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*Bubo virginianus* AB

*Corvus corax* YT

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# Cover Story . . .

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## **New national stamps by KPU design instructor commemorate Canada's provincial birds**

This week, Canada Post released the first set in a series of 15 stamps that commemorate the provincial birds of Canada, a collection designed by Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) graphic design instructor Keith Martin.

While the complete “Birds of Canada” stamp series will be released over the next two years, the project has already been a long-running one for Martin, who has spent months researching, sketching, digitally drawing and painting birds with as much realism and detail as possible: not an easy feat when the amount of space to communicate meaning is, literally, stamp-sized.

“It is a fantastic experience, and I’m never tired of it. I literally danced around the house when I got the contract for this project,” said Martin, a certified graphic designer who has taught at KPU for 13 years. “The designer in me is really challenged to make the images communicate all of the research and planning in such a small space.”

The five stamps released this week feature the great horned owl, raven, Atlantic puffin, rock ptarmigan and sharp-tailed grouse, and join the 24 other stamps Martin has designed and/or illustrated for Canada Post. His work captures and celebrates the creatures that inhabit the country’s diverse range of ecosystems – from insects on the soil, to the whales of Canada’s three oceans, to the birds that share our skies.

“I have been happily pigeonholed to doing wildlife work,” said Martin, adding that the research, education, planning and detail involved in producing the stamps makes for an incredibly engaging, and rewarding, challenge.

From time to time, Canada Post will reach out to designers and illustrators nation-wide for ideas they wish to contribute to a new series of themed stamps. Martin worked with three other designers from Signals Design Group – a Vancouver-based studio that provides graphic design services – on his submission, which contrasted the puffin and the raven in a unique way.

“I realized what I needed to do from a design and artistic approach was to represent the bird in an atypical position, with them either taking off or landing,” he said. “The raven is a rebel, black, cult bird; they look at you and the hair on our back stands, whereas the puffin is like a clown, this cute, goofy bird – so to be able to depict the range of these two birds was my strategy.”

Martin and his colleagues were selected for the project after

their submission was reviewed by a committee, typically comprised of writers, designers, historians and representatives with a wide variety of skills and backgrounds.

Over the next two years, Martin will continue work on the remaining 10 stamps as he continues to instruct the next generation of graphic designers at KPU, an integration he enjoys. In his classes, Martin frames classwork and projects around producing a stamp, because he says the task “incorporates everything about the field, from doing a lot of research and design, through to illustration.”

“Any student coming out of our program has used the kind of thinking and focus where it is all about the big idea, coming up with clever solutions for a difficult and challenging, yet important, product – even one as small as a stamp,” he said.

To view the artwork, or to purchase a first-day cover, souvenir sheet, post cards or booklet of stamps, visit [Canada Post](#).

To learn about KPU’s graphic design for marketing program, visit [kpu.ca/gdma](http://kpu.ca/gdma).

To read the original news release and for background information, visit the [BC Newsroom](#).

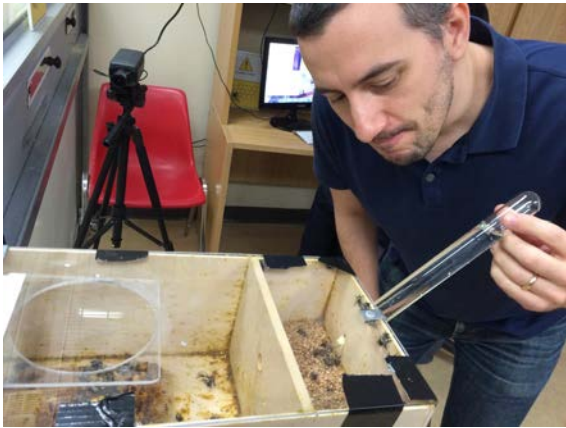
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*Levente Orban feeding the bees in the bee cognition lab*



*Wilson School of Design Groundbreaking Ceremony*

## KPU design students turn cool idea into athletic advantage

**Metro Vancouver, B.C.** – Two Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) design alumni have turned a cool class project into functional apparel they hope will give Canada’s Wheelchair Rugby Team a competitive advantage at the Paralympic Games in Rio next month.

Product Design graduate Jaymes Williams and Fashion & Technology graduate Laura Hutchison have been commissioned by the Canadian Sport Institute to make eight cooling vests for Canada’s elite wheelchair rugby players competing in the [Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 7 to 18.](#)

“All I really want to do is give back, and make the world a better place,” said Williams. “As corny as that sounds, it definitely is true and it resonates with me.”

Williams adds that an opportunity to showcase the cooling vests to an international audience was one he couldn’t refuse, despite the hundreds of hours and many sleepless nights that he and Hutchison invested getting things just right.

“This was a chance for me to really grow as a designer and actually leave my mark on something that is going to potentially be seen by millions of people.”

Added Hutchison: “Our hearts and souls are in this, for sure.”

The duo’s journey to the Paralympics started more than two years ago. As part of his Design Engagement course at KPU’s Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design, Williams met with wheelchair rugby athletes in 2014 at the Richmond Oval to understand their needs for improved performance, function and comfort. The criteria for the course, set by instructor Stephanie Phillips, was to design a product to support athletes who play wheelchair rugby.

Williams’ research then led him to Canadian Sport Institute exercise physiologist Melissa Lacroix, who helped him understand that athletes with spinal cord injuries struggle to control their body temperature (thermoregulation) and can overheat while playing their sport.

Armed with this information, Williams then went on to design a prototype of a cooling vest specifically for wheelchair athletes. While “ice vests” or cooling vests exist in other sports, Williams’ goal was to develop a design that had greater longevity and would enhance performance and function for athletes working within the constraints of a wheelchair.

As interdisciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged, he then partnered with Wilson School of Design Fashion & Technology classmate Hutchison to further develop the concept. The two were among a group of post-baccalaureate students in technical apparel design who traveled last June to Maxport JSC’s research and development lab in Hanoi, Vietnam, where they worked with the Maxport team on the next iterations of the vest.

Then, in August 2015, Williams and Hutchison traveled to the Parapan Am Games in Toronto to extend their research, observing the athletes in action and experiencing the adaptive



sport community by meeting with them and attending almost every match played by the Team Canada National Wheelchair Rugby Team; they caught the team’s gold medal finish on the plane on their way home. The students received funding from the Wilson International Field Experience Fund for their trip to Vietnam, and from the Chip and Shannon Wilson Vision Execution Fund for their trip to Toronto.

Then in the spring, the Canadian Sport Institute commissioned them to make eight of the vests for Team Canada.

“No team achieves excellence alone,” said Andy van Neutegem, high performance director for the team. “The work of these talented young designers is a great example of how Canadian innovation and creativity is giving us the cutting edge going into Rio.”

Canada is currently ranked fourth in the world, but has been ranked as high as No. 1 this year. The team’s journey to gold at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games will begin on Sept. 14 when Canada takes on host nation Brazil.

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# President's Report

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The summer of 2016 was a mix of weather, lots of activity on campus with a record number of students enrolled, some interesting travel, several key announcements and a spot of vacation. Although Board and Senate Committees were inactive, considerable work also continued on a number of fronts, for example: capital projects, discussions with the Kwantlen Faculty Association regarding some important issues and grievances, orientation of many new staff and faculty as well as new Board members.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> I attended the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning Board meeting.

I completed my meetings with all the local MPs, and we are still waiting for the announcement of the Strategic Investment Fund proposal submitted in the spring.

Dr. Ferreras joined me in a meeting with the new Superintendent of Schools in Richmond, Sherry Ellwood, and we expect our relationship with School District 38 to deepen over the coming years.

I was pleased to attend the opening of the Kwantlen Street Farmers Market at KPU Richmond on June 28<sup>th</sup>, organized and operated by the Kwantlen Student Association.

The Wilson School of Design ground breaking ceremony was on July 4<sup>th</sup> (with Minister Wilkinson attending) and an announcement of ITA funding for trades training was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with MLA for Surrey-WhiteRock, Gordon Hogg and the Honorable Stephanie Cadieux, Minister of Children and Family Development and MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale attending.

Several KPU staff toured the 3 Civic Plaza facility in July, and that project is coming along well.

I attended two of the Family Orientation Sessions on July 13 and 14, and had a very constructive meeting with Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, Sandra Carroll on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

I was pleased to join the KSA and Pride Kwantlen in the Vancouver Pride parade on July 31<sup>st</sup>, along with several colleagues.

I now co-chair the KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee with Dr. Worobec, and we are looking at ways to increase and better co-ordinate the many sustainable initiatives across KPU.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to a small roundtable consultation on immigration with the Honorable John McCallum, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

KPU is working with Roger Elmes, Dean Emeritus from KPU on how to establish and support a KPU's Retired Employees Association: a proposal will be discussed with various employee groups and retirees this fall, with the results to be implemented early in 2017.

Discussions continue with Thompson Rivers University Open Learning (TRUOL) to help build capacity at KPU in the area of

Prior Learning Assessment, and I was able to visit with the head of TRU OL on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

The KPU/Science World speaker series continued this summer with a presentation on the Inspiration of Bees on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Governance retreat was held on August 26<sup>th</sup> with over 75 attendees. Nagoya Gakuin University (NGU) has a similar history and background as KPU, and the president of NGU visited on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

On September 1<sup>st</sup>, I was pleased to Join Minister of International Trade, Chrystia Freeland and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Shanghai at the signing of an educational MOU with the Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM). Here I am with the PM and president Xu from BUCM.



The KPU Foundation Board met on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and we have worked over the summer to clarify our relationship with the Foundation in light of KPU being granted charitable status. We have a new resolve to engage with the Foundation Board and to leverage Board members' connections to our communities.

The Trades Training Consortium met on September 12, the Post-Secondary Employers Association on the 14<sup>th</sup> and the BC Net Board on September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

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*President and Vice-Chancellor*

## Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School Students Share “Fruits” of Their Labours



pork products, from chorizo and salami to ham, bacon and chops.

All the produce is organic and the eggs are from free-range hens. As for the pork, farm pigs have access to a fenced, open area and are free to express their natural behaviours. When the time comes, the pigs are locally (Chilliwack) slaughtered to standards developed by Dr. Temple Grandin, a professor of animal science at Colorado State University.

There are various payment options available. A weekly produce box costs \$25, with the option to add a dozen eggs bi-weekly for \$5. The boxes can be picked up at two of KPU’s four campuses (Richmond and Surrey) as well as at various farmer’s markets in Vancouver.

Meanwhile, all pork products are frozen and available for pick up from the Richmond campus. All cuts are individually selected and priced, with options for single cuts or special quarter and half orders.

Proceeds from all sales are returned to the school to support the future farmers being trained there.

Visit [kpu.ca/tfnfarm/box-a-week](http://kpu.ca/tfnfarm/box-a-week) for more information and to place your order.

Photos of the Tsawwassen Farm School are available for [download from Flickr](#).

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**Delta, B.C.** – Everyone has heard of the 100-mile diet. But can you imagine surviving on a 10-mile diet?

Now you can. Thanks to a collaboration between the Tsawwassen First Nation and Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), consumers can enjoy a diet that is much, much closer to home and features a plethora of veggies, free-range eggs and countless cuts of palate-pleasing pork.

“Our Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School opened in 2015, and we’ve been ‘growing’ ever since,” quipped Kent Mullinix, director of KPU’s Institute for Sustainable Food Systems.

Students in the 10-month farm school program began working an eight-hectare (20-acre) piece of land on the Tsawwassen First Nation in the spring, learning the science and business of farming plus perspectives on indigenous food systems. They have been raising market crops and small livestock (chickens and pigs), with the fruits of their labour sold at farmer’s markets around the Lower Mainland.

Members of the public interested in direct farm sales can also sign up for a weekly produce box with items that are in season and eggs, as well as order various



# Finance & Administration

## FACILITIES SERVICES

### CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING PLANNING, DESIGN, RENOVATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION)

**KPU International Suite Painting**—Completed the repainting of entire International suite and private offices in Surrey Cedar.

**Birch Cafeteria Renovation**—Renovation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Birch (south) to incorporate new cafeteria seating and server entrance in progress. Project estimated to be complete in September 2016.

**Richmond Faculty of Health Initiative**—Renovation to classrooms 3650 & 3700 to support new Faculty of Health Initiative. Construction is expected to begin mid-September and complete in December 2016.

**KPU Tech Office of the Dean**—Modifications to reception area. Millwork and reconfiguration in progress. Deficient security glass on service desk. Replacement material is being manufactured. Anticipated completion mid-September.

**Geology Classroom Renovation**—Modifications to new Geology classroom in Richmond 2225. Renovation complete.

**Aboriginal Gathering Place Entrance**—Improvement to entrance of Surrey AGP for enhanced visibility and recognition. Signage and graphics work are complete.

**KSA Offices @ Birch**—Renovation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Birch (north) to incorporate new KSA Offices and student space. Consultant work for tender package near completion. Anticipated completion in November 2016.

**Fine Arts @ Fir**—Renovation of two classrooms in Fir (144 and 146) Building to 4<sup>th</sup> year studio space is complete.

**Former Westerman house demolition**—Anticipated work to be complete in October 2016.

**KPU Tech Fitness Centre**—Project to renovation the former locker room 1410 space to a new Fitness Center is complete.

**Langley Fitness Studio**—Project to renovation L2565 space to a new Fitness Center is complete.

**Richmond Design Workshop**—Installation of dust collector and paint spray booth in R3005. Contract awarded the N. Wallace and Co. Waiting for building permit before proceeding with further work.

**Surrey Main and Fir building roof top air conditioning units**—The two Fir building 70 ton roof top, and one Main building 50 ton roof top, DX air conditioning units, were replaced by Johnson Controls. The previous units, identified as Beyond Useful Life, were a top deferred maintenance priority at the Surrey campus.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

**2015 Waste Diversion**—Facilities reported on its 2015 Solid Waste Management diversion rate to Institutional Analysis and the Sustainability Committee. Of the approx. 482,000 kg of waste generated at all campuses, 37% (180,000kg) was diverted to recycling streams. This is aligned with 2014 (36%) but the recent introduction of compost collection and newly launching mixed container recycling in 2016 should assist KPU in achieving greater diversion rates in upcoming years.

**KPU Tech, Trades Shop dusting**—KPU's current Custodial Services contractor completed all high shop dusting in the Trades areas of KPU Tech.

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS/GENERAL

**Maintenance & Rehabilitation Projects (AVED funding)**—As part of the Provincial funding (approx. \$1.7 million) received from AVED for Capitalized Major Maintenance and Rehabilitation, KPU submitted and was approved for its top Facilities building/mechanical infrastructure replacement projects. Including KPU's contributions, total project values for 2016/17 are approximately \$2.2 million for deferred maintenance.

**Planned Power Outage, Richmond campus**—KPU Richmond experienced a nearly 6 hour, prolonged power outage one Sunday as part of planned upgrade work BC Hydro was completing in the adjacent community to increase its capacity for the city's growth. Facilities, IT, and contractors were unexpectedly scrambled to safeguard systems and property when a main electrical switch did not transfer power to the emergency generator.

**Main KPU Telephone Enquiry Line; Script Enhancements**—KPU's main telephone enquiry line was designed to reduce frustration for users by streamlining the bulk of enquiries (students) to their Enrollment Services contact points. Front line Facilities Office staff recently recommended script changes to enhance the information further, changing "General Enquiries" to "Bookstore, Libraries, Facilities Services, and Other Departments not already listed". Staff noted an immediate decrease in confused callers trying to reach Enrollment Services.

**Painting the Bookstore**—Painted the Langley bookstore to brighten up the store to make it more appealing to their customers.

**Facilities Services hired a new Facilities Technologist** for a term positing to March 31, 2017—Facilities Services hired Edward Styles as a Facilities Technologist for a temporary term posting until March 31, 2017 to support Maintenance, Renewal, and Upgrade projects. Edward has a

# Finance & Administration *cont'd*

## FACILITIES SERVICES *cont'd*

Masters in Mechanical Engineering and brings a mix of previous experience with emissions sensors, laboratory equipment, and boiler plants to KPU. We look forward to his input in project development and implementation oversight.

**Painting 1140 International Education Surrey**—150 linear meters with 9' ceilings multiple colors and coats was painted in the International education office.

**Painting Surrey Main 216 Surrey** and added two new offices—In conjunction with Capital projects completed the installation of two new offices and painted 110 linear meters with multiple colors and multiple coats in the new Vice-Provost Students office suite.

**External Events; Room Booking Update**—A number of significant events occurred on campus recently including filming for two movie productions at Langley, Woody Woodpecker & Big Fat Liar 2. (Kiwanis Fraser Valley Music Festival, Faculty of Arts, Aboriginal Services, Metro Vancouver, External Affairs, Jack Hirose and Associates, Salvation Army Gateway of Hope, Woody Can Inc., Pants on Fire Productions Inc., Honours Performance, Vancouver International Bhangra Celebration Event, National Aboriginal Day, Sustainability Breakfast, Chip & Shannon Ground Breaking Event, Dr. Burns Intensive Workshop, Ride into History Fundraiser, Woody Woodpecker, Big Fat Liar)

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS

**Banner HR/Payroll Revitalization**—Enterprise Systems continues to provide resource for the scheduled deployment of Web Time Entry to replace the paper timesheet.

**Banner Student Revitalization**—Enterprise Systems is implementing Banner Cascade Theme with Student Services to provide Web 2.0 functionalities in Online Self Service.

**Banner Finance & Student Account Receivables Revitalization**—This project has begun with preparation calls with Ellucian consultants to identify the major processes to be examined. Major Business Process Management consultation will begin in September.

**Banner XE (Extensible Ecosystem) Implementation**—Enterprise Systems is installing a hybrid environment to enable coexistence of Banner 8 and Banner XE (i.e. Banner 9). Currently, KPU is operating using Banner Version 8 which will soon transform to the Banner XE platform. During this transition, both Banner 8 and Banner XE will coexist until all modules have been converted to the new platform. Upon the availability of the hybrid environment tentatively in November, Enterprise Systems will work with business units to complete the following: Catalog and eliminate any unnecessary Banner 8 modifications consequent on Banner Revitalization of Student, HR and Finance if possible; Determine which XE applications to deploy first, ideally addressing goals outlined in the strategic plan; Determine if any modifications need to move into Banner XE and plan their re-design/conversion.

### TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

**Network Infrastructure Upgrade**—The Richmond campus network upgrade started in July and was completed on the weekend of August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will begin planning the final phase (the Langley network upgrade) in late September, aiming for implementation in late October, and completion by early December.

**Student Email Replacement Project**—O365 was successfully implemented on schedule in early June; with over 1500 users there were no major issues. When the students return for the fall semester that will be the true test on how successful the student experience will be. Work in progress

**Managed Print Services**—This project was completed at the end of June. The implementation of additional features included follow-me printing to enable printing to any printer on any campus. A communication will be sent out regarding this new service prior to semester start up. It is possible to develop a print policy to direct large print jobs to high volume printers or the print shop; however, a KPU policy needs to be established before this can be implemented.

**IT Office Renovation**—The renovation is complete and staff have moved back in to their new space; working on deficiencies with Facilities that were to be completed by end of April; however, this continues to be a work in progress.



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## FINANCIAL SERVICES

### FINANCIAL REPORTING, OPERATIONS & SYSTEMS

**Staff Departures**—Ana Maria Abella (Manager, Restricted & Revenue Generating Funds) has retired over the summer and Angela Tao (Director, Financial Reporting, Planning and Assurance) will be leaving KPU in mid-September to join the Finance team with the City of Vancouver. We thank them for their many years of service and wish them well in their future endeavours.

**Annual Financial Report & Year End Reports**—Financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2016 were approved by the Board of Governors on May 29, 2016. KPUF and KPUAA audits have been completed and the audited financial statements will be presented to their boards at the September meetings. The Statements of Financial Information have been completed for the year ended March 31, 2016. The draft report will be forwarded by the Board's Finance Committee in September.

**Operations**—With the potential disruption in mail services provided by Canada Post, forms were sent to vendors to collect their banking information to pay vendors by direct deposit instead of cheques. Interested vendors have returned their forms and processes have been set up to pay them by direct deposit.

### BUDGET, PLANNING & PAYROLL

**New Employee**—I am pleased to say that **Stefanie Singer** has re-joined Financial Services as Manager, Budget and Planning. Stefanie has previous experience in this role and is a welcomed addition to the team.

**Next Year's Budget**—FY17/18 Budget timelines and the sample templates were provided to SSCUB and Senate on June 17<sup>th</sup> and June 27<sup>th</sup> respectively. Budget meetings were held with representatives from all faculties and departments in July and August to discuss the budget methodology and templates.

### ANCILLARY SERVICES

**Administration**—The Director of Ancillary Services hired Jill Field as the new Ancillary Services Coordinator starting September 19, 2016. The position will enhance the department's capacity to identify, develop and implement initiatives that will increase revenues, decrease costs, improve productivity and/or enhance customer satisfaction.

**Bookstore**—The Bookstore Manager position remains vacant as the Director Ancillary Services continues to evaluate Bookstore operations. Ancillary Services has implemented a Price Matching campaign for textbooks this August. The intent is to build customer confidence and improve units sold per class per student. The Bookstore imple-

mented a new return program that started July 1, 2016. Going forward, 60 days into a semester the Bookstore will start returning textbook inventory to publishers. This should reduce the amount of unused inventory and improve efficiencies for inventory control and the Receiving department.

**Food Services**—Sodexo has introduced Kevin Poland as the new General Manager to KPU for Food Services. The Surrey cafeteria space is currently under renovation. This renovation will provide modest updates to the server area as well as provide a new gathering space for the KPU community.

**Parking**—KPU has entered year five of the current five-year contract with Impark which is scheduled to expire June 30, 2017. An analysis to assist in ascertaining the appropriate pricing structure for parking passes is currently being reviewed with a decision expected to be made by September 30, 2016. An update will be distributed to the broader KPU community to ensure that students, staff and faculty are informed of the new plan for parking moving forward.

**Print Shop**—The Print Shop Supervisor, Sean Kehler was re-elected as President of the College and University Print Management Association of Canada (CUPMAC). This will be Sean's second consecutive term as President of the non-profit. Currently, the Print Shop is operating with two vacant positions and a long term staff member who is scheduled to retire August 31, 2016. Two position descriptions were submitted to the JJEC on July 29<sup>th</sup> for classification. Once these positions have been classified, we will move forward with posting.

**Purchasing Services**—Purchasing has changed its operational procedures to provide increased customer service to internal stakeholders. Purchasing staff have met with all of the KPU operational departments and assigned a dedicated Buyer to each business unit; this change is intended to improve training, throughput, spend and category analysis. Purchasing recommended Bonfire software solution be implemented to address outstanding issues such as contract management.

## HUMAN RESOURCES, EMERGENCY PLANNING & SECURITY

### HUMAN RESOURCES

**Health University Initiative**—In partnership with Student Services, work is underway to implement the Healthy University initiative at KPU. This spring, two working groups, consisting of students, faculty, staff and administrative employees from across the University were established and tasked with developing and implementing an action plan. Two meetings were held over the past three months and the work groups participated in a Resilience at Work session.

**Process Improvement**—The HR Information Systems (HRIS) team attended a two day training session on FAST HR provided by Millenium Software and Service Solutions. FAST HR is a human resources reporting tool with numerous pre-built reports on staff hires, jobs, faculty, leave and terminations. Implementation of FAST HR will enhance the HRIS team's ability to respond to HR information requests from departments.

### SECURITY

**July 2016**—Security Supervisor and Security department assistant participated in a day of hands on KPU security software (Perspective) education hosted by the service provider at BCIT. Outcomes from the day provided us with one on one training and to review current upgrades to the program. Further to the training the KPU team initiated a visit with a Resolver consultant from California to visit our Langley campus to discuss our incident management process and incident management needs. The consultant was

able to provide insights into the versatility of the software program. Conclusions, further extensive education and an upgrade to the current system were emphasized to enhance our delivery of thorough comprehensive reporting.

**August 2016**—Security will be present at each of the KPU campuses for student orientation to answer questions and provide important contact information.

### EMERGENCY PLANNING

**August 2016**—Security Supervisor will distribute on behalf of Emergency Planning, information for new students on how to sign up for Alertus notifications.

**August 2016**—KPU has registered to participate in the 2016 earthquake preparedness drill—Shake Out BC scheduled for October 2016

### OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

**Safety Program Development**—Working in collaboration with Facilities, currently developing Crew Safety Talk program to ensure safety training is provided to facilities employees. Developed in collaboration with Facilities, a contractor safety orientation checklist. The checklist is currently being used to inform contractors of KPU safety procedures, hazard information and contractor safety responsibilities. Developed in collaboration with the Dean of Science's office, a laboratory safety orientation/training checklist. The checklist will be used to provide new employees with a safety orientation to the microbiology labs.



*Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School— August 2016*

# Office of the Provost

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The spring and summer of 2016 was full of activity in all areas of the Provost's Office. As mentioned in the May meeting, we have focused much attention on the revision and renewal of systemic practices, policies and procedures and overarching initiatives such as the field school guidelines, the global competency program guide, operational manuals, and other operational. All in all this very fruitful spring and summer activity puts us in a very good position to advance the many exciting projects that lay ahead.

KPU's Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design celebrated the beginning of building construction on Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Advanced Education Minister, Andrew Wilkinson, MP of Richmond Centre, Alice Wong, Minister for International Trade and Minister Responsible for the Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism, Teresa Wat, Dr. Alan Davis, Chip and Shannon Wilson, along with faculty, staff and administrators marked this historic moment for KPU and the Faculty of Design. KPU is looking forward to the January 2018 opening of this much-anticipated building that will ensure post-secondary students have the skills to succeed in a range of sectors including performance, technical apparel and product design.

On July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Stephanie Cadieux, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale announced a \$3 million investment in KPU from the Province of BC for skills training in high priority trades seats, including welding, electrical, automotive service technician, millwright and carpentry. This funding is in response to the objectives out-lined in B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint. The B.C. government has worked in partnership with the ITA to begin building a demand-driven trades training system with funding aligned to specific high-priority trades. KPU is anticipating further funding announcements from the Provincial Government this Fall.

KPU's Faculty of Science and Horticulture (FSH) is collaborating with the Delta School District to deliver Farm Roots, the first dual-credit farm program and school in the province. This initiative will be led by expert FSH instructors who will prepare high school students for promising careers in sustainable agriculture and sustainable food systems. A collaboration agreement between KPU and the Delta School District is scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Faculty of Trades and Technology is moving ahead with planning for the introduction of a new advanced manufacturing diploma program in collaboration with the multinational engineering firm Siemens. Both Dr. Tom Murad and President Robert Hardt, on behalf of Siemens, signed an agreement on September 14<sup>th</sup> at KPU's Tech campus in Cloverdale. Instructors will be travelling to Germany for intensive training in a new area that is revolutionizing and transforming industrial production. KPU aims to be at the centre of this major technological innovation.

During this Fall, the Provost's Office will be engaged in a variety of search and re-appointment processes. The search committee for the new Dean of Health has their orientation meeting scheduled in early October. We anticipate a final recommendation to the Board and President before the end of

the year. The re-appointment committees for the Dean, Faculty of Arts and University Librarian are in the process of being established. These committees will meet in early 2017 to conclude and provide a recommendation. We have now contracted the services of an external consulting group to assist with the search for our new Associate Vice President, Academic and will be establishing a committee shortly.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of three new Associate Deans. Joining the Faculty of Arts are Dr. Faith Auton-Cuff and Dr. Wade Deisman.

Dr. Auton-Cuff began her career at KPU in 2011 as an instructor in the Educational Studies Department, teaching in the area of Counselling Psychology. Dr. Auton-Cuff has demonstrated her capacity for leadership at KPU through serving on several university-wide and faculty-specific committees, most notably the Senate Sub-Committee on University Budget and as chair of the Arts Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.

Dr. Deisman joined KPU's Criminology Department in 2008. Since coming to KPU, Dr. Deisman has taken on a range of roles serving as Department Chair, an Arts Senator and Second Vice-Chair of Senate, and as the Chair of both the Planning and Priorities and Governance Committees.

Joining the School of Business as Associate Dean is Dr. Luis Villalba. Dr. Villalba was a faculty member at the Capilano University School of Business. He has a passion for teaching and has almost sixteen years of teaching experience in business, economics, history, Latin American studies, and Spanish and Developmental Studies. Dr. Villalba held high-profile positions at the Board of the World Bank and the Global Environmental Facility in Washington, D.C., as well as Chief Monetary Officer at the Central Bank of Paraguay, and President and Chancellor of Universidad del Pacífico in Paraguay. In 2012, Luis was appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Paraguay to British Columbia.

KPU is anxiously awaiting the Government announcement of Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) Program and is working on a plan to meet the aggressive timeline necessary to complete these projects by April 2018. We look forward to engaging with many stakeholders during the process of achieving our collective objectives.

We have begun designing the new facilities at Three Civic Plaza with a planned move-in date of August 2017. At the present time, this exciting new facility will provide expanded space for the delivery of Post Baccalaureate School of Business programs, Continuing and Professional Studies, an assessment centre and yet-to-be confirmed additional full and part-time offerings beginning September 2017.

Submitted by,  
*Dr. Salvador Ferreras,*  
*Provost & Vice President, Academic*

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## FACULTY & ACADEMIC UNITS

### FACULTY OF ACADEMIC AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT (ACA)

#### Reputation:

**ACA**—A joint meeting of the ACA Dean's Office, the Office of the Registrar and IT was held in August to discuss how Continuous Intake processes can be simplified. KPU's access mandate compels us to continually evaluate and improve our assessment, admission and registration processes to ensure they are student-friendly. In the course of several previous meetings of ACA and the Registrar's Office, we discovered that the current system for admitting and progressing students in CI is overly burdensome for all involved. Next steps in improving these processes include meeting with CI faculty to determine what the program needs in terms of flexibility for students.

#### New Programs, Policies & Initiatives:

**ELS**—Customized English Language Studies (CELS), a delivery modification of ELS courses, will debut on the Surrey campus with the startup of the 2016 fall semester. Students will be provided individual learning plans that include classroom instruction, individual guided learning, small group seminars and an opportunity to participate in e-Portfolio development. To enhance the student experience in CELS, Cedar classroom 1015 has been renovated with funds provided by the office of VP Academic and Provost. The updated space has a modern feel, with furniture that is easily moved and includes a comfortable seating area conducive to group interaction.

**ACP**—An ACP Continuous Intake (CI) assessment pilot project conducted by Jackie Quigley and Louise Bruins, ACP instructors, was introduced during the summer semester. The hands-on targeted assessment of students was a huge success. The Provost's office has provided funds for faculty release time to continue the individualized assessment project for the 2016-17 academic year.

#### Managing Risk:

**ELS**—Enrollments have declined in English Language Studies courses due to the termination of several of KPU's international partnership agreements even though domestic enrollments have seen an increase since the implementation of tuition and the lifting of seat restrictions for domestic ELS students in January of 2015. Nine notifications of potential layoff have been issued to ELS faculty members as a consequence of the overall downturn in enrollments. In an effort to increase fall 2016 ELS enrollment, the ACA Dean's Office, with approval of the VP Academic and the cooperation of the Office of the Registrar, implemented a pilot project to allow late applications for domestic and international students interested in taking ELS courses. A hands-on support

system was quickly developed, and communication via Future Students Office helped get the information out to potential students and agencies such as DIVERSEcity and Options Community Services Society. Interested applicants were provided an ACA paper application and an AUG (Adult Upgrading Grant) application, which was quickly processed by the Student Awards and Financial Assistance office. In a short time, 29 applications were submitted, and assessments were conducted with the assistance of the Assessment and Testing department. The number of conversions from applicant to course registrant status will be tracked to assess the success of this late application effort by ACA and multiple KPU departments. This project demonstrated the ability of the KPU community to be responsive in addressing the external environmental risk factors that impact enrollment.

#### Community Engagement:

**ACA**—ACA continued to work closely with FSO to attend events and increase community awareness of our programs, for example by presenting at community agencies (DIVERSEcity, etc.) and meeting with Settlement Workers in schools. ACA faculty member Arthur Ling spoke at Family Orientation Night, and ACA had a table at a World Refugee Day event, coordinated through the City of Surrey. ACA also participated in Langley Farmer's Market twice over the summer. ELS and CCLS marketing campaigns, as well as a campaign promoting KPU Advantage, ran throughout the summer.

#### New Initiatives:

**ACA** had an information table at Surrey Food Bank twice this summer, with the goal of increasing KPU's access profile in the community. We also developed new Qualifying English marketing initiatives emphasizing ENGQ courses as helping build skills for success in undergraduate English. A video compilation of student success stories was created for ACA by the Marketing department: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/trnhwebsxh7k42b/ACA\\_p8.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/trnhwebsxh7k42b/ACA_p8.mp4?dl=0)

### FACULTY OF ARTS

#### Students:

- **Heather Evans, James Hospedales, & Jennifer Wiens** (*English*): Received student-led research grants and represented KPU as the only undergraduates at the Digital Humanities Summer Institute Colloquium, showcasing their ENGL 4300 Serving Learning practicums, led by faculty **Greg Chan** (*English*), University of Victoria (Jul 28)
- **Amy Foreman** (*History*): Hired by WE Charity/Free the Children, a worldwide charity founded by Craig and Marc Kielburger (Jul)

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- **Natasha Lopes** and **Caitlin McCutchen** (*Political Science*): Presented on youth engagement in Canadian elections at two Town Halls on Electoral Reform for M.P. John Aldag and M.P. Sukh Dhaliwal, Cloverdale-Langley and Surrey-Newton (Aug 2 & 3)
- **Argel Monte de Ramos** (*IDEA 1400*): Won six medals for the Vocal and Acting categories at the World Championship of Performing Arts, as well as a scholarship to the New York Film Academy for the Musical Theatre program (Jul)
- **Jordan Tomblin** (*Arts Alumnus*) with **Greg Jenion** (*CRIM*): Co-authored "Sentencing 'Anonymous': exacerbating the civil divide between online citizens and government" a research article published in the *Police Practice and Research: An International Journal* (Jul 8)

## New Programs, Policies and Initiatives:

- **Faculty of Arts**: Supported a partnership with the South Asian Arts Society as part of the Monsoon Arts Festival (Aug 11-21)
- **Faculty of Arts**: The Language and Cultures department developed a new course on bhangra dance "LANC 1870: Introduction to Bhangra Dance: Modern and Traditional" which will be offered in the Fall 2016 term, taught by Gurpreet Sian and Rayman Bhuller. This is the first of its kind in Surrey.
- **Jane Hayes** (*Music*): Planned, prepared, and provided marketing for the new music Faculty Showcase Concert series with the **Borealis String Quartet** (July – August). Also gave a talk on KPU Music and a master class for students in the North Shore Academy summer program, which included 10 international students and two faculty from China's East Normal University, interested in exchange possibilities. (Jul 28)
- *IDEA 1400*, **Fred Ribkoff** (*English*) with **Paul Tyndall** (*English*) and English student **John Rowell**: Formed a theatre collective *Plastic Theatre Company* and presented an independent play "Jag and The America" co-authored and co-directed by Fred and John at The Culture Lab featuring actors and collaborations from community members (Aug 5-6)

## Community Engagement:

- **Seema Ahluwalia** (*Sociology*): Attended different events as invited guest speaker:
  - "Hych'ka siem! Acknowledging Our Presence in the Unceded Territories of Coast Salish People" to open the 20th anniversary celebration of Multicultural Helping House Society, Shamrock Hall, Vancouver (Aug 27)
  - "So that the people may live": Reflection on 25 years of Teaching and Learning About Genocide, presented at the Kwantlen Public Interest Group

conference Genocide Across Time and Space, KPU (Jul 21)

- **Billeh Nickerson** (*Creative Writing*): Curated and performed at Pride in the Word, Canada's largest Pride literary event, Victoria (Jul 9)
- **Levente Orban** (*PSYC*) with Jim Matteoni (*HORT*) and Stephanie Phillips (*Fashion Design*): "The Inspiration of Bees," KPU-Science World Speaker Series, Science World (Aug 22)
- **Cathy Stonehouse** (*Creative Writing*): Facilitated and gave a public reading as part of a four-day workshop on creative nonfiction, Island Mountain Arts Centre, Wells, BC (Aug 27)
- **Daniel Tones** (*Music*): Performed a solo recital, participated in panel discussions, directed daily master classes and rehearsals, and led a percussion ensemble performance as Guest Director at the Percussion Program for the 2016 Prairie Music Residency, University of Saskatchewan (Aug 3-7)

## Recognition:

### Awards and Appointments:

- **Seema Ahluwalia** (*Sociology*): Advisor to the organizing committee for the Kwantlen Public Interest Research Group Conference "Genocide Across Space and Time" (Jul)
- **Faith Auton-Cuff** (*EDST*) and **Wade Deisman** (*CRIM*) accepted the positions of Associate Dean (Aug 1)
- **Daniel Bernstein** (*Psychology*): Supervised Megan Giroux, graduate student at SFU: M.A. defense (Jul)
- **Daniel Tones** (*Music*): Serves on the Board of Directors for the National Youth Orchestra of Canada (NYOC), the country's foremost orchestral training program, and attended the NYOC's annual retreat (Jul 14-17)
  - Music Program Coordinator for the District of West Vancouver, developing and implementing a vibrant series of camps for 180 children and youth (Jul – Aug)

## Publications:

- **Daniel Bernstein** (*Psychology*): Bodner, G.E., Jamieson, R.K., \*Cormack, D., \*McDonald, D.L., & Bernstein, D.M. (2016). "The Production Effect in Recognition Memory: Weakening Strength can Strengthen Distinctiveness." *Canadian Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 70, 93-98. doi: 10.1037/cep0000082. (Jul)
  - Online publication, \*Undorf, M., \*Zimdahl, M.F., & Bernstein, D.M. "Perceptual Fluency Affects Judgments of Learning when Feelings of Fluency are Salient." *Journal of Memory and Language*, 92, 293-304. (Aug)
- **Shelley Boyd** (*English*): "Tablecloth and River: Dramatizing

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Historical Land Claims” in *Tomson Highway’s Ernestine Shuswap Gets Her Trout*. Food and Communication: Proceedings of the Oxford Symposium on Food and Cookery 2015. Ed. Mark McWilliams. London, U.K.: Prospect Books, 2016. 83-92. (Aug)

- **Andrea Curman** (*Criminology*): Andresen, M.A., Curman, A.S.N., & Linning, S.J. (2017). “The Trajectories of Crime at Places: Understanding the Patterns of Disaggregated Crime Types.” *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (Aug)
- **Greg Jenion** (*Criminology*): “Surrey to Unveil New Public Safety Strategy... Again” published as a guest columnist for *The Now* (Jul 14)
- **Päivi Koskinen** (*Language and Cultures*): Koskinen, Päivi, and Ain Haas (eds.). (2016). Proceedings of the 2010, 2012 and 2014 Conferences of the Finno-Ugric Studies Association of Canada.
- **Billeh Nickerson** (*Creative Writing*): “Airplane Lobster,” a poem written from the point of view of a lobster on an airplane, was published in *Geist* magazine (issue #101) (Jul)
- **Doran Smolkin** (*Philosophy*): “Overall Lifelong Fortune: A Critique of the Intrinsic Potential Account” article published in *Journal of Applied Philosophy* (Jul 3)

## Public Presentations:

- **Daniel Bernstein** (*Psychology*): With Derksen, D., & Weller, J.A. “Social Cognition and Decision-making across the Lifespan.” Paper presented at the International Conference on Memory, Budapest, Hungary (Jul)
- **Gira Bhatt** (*Psychology*) and **Roger Tweed** (*Psychology*): With Jodi Viljoe and Kevin Douglas (SFU), poster presentation “Aggression and Acculturation of Ethnic Minority Youth: A Canadian Study” at the Congress of the International Association of Cross-cultural Psychology, Nagoya, Japan (Aug)
- **Aaron Goodman** (*Journalism & Communication Studies*): Reading of “Dying at Grace: Phenomenology and Motivation as Guides for Documentary Practice”, Visible Evidence, Bozeman, MT (Aug 12)
- **Jack Hayes** (*History/Asian Studies*): “The Green Economy, Monetary Policy, and China” a conference presentation at Monetary Policy Forum Grizzly Bear Institute of Canada, SFU and Peking University Strategy Institute, Vancouver (Aug 17)
- **Jane Hayes** (*Music*): Eastman School of Music recital with saxophonist Julia Nolan for Summer @ Eastman (Jul 5)
- **Greg Jenion** (*Criminology*): Kash Heed Show Radio Interview “Surrey Community Safety Strategy” on Pulse 107.7 (Jul 18)
- **Puqun Li** (*Philosophy*): “Confucius’ Teachings and Positive Psychology” at the Richmond Public Library (July 6) and

“Confucius’ Non-theistic Ethics”, BC Humanist Association (Jul 31)

- **Eryk Martin** (*History*): “Political Travel and the Making of the Vancouver Five” a conference presentation, Ideologies and Cross-Border Conceptual Travel, SFU (Jul 4-5)
- **Keiron McConnell** (*Criminology*): Spoke at the National Gang Crime Research Centre, Chicago (Aug 8-11)
- **Greg Millard** (*Political Science*): Presented on various electoral systems at two Town Halls on Electoral Reform one for MP John Aladag, Cloverdale-Langley City and the other for MP Sukh Dhaliwal, Surrey-Newton (Aug 2 & 3)
- **Diane Purvey** (Dean): Panel presentation on “The International Study of Principal Preparation” at the International Conference on Innovation and Leadership in Education, Mount Royal University, Calgary (Jul 5-7)
- **Ashiq Shah** (*Psychology*): Presented “Everyday Discrimination Faced by Muslim women wearing and not wearing hijab and Caucasian Women” at the International Congress of Psychology (ICP), Yokohama Japan (Jul)
- **Doran Smolkin** (*Philosophy*): Presented “Kagan on Speciesism and Modal Personism; Some Critical Thoughts and Promising Directions” at the Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress (Aug 11)
- **Cathy Stonehouse** (*Creative Writing*): Read from her work for Poetry New Westminster (July 17) and a selection from the work of the late C.D. Wright, Dead Poets Reading Series at Vancouver Public Library (Jul 10)
- **Roger Tweed** (*Psychology*): “Measures of Eudaimonia” invited talk at the 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial International Meaning Conference, Toronto (Jul 29)

## Reviews:

- **Daniel Bernstein** (*Psychology*): Reviewed three manuscripts for publication in Academic Journals: Cognition & Emotion; Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, & Cognition; and Psychonomic Bulletin & Review (Jul-Aug)
- **Ellen Pond** (*Policy Studies*): with Kathy Dunster and Betty Cunnin, (*Horticulture*) guest co-editors for the August issue of BCSLA Sidelines magazine including articles on the Urban Ecosystems program, and overviews of KPU's unique undergrad programs in Sustainable Agriculture, Plant Health and Policy Studies (Aug)

## Employee Engagement:

- In collaboration with **KDocs**, Arts faculty participated at the Pride Week Screening. **Gerald Walton** (*Educational Studies*) provided a keynote address with **Tara Lyons** (*CRIM*) as one of the KPU panelist, KPU Surrey (Jul 28)
- **Bob Fuhr** (*History*): Completed a one week seminar “Methods and Sources for Historical Research” at the Institute

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for Historical Research, London, UK (Jul 11-15)

## FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND HORTICULTURE

### Noteworthy Items:

- **Stan Kazymierchyk** (*Horticulture*) organized Turf for Teens, an initiative that introduces high school students with FASD to a career in turfgrass maintenance. **Rob Welsh** (*Horticulture*) was also an instructor. This is a partnership with KPU, Surrey School District #36 and Eaglequest Coyote Creek Golf Course. <http://www.kpu.ca/news/2016/07/06/kpu-educators-and-industry-offer-training-students-complex-needs>
- Robert Hannah, owner of Bur-Han Lawn & Garden Care presented **Dean Betty Worobec** with an original painting by artist Janet Anderson, which Mr. Hannah had specially commissioned as a donation to the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. The painting hangs in the faculty office on the KPU Langley campus. Press release [HERE](#).
- **Bob Chin, Laura Flinn, Fergal Callaghan, James Hoyland** and **Takashi Sato** (*Physics*) had a booth at the [Vancouver Mini Makers Faire 2016](#) on June 11-12, the second year in a row participating. They had their Ruben's Tube dancing flame display which was one of the highlights of the event. [Photos](#).
- **Jim Matteoni** (*Horticulture*) was one of three speakers in the 2016-17 KPU-Science World Speaker Series, talk, 'The Inspiration of Bees'. **Stephanie Phillips** (*Design*) and **Levente Orban** (*PSYCH*) also presented during this collaborative talk. Prior to the presentation, Science World hosted bee-themed activities with beeswax candle making, honey tasting and live (and spent) bee demo hives to explore. [Photos](#).

### Students:

- A group of *ENVI 2405 Environmental Legislation* EPT students (led by instructor **Andrew Frank**) submitted a final report to service learning partner, [Pacific Wild](#) that included an online discourse analysis of the BC hunting community in relation to the Grizzly Bear Hunt, as well as an annotated bibliography resource of online forums where hunters congregate. The analysis was paired with advocacy campaign recommendations as well as a chapter examining the legal framework, policy and legislation that governs the hunt in BC and other jurisdictions. The Director of Communications for Pacific Wild described the report as a "tremendous resource" and said it would be shared with coalition partners to help inform campaign design and future approaches for conserving Grizzly Bears in BC.
- One of our first Sustainable Agriculture Degree Graduates **Samantha Graham** was featured in the following [press release](#).
- KPU School of Horticulture hosted an Information Session on June 16 at the Langley campus. **Gary Jones, Stan**

**Kazymierchyk, Betty Cunnin** and **Triona King** attended.

- **Elena Devanadera**, EPT student is conducting a Co-op project on Trichoderma biofungicide development under the supervision of Institute for Sustainable Horticulture staff.
- **Jasmine He**, EPT student, is conducting Research Project on brewery waste and neutralizing it with various biological products including Effective Microorganisms, under the supervision of Institute for Sustainable Horticulture staff.
- There are presently four Sustainable Agriculture students in Cuba working on various research projects with our partners at **Universidad de Sancti Spiritus**.
- **Deborah Henderson** (*ISH*) is presently hosting and mentoring several International Graduate students from Cuba, France and Belgium.

### New programs, policies and initiatives:

- The KPU Brewing Lab launched new Beer Analysis Testing services in August. The KPU Brewing Lab is one of very few labs offering beer analysis to BC brewers. Most companies have been sending their samples to White Labs in California for testing. All analysis will be overseen by **Martina Solano Bielen**, KPU Brewing instructor.
- **DeAnn Bremner** (Communications, Events & Professional Studies Coordinator) and **Tim Brown** (*Brewing*) hosted a KPU Brewing Lab tour and tasting for the KSA Grassroots Café GM and key staff, to familiarize them with the beer-making process and tasting notes for when they start selling KPU-brewed beer in the Café in Fall 2016.
- **Michael Poon** (*Physics*) completed the Program Review for the Engineering Certificate Program and **Paul Richard** (*EPT*) for the Environmental Protection Diploma Program.
- We are excited that work on the new Upper Level Physics Lab at KPU Richmond is complete and ready for classes. This high-tech space is required for the Physics for Modern Technology program and will house six new physics courses this year, and an additional three new physics courses in 2017/18.
- A new instrument room was designed in the KPU Surrey Chemistry lab to house high-tech chemistry analysis equipment specific for the new Minor in Medicinal Chemistry courses which will launch in January 2017.

### Community Engagement :

- **Rob Welsh** and **Shelley Murley** (*Horticulture*) hosted and were instructors for the BC Landscape industry yearly certification.
- **Andrew Frank** (*EPT*) worked with the Gitga'at First Nation and its lawyers to coordinate media relations for their [Federal Court of Appeal victory](#) overturning the former Conservative government's approval of the Enbridge

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Northern Gateway pipeline. Here's [one of many articles](#) written on the ruling. This work was done through Andrew's public interest communications consulting business.

- **DeAnn Bremner** (Communications, Events & Professional Studies Coordinator) met with Terry Hickey, President of the Campaign for Real Ale South Fraser to discuss promotions and connecting more of the Valley community with their local craft breweries. KPU Brewing updated and reprinted the Fraser Valley Craft Beer Passport that was mailed out to all of CAMRA SF members.
- KPU Brewing hosted a booth and sampled KPU beer, along with 22 other breweries, at the annual Langley Rotary Club's Tip'N Taste at the Langley Coast Hotel & Convention Centre. Dean **Betty Worobec**; **Triona King** (Communications & Events Specialist); **Michelle Molnar** (Administrative Coordinator); and **Martina Solano Bielen** (*Brewing*).
- **DeAnn Bremner** (Communications, Events & Professional Studies Coordinator) attended the US Craft Brewers Trade Mission to Canada where brewers, owners and suppliers discussed a number of issues in both countries, including regulatory challenges, distribution, education, supply, growth, partnerships, etc. The Mission included a tour of NSI Newlands' factories, panel presentations, networking and a small tradeshow, where KPU Brewing had a booth. The US representatives included some high-profile craft brewers, including: a founding board member from the US Brewers Association, Dan Kopman; one of the first UC Davis Brewing alumni and legendary beermaster, Don Barkley; and Jon Carpenter, brewmaster for Alchemy and Science, an innovative incubator company with breweries in multiple states overseen by The Boston Beer Company, one of America's oldest and most successful craft breweries.
- FSH had a monthly presence at the Langley Community Farmers Market June to August featuring veggies grown by the School of Horticulture and beer tastings of KPU-brewed beer. The booth was hosted by **Shelley Murley** (*Horticulture*); **DeAnn Bremner** (Communications, Events & Professional Studies Coordinator), and **Triona King** (Communications and Events Specialist).
- FSH hosted a booth at the [Burns Bog Society Annual Golf Tournament](#) on June 11 at Eaglequest Golf Course in Surrey. **Triona King** (Communications & Event Specialist), along with four student volunteers, promoted our EPT and Horticulture programs. [Photo](#).
- **Kent Mullinix** (*ISFS*) is a member of the Agriculture Climate Change Adaptation Network- Steering Committee.
- **Don Mathewson** and **Fergal Callaghan** (*Physics*) attended the Canadian Association of Physicists' annual congress at the University of Ottawa. Don was involved in organization and chairing of sessions.

**Recognition:** (*Note: Awards, recognition, publications, public presentations, reviews, media spots, general bragging*)

Presentations:

- **Jim Matteoni** (*Horticulture*) gave the presentation, "Growing plants to attract beneficial insects to your carts to reduce pest damage." Holland Park, Surrey with the SFU Community Engagement award-winning project Gro-Carts Urban Food Security on Wheels - A Sustainable Food Community Engagement Project.
- **Asiyeh Sanaei** (*Mathematics*) presented, "Skolem Sequences and Graph Labelling", at the Canadian Mathematical Society Meeting. Asiyeh was also a judge for the Student Research Poster Competition.
- **Michelle Nakano** (*Horticulture*) gave the presentation, 'Critical, Creative and Collaborative Inquiry for Educational Engagement' at the Festival of Learning in June.
- **Alek Egi** (*Brewing*) was invited to moderate the craft brewery speakers' panel at the BC Economic Development Association Summit in Richmond, BC.
- **Caitlin Dorwood** (*ISFS*) led the following workshops: *Introduction to Canning* at the UBC Centre for Sustainable Food Systems at UBC Farm; *Get Ready for the Canning Season* for Village Vancouver at the Strathcona Community Centre; *Putting up Peaches* at Homestead Junction; and *Introduction to Canning* for SPEC at Kits Neighbourhood House.
- **Flavio Ruiz Oliveras** (*Physics*) gave an invited talk at the University of Guadalajara, Mexico on July 13<sup>th</sup>, entitled, "Synchronization of Semiconductor Lasers and their Applications in Secure Communication Systems".

Publications:

- **Raquel Cabral** (*Mathematics*) 'Marstrand's Approximate Independence of Sets and Strong Differentiation of the Integral' was accepted for publication by the peer reviewed journal *Mathematica Scandinavica*.
- **Lee Beavington** (*Biology*). 'A creative approach: Teaching biology labs through arts-based learning' in *Tested Studies for Laboratory Teaching*, Volume 37 (K. McMahan, Editor). Proceedings of the 37th Conference of the Association for Biology Laboratory Education (ABLE). Including 'A five hundred leg nest', *Discovery: the Journal of Nature Vancouver*, and 'Freeway coyote', *Landscape*, 6(1), 40-41.
- **Deborah Henderson** (*ISH*) co-authored, 'A variable insulation system with potential application in cold climate greenhouses.' *Int. J. Energy Engineering*.
- **Kathy Dunster, Betty Cunnin & Ellen Pond** (*Horticulture*) were guest editors and contributors to the BC Landscape Architecture publication *Sitelines*: [http://sitelines.org/sites/default/files/sitelines\\_issues/BCSLA\\_August2016\\_Web.pdf](http://sitelines.org/sites/default/files/sitelines_issues/BCSLA_August2016_Web.pdf)



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- The May/June 2016 issue of WorkSafe Magazine featured a cover story on identifying safety issues and safety education in the craft beer industry. KPU Brewing instructor, **Alek Egi**, and KPU Brewing contract faculty member, **Ken Beattie**, were prominently featured in the article.
- Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Summer newsletter, Volume 11: <http://us3.campaign-archive1.com/?u=90bd2333bff07f1d0853c1bbf&id=78bae0430b>
- KPU Tsawwassen First Nation Farm School weekly food boxes are a hit! <http://www.kpu.ca/news/2016/08/30/tsawwassen-first-nation-farm-school-students-share-fruits-their-labours>
- **Caitlin Dorwood (ISFS)** was featured in the following Georgia Straight article on canning: <http://www.straight.com/life/739086/green-living-beginners-guide-home-canning>
- **Kent Mullinix** and **ISFS** was featured in a Vancouver Sun article: <http://vancouver.sun.com/business/local-business/b-c-s-leaders-in-sustainable-agriculture-brainstorm-growth-strategies?lsa=c6fa-ef21>

## Funding:

- **Deborah Henderson (ISH)** ongoing active research projects:
  - New Plant Bioactive Compounds from a BC Kelp Species. Phase II. Year 2 of 3. NSERC ARD II with West Coast Marine Bioprocessing.
  - Developing Trichoderma-based biofungicides. Year 4 of 5. BC Prov.
  - Developing baculovirus products and integrated pest management protocols for organic brassica. Year 3 of 4. The Organic Research Center of Canada,
  - Development of new Sensors for Enclosed Growing Spaces Phase I. funder: QuantoTech Solutions.
  - Remediation of salt damaged soil with microbial amendments. NSERC Engage (6 months), industry partner: Dhaliwal Farms Ltd.
  - Evaluation of Azolla products for BC greenhouse and field grown crops. Industry partner: Technaflora Plant Products Ltd. (2 years).
  - Validation of an electroponic system for aeration of greenhouse cucumbers. Industry partner: Limit-less Technologies Inc. (6 months)
- **Deborah Henderson (ISH)** newly funded projