Learners: Yoystexw ye totilthet**

*Provide inclusive learning environments for everyone.*

Hosted by Teaching and Learning, ConnectED 2023 took place on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2023 on the UFV Abbotsford campus. 157 participants including faculty, academic support faculty and staff joined us for this conference that focused on celebrating the excellent teaching and learning being done here at UFV. The keynote for this session was a panel of 3M National Teaching Fellowship 2022 award winners who talked about teaching excellence and what that looks like. It was a great way to celebrate teaching and learning here at UFV.

Seeing colour: Acknowledging racialized experience in the classroom: In this lunch & learn with Health Sciences, Victoria Surtees, (Learning Specialist, Internationalization) hosted a session to talk about the notion of colorblindness – wherein a person claims to not notice the race or ethnicity of others – and its impacts on student outcomes.

Ask TLC ([asktlc@ufv.ca](mailto:asktlc@ufv.ca)) Learning Designers Rhonda Darbyson, Soowook Kim, Courtney Boisvert, and Fizza Haider had 107 one-on-one consultations, and answered 428 emails to provide support to faculty from various departments at UFV to help them with Blackboard assignments, access, gradebook, rubrics, Course Copy, Course Extensions, enrolments, column organization, course, merges and EdTech Tools. They also advised on educational tools for engaging exam review, Camtasia, Padlet Turnitin, Kaltura, Zoom, and Ally.

With a record number of applicants for Tenure and Promotion (T&P) this academic year, UFV's T&P Advisor, Lisa Bavington, in collaboration with Drs. Awneet Sivia (TLC) and Garry Fehr (RGS), offered a "Compiling the Dossier Workshop" on Thursday, May 4 to assist Candidates in compiling their tenure and/or promotion dossier for review in the 2023/24 academic year. These sessions are ongoing as part of the Tenure & Promotion process.

BSN Faculty member, Sara Brune had an article published in the *Issues in Mental Health Nursing* journal. The title of the article is - "Caring Knowledge as a Strategy to Mitigate Violence against Nurses: A Discussion Paper".

Two students from Health Sciences, Gurneesh Purba (Kinesiology) and Bernadette Goody (Nursing) are attending the Canadian Association for Health Sciences Deans conference in Banff May 15-17<sup>th</sup> as student representatives for UFV.

The BC Secondary Schools Math Contest final round was hosted at UFV on May 5. The Math & Stats department volunteered their time to ensure this first contest in person after the pandemic was a success. 72 students from 12 schools across the Fraser Valley participated in this event.

South Asian Canadian Digital Archive (SACDA) won the 2nd Runner Up at the [Digital Humanities \(DH\) Awards 2022](#) under the Best DH Dataset category. Since 2012, awardees have been annually nominated and voted for entirely by the public. These awards are intended to help put interesting DH resources in the spotlight and engage DH users (and the public) in the work of the community.

Print Media Associate Professor Davida Kidd had her work purchased for the permanent collection at the Jyväskylä Art Museum in Liege, Belgium. Davida also gave a lecture at the Reach Gallery Museum as part of a speaker series *Culture, Coffee, and Cookies*. The talk accompanied the exhibition *Claude Chamber*, a photo and print project by Finnish artists Salla Myllylä and Laura Vainikka from the University of the Arts, Helsinki.

Visual Arts Assistant Professor Aimée Henny Brown was featured in both online and print editions of the Create Magazine - The Magic Issue, #34, released in March 2023. Aimée is the upcoming artist-in-residence with PADA Studios in Portugal where she will continue her studio research on site with peer mentors, curators, and artist collaborators to further the exploration of artist books, possible architectures, and speculative futures.

Criminology Professor Emeritus Dr. Yvon Dandurand and Dr. Darryl Plecas produced a report on assistance and support services for survivors of human trafficking. The report is based on qualitative survey and analysis of the types of services and supports most needed by survivors of labour and sex trafficking, including the perceived usefulness and effectiveness of these services. The study also examined service delivery models, source of referrals, models of inter-agency collaboration, and accessibility of relevant services in British Columbia and Alberta for meeting the needs of labour and sex trafficking survivors (including those at risk of or are currently being trafficked). Dandurand, Y., Plecas, D., Winterdyk, J., & Chin, V. (2023, April 26). Assistance and Support Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Qualitative Study. International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy.

Chef Sian Hurley from the Professional Cook Program and her students baked cookies and flatbread which was available to all students, faculty and staff in the Trades & Technology Centre on May 3, 2023 by donation. All donations were collected and forwarded to the UFV SUS Food Bank. We are thankful to all who came out to support this event!

Adult Education faculty member, Dr. Anea Wilbur (UFV) and Tanya Cowie (VCC) presented a session “Exploring Decolonizing Approaches to Collaborative Writing and Arts” based methods and approaches in EAL at the BC TEAL conference at UBC (May 4-6). The session offered an opportunity to pause and engage in reflection on the topic of decolonization.

Climb (Int'l Orientation) is one of the signature events to kick off the beginning of each semester for international students. This took place on May 5<sup>th</sup> approximately 210 incoming students attended.

