

MEMO

FROM: Tracy Ryder Glass, Acting Provost & Vice President Academic

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RE: Provost Report to Senate

It is evident by the flow of activity in our hallways that class is back in session. And while it is our hope that you all took some well-deserved time to spend with your family and friends, it is evident by the activities, events and work evidenced on the pages that follow, that most of you did not slow down.

This month's report once again highlights the many ways we engage with our community. Whether it be through engaging with our International colleagues in research, introducing high school students to UFV programming, hosting community events, or giving seniors a lift around town on the Trishaw, UFV faculty, staff and students continue to show that UFV is more than just somewhere to take a course. It's a place that builds community and engages our learners in new ways of learning.

And through your efforts, UFV is starting off in a positive way, including the return of our President, Dr. Joanne MacLean. We are so thrilled to have Joanne back with our UFV family and we look forward to catching her up on all of the amazing things that have happened this past year as we continue to celebrate, support and build upon the changemaking that we are doing at UFV.

I extend a warm thank you to the Units who have contributed to this report, and in their work in Engaging Learners, Transforming Lives, and Building Communities.

Engaging Learners: Yoystexw ye totilthet

Provide inclusive learning environments for everyone.

The Political Science department organized a very successful POLITALK on November 9, 2023. They welcomed to speakers from the Canadian Armed Forces, LCol Jesse van Eijk and Major Jurgen Miranda, who spoke on the topic “Canada’s land force commitment to NATO and Ukraine in Europe through Operations Reassurance and Unifier.”

Political Science Assistant Professor Dr. Noah S. Schwartz traveled to Ottawa in October to appear as an expert witness before the Senate Committee on National Security and Defense (SECD) as they studied Bill C-21.

Congratulations to Economics Assistant Professor Dr. Michael Batu for being named the TLC Faculty Champion. Dr. Batu has made substantial contributions to the College of Arts at UFV by actively participating in the Teaching and Learning Centre. His involvement has extended to valuable contributions to committees and taking on the role of Curriculum Facilitator, showcasing his dedication to enhancing the educational experience.

The Physics Student Association (PSA) invited a PhD candidate from SFU as a guest speaker to give a presentation on "Nuclear Structure Studies at TRIUMF" on Nov 21, hosted a social event, Casino Royale, for all physics and engineering students on Dec 8 while Teresa Kisilevich, Dean, Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies spent an evening in the welding shop(s) for a meet & greet with the evening welding students.

All 103-teacher education (FECHD) candidates spent a day at the site of the former Coqualeetza Residential School to learn about Stó:lō landforms and nation boundaries, Halq’emeylem language development, and Stó:lō cultural protocols. All teacher candidates also participated in the second annual Indigenous Film Festival (including a potluck lunch) and participated in a webinar with POPFASD, a Ministry-run program to look at providing effective support for students with FASD.

Dr. Barnabe D. Assogba (UUP) joined the ASM Future Leaders Mentorship Fellowship Program, a collective initiative aimed at guiding and supporting students from underrepresented backgrounds entering the field of microbial sciences, including students from Brazil, Canada, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, the United States, and Venezuela.

Child, Youth, and Family Studies (CYFS) students participated in creating medicine bags with guest speakers from A: Imelhawtxw Early Education and gained confidence in learning several Halq’emeylem nursery rhymes.

In November, Cindy Rammage (CYFS) delivered a Consensus Decision Making Workshop for the Abbotsford Youth Commission board in, and will follow this up by leading a Consensus process in the January, 2024

On November 17, Dr. Evan Taylor (Social Work & Human Services) participated in a session on Cancer and Chronic pain research with an oral presentation, “Queering Cancer: Community and Research-Based Health Care for Us” at the Community-Based Research Centre’s 2023 Summit: Together in Action, in Vancouver, BC.

On November 18, Karen Derksen (SWHS) delivered a workshop to 36 Grade 11 and 12 students in the Human Services Career Enhancement Program at Chilliwack Secondary School. The 3-hour workshop included Human Services career possibilities, the programs at UFV connected to Human Services, things to consider when choosing a post-secondary program, types of places to volunteer before applying to a Human Services program, funding for post-secondary, and Human Services resumes.

Kinesiology students Anna Janzen (supervised by Gillian Hatfield) and Owen Swan (supervised by Alison Pritchard Orr and Shelley Canning) presented posters at the first annual Aging Better Together Symposium held at UBC on November 19 and 20. They were the only two undergraduate students to present at this conference.

Kate Kloos (Faculty of Health Sciences) presented three athlete empowerment sessions (for over 100 athletes) for high performance ringette athletes representing BC and Canada – Kelowna (Sept), Langley (Sept), Calgary (Oct).

UFV International recently (fall '23) finalized an MOU with a large education group (Anima Education) in Brazil with 27 institutions and nearly 400,000 students. One of the early collaborative initiatives involved UFV's Dr. Mique'l Dangeli and Anima's Dr. Ana Carolina Cernicchiaro jointly delivering lectures via Zoom on the topic of Indigenous Art and Indigenous Land Claims.

UFV International collaborated with its new partner in Morocco, Al Akhawayn University of Ifrane, to develop a [COIL-VE networking day](#). This was spearheaded by UFV International Director, Daryl Smith, and involved the Centre for Teaching & Learning as well as the College of Arts, Faculty of Business & Computing, and Faculty of Health Sciences. The matchmaking event attracted 24 faculty members from both institutions.

Colleen Bell and Martin Warkentin (UFV Library) held a Makerspace event in Abbotsford Library as part of the Academic Success Centre's De-stress Fest (<https://www.ufv.ca/academic-success-centre/events/de-stress-fest/>).

November 17 - SASI hosted a symposium with author readings on *Becoming Human: Using Literature to Legitimize Identity*. The Dhahan Prize Finalists celebrated the growth of literature that documents transnational heritage of Punjabi culture.

Dr. Lenore Newman, CRC, Associate Professor from PGES and Director of the Food and Agriculture Institute, was invited to attend the MaRS Climate Impact Conference in Toronto on November 29. <https://climateimpact.marsdd.com/> Lenore shared her research and how the idea of setting the table off-planet can help efforts to produce food sustainably here on Earth. The conversation was followed by a panel discussion with alternative protein innovators working to transform food systems.

Dr. Lenore Newman is a co-editor in the newly published book, [Cellular Agriculture: Technology, Society, Sustainability and Science \(1st ed.\)](#). Elsevier Academic Press. Other co-editors are from UBC and the University of Guelph.

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.

BA CRIM degree student Antonio De Santis has been accepted into Yorkville University's Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology Program.

On November 14 CHASI was honoured to welcome Minister Mike Farnworth, B.C.'s Solicitor General, into the Hub. CHASI's researchers and student research shared recent work for the City of Abbotsford, the Abbotsford Restorative Justice and Advocacy Association, and a broader assessment of youth crime trends with the Minister. The CHASI team looks forward an ongoing discussion about the ways CHASI can collaborate with B.C.'s provincial government, and how our province can continue to evolve as a safer home for every resident.

CHASI is proud to introduce the Career and Learning for Life (CALL) consortium, a team that represents CHASI's first dedicated faculty associate research cluster. Comprised of Drs. Michael Batu, Candy Ho, Michael Maschek, and Linda Pardy, CALL recognizes the need for research to inform transformative social innovation in how we think structurally, economically, socially, culturally, and politically about equitable career learning and higher education's role in preparing graduates for the rapidly, and often dramatically, changing world.

The Professional Cooks students presented their annual Bar-Q-Terie event to finish off their meat unit, inviting students, faculty, and staff to sample their hard work.

Lin Long was the successful candidate for the Associate Dean, Faculty of Applied & Technical Studies position. Lin will start in her new role on May 1, 2024, and expressions of congratulations from faculty and staff have been sent to Lin to welcome her to the Dean's office.

Dean Allyson Jule has a new publication: Jule, A., Kristjanson, C., Lee, Y, Mirchandani, K. (2023). "Who am I now?: Spirituality in a faith-based teacher education program in Canada. In M. Lin and T. Lucey (eds.) *Rekindling of the soul: An examination of spirituality issues relating to teacher education*, pp 107 – 126. Charlotte: Information Age Publishing.

All teacher education candidates (FECHD) attended a presentation by Melody, Lyndon, and Tyrone Brown. Lyndon and Tyrone shared their experiences in schools as learners who were stereotyped by their chronic health condition that left them unable to speak. Often assumed to be living with autism with profound learning disabilities, Lyndon and Tyrone utilized technology to demonstrate their intelligence, ability to read and do math, and write poetry.

CYFS: The third cohort of the Graduate Certificate in Child Life and Community Health students having completed their core coursework are now in the phase of applying for and completing a 600hours internship in a pediatric hospital setting. There are currently nine students in the field in children's hospitals in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.

SWHS: Dhungel, R., Lorenzetti, L., Lorenzetti, D. L., Karki, K. K., Thomas, S., McGuinness, C., Suedfield, K., & Bell, C. (2023). *Gender-based Violence Against Immigrant and Refugee Women Living with HIV/risk in Canada: A Systematic Review Final Report* (PP. 1-82).

The Certified Dental Assistant class representatives have been involved in a leadership program with the local professional association, the BCDHA CDA Alliance. Students participate in monthly fire side chats hosted by this professional organization who provide opportunities for students to network with other CDA students and CDAs in the dental field. The class recently created a school video competition against the other accredited schools who hold student membership with this association. Final results not yet determined.

On December 5, 2023, Indigenous elder Mr. Rod Peters provided a session on Residential and Day Schools for students in the Kinesiology 350 Stress and Chronic Disease class taught by Michael Gaetz. This course focuses on science-based perspectives on how stress and trauma effects physical and mental health. The impact of Residential and Day Schools is a central theme in the course that the students reflect on for the entire 14-weeks. As an elder, Mr. Peters' perspectives and memories of these events, and how they effect local Indigenous communities to this day, are considered essential for comprehensive understanding of intergenerational trauma.

Libraries held its Winter Celebration by listening to a presentation on the NIKLA-ANCLA Respectful Terminology Platform Project (RTPP) by co-leads, Camille Callison (UFV) and Dr. Stacy Allison-Cassin (Dalhousie) then attending the Territory Acknowledgement workshop with Lorna Andrews. <https://www.nikla-ancla.com/respectful-terminology>.

Librarians continue the important work of creating a harmful language alert message in Library catalogue and on the LibGuides as well as encouraging feedback from users on offensive terminology.

Education Librarian, Heather Comeau, working with Dr. Jas Uppal on developing at Two-eyed Seeing Science Kit on Light to include book resources from Indigenous, Western, Hindi, Chinese, Jewish and African/African-American perspectives.

Librarian Winter Retreat was held, and Assessment Librarian, Colleen Bell, facilitated a discussion on the Liaison Librarians' role, and decisions were made by consensus to adjust Liaison areas for Winter Semester.

CHASI in partnership with the College of Arts has provided a university lecture series to Pacific Institution correctional facility over the past few months. Six faculty members provided lectures to inmates.

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.

For the second anniversary of the 2021 Abbotsford floods, CHASI is sharing highlights from their report titled *After the Flood: Community Response and Recovery* across social media. The report, which was with Archway Community Services, is available in full for public viewing, and examines lessons that can be learned from the 2021 flood, and how we can be better prepared for future disasters.

CHASI had the pleasure of contributing to two ongoing local conversations in November. First, on November 16, CHASI presented with the Economic Development team at the City of Abbotsford on

supporting research needs for the city's business retention and expansion strategy. The following day, CHASI joined the Sumas First Nation at their Disaster Recovery Information Session dinner, to discuss their ongoing recovery work.

The Carpentry Foundations Class attended the CHBA Building Envelope Seminar on November 7. This seminar has a focus on Building Energy Performance Standards, standards meant to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions of large buildings and encourage energy-efficient design and construction of new buildings and additions.

ATS and Abbotsford's ROAR (Reducing Overdose, Abbotsford Response) hosted a dinner and dialogue for substance use awareness for staff and community members. Two Professional Cook Foundation students assisted.

Dr. Khyati Shetty (Business and Computing) represented UFV at the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce round table discussion with the Consul General of India in Nov 2023.

Sheryl MacMath (FECHD) met with the Principal of Mountain Elementary and Tawnie Hildebrandt (Learning Support Specialist) to examine needs of new teachers in Abbotsford. This was then followed up with a sharing of resources around the new Reporting Order for BC K to 12 Schools with the Assessment Lead Team for Abbotsford School District.

Teacher Education alumnus, Danielle Rowland, recipient of the Social Justice Advocacy and Mentorship Recognition for Teacher Mentors is being showcased on the UFV Blog for her work with teacher candidates and students around equity, diversity, and inclusion.

SWHS: The Community Belonging Collaborative Committee of Abbotsford (CBCCA), in partnership with Archway and the United Way, held an event entitled *Explorations in Belonging: an evening of learning, listening and photographic storytelling on finding belonging in Canada*. Co-researchers Dr. Amea Wilbur and Dr. Brianna Strumm, along with two research participants, presented their photovoice project at this event on Nov. 9, 2023.

Deb Ward (Faculty of Health Sciences) was a liaison with the UFV Alumni department and the Canadian Blood Services rep with the initiation and organization of the second blood donor clinic held on November 16 in Building A at the UFV Chilliwack Campus. A UFV partners for life donation team was also created with the Canadian Blood Services.

The UFV Trishaw program continued into November with UFV student pilots taking residents from Elim Village for rides along the Vedder River. There are 12 UFV student pilots, mostly from Kinesiology. This program is supervised by Alison Pritchard Orr.

Special Collections Librarian, Brenda Phillips, with assistance from Library Technician, Jacy Cho, installed two new exhibits: *A Flood of Stories* and *Rations to Recipes and Patriotism to Preserving: Selections from the Newman Western Canadian Cookbook Collection*

Student Engagement Librarian, Janelle Sztuhar, coordinated the Library Climate Action Week was hosted at the Library with an information booth outside the Library and a book display; film screening; food drive for SUS food bank with partners: Office of Sustainability, SUS, and Student Wellness.

Student Engagement Librarian, Janelle Sztuhar, and Teaching and Learning Librarian, Selena Karli hosted the Card Making at Sustainable Holiday Market organized by the Office of Sustainability.

The inaugural Post-Doc Talk was attended by faculty and students where they heard from UFV's six post-doctoral fellows about the exciting work they are doing. The post-docs are now meeting on a monthly basis to learn and support one another during their time at UFV.

The Centre for Philosophy for Children hosted a celebration of World Children's Day (November 20) that highlighted research that included children as participants by colleagues Dr. Cherie Enns, Dr. Geetanjali Gill, Dr. Lolehawk Buker, and Dr. Michelle Superle.

On February 7, 2024 11am to 12:45pm – the Centre for Justice, Equity and Sustainable Action is hosting a public panel on *The Humanitarian Face of War*. This hybrid event with speakers from humanitarian organizations that are responding to conflicts in war-torn regions of the world. This event aims to raise awareness and foster a deeper understanding of the complexities of humanitarian conflicts, the dire need for action, and the tireless efforts of humanitarian organizations.

On November 15, in partnership with the Abbotsford School District Indigenous Education Office, the Faculty of Science coordinated a visit to the UFV campus for all Indigenous students in Grades 11 and 12 in the Abbotsford School District who are considering post-secondary education. Roughly 100 students and 15 teachers and support workers attended. Drummers and singers and Elder Gary Williams welcomed guests.