Libraries conducted four Makerspace workshops with the Academic Success Centre with their new peer tutors. This was a training assignment that asked to reflect on different modalities of learning as a way of understanding their roles as tutors.

A Seed Library opened at Chilliwack Library graciously funded by UFV Sustainability.

### **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 Educators Journey Towards Reconciliation held May 11 – 12, was a two-day workshop where Lorna Andrews, (Learning Specialist, Internationalization), facilitated participants through a journey to discover challenges and best practices in decolonizing our education practice and spaces. Through reflecting on their experiences and knowledge of Indigenous history and issues, they worked through activities based on decolonization, Indigenization, and reconciliation practices.

Dr. Emilio Landolfi (Health Sciences) recently became a Special Olympics BC Powerlifting Coach.

The spring launch of the Cycling Without Age and UFV-CERA Trishaw Rides will take place on Sunday, May 7. This program is supervised by Alison Pritchard Orr. They are applying for internal funding via the UFV Accelerate Research Fund and are seeking matching funds from their community partner, Elim Village retirement community for a qualitative research study and project sustainability (5 years).

In partnership with Archway Community Services, a team of CHASI researchers recently completed a report titled "After the Flood: Community Response and Recovery." This project invited those directly impacted by the Abbotsford floods in 2021 to describe their experiences through a survey instrument, interviews, and focus groups with the goal to understanding how community members can be supported in recovery and the community can enhance disaster resiliency and preparedness.

2023 UFV student Amy Campbell won the First Prize in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Chinese Bridge Competition: The 22<sup>nd</sup> *Chinese Bridge* Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign College Students in BC was launched in March 2023. The contest featured the theme of *One World, One Family*, including two parts – a Mandarin speech and a talent show.

TED's very own Barbara Salingré was the recipient of the Association of BC Deans of Education Teacher Educator of the Year Award on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This is awarded to someone at the school or university level who has distinguished themselves by providing exceptional mentoring of pre-service teachers for a number of years and/or may have been actively involved in partnership discussions or leadership on improvements to a post-secondary teacher education program.

UFV International has developed a Memorandum of Agreement with a Canadian NGO called *Daughters for Life*. This organization aims to provide educational opportunities to high-achieving young women in the Middle East and surrounding regions.

Libraries collaborating with Pride Collective to host a Queer Book Club with the first session in June.

**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. Lauren Erland, Director of Berry Horticulture Research was invited to give the opening featured talk of the Canadian Society of Plant Biologists Western Regional Meeting which was held at the University of Victoria May 1-2, 2023.

Dr. Stefania Pizzirani, (SLUEC) will be joining other organizations including the David Suzuki Foundation and Science World, centred around environment, sustainability, climate change, horticulture, ecology, and environmental ethics at École Salish Secondary, Clayton-Cloverdale on May 26, 2023.

The Agriculture Technology Department in partnership with the Research Team, had a presence at the EcoFarm Fest held April 22, 2023 at Bakerview Farm.

The PARC Collaboratorium 2023 has started! Twelve research students have been hired to work this summer with various community partners including Seabird Island Band, Matsqui First Nations, Alongside Research and Consulting, CEDAR, and Fraser Basin Council.

The Stolo Foodways website has received increased traffic of 700% since the plant information signs were installed in the Indigenous Teaching Garden.

The fourth annual *Interpret Creative and Performing Arts Festival* was a huge success with 200 attendees on April 28. There were art exhibitions by Visual Arts graduates, Film and Media arts screenings, theatre performances by UFV Theatre's fourth year devised class, a Graphic + Digital Design showcase, food trucks and an arcade lounge.

FATS welcomed community leaders and attendees to for a demonstration of Project Python, the plastic compactor created by our talented welding students. Community guests were MLA Ian Paton, Bruce Banman, MLA Abbotsford South, Duane Post and Jim Grieshaber-Otto of the Kent Agricultural Plastics Recycling Society.

The ADED team (Dr. Amea Wilbur, Dr. Seonaigh MacPherson, Leanne Woelke, Amy Tucker), in partnership with the Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education, coordinated and ran a one-day regional event at the UFV Abbotsford campus on April 21. The event, which began in the UFV yurt and moved to D building, welcomed practitioners, students, community, staff, and faculty from UFV, UBC, and community services/Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) contexts.

The Fraser Valley Reading Link Challenge was held on April 27 at the UFV Abbotsford Campus Lecture Theatre in Building B. This was a wonderful, entertaining "sport-of-reading" event that drew families to UFV to watch their kids dazzle. There were 9 teams of 6 students each (grades 4 & 5) plus teachers, family and supporters in the audience. The students assembled in the cafeteria area, and then each group marched into the auditorium, and carried a poster showing their name. Kids and families went home with swag, a prize set of books for each school, and good memories - and a few with trophies!

Camille Callison and Dr. Stacy Allison-Cassin co-convened the initial meetings of the NIKLA-ANCLA Respectful Terminology Platform Project (RTPP) Indigenous Advisory Circle on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> to begin developing the overarching framework and protocols from an Indigenous worldview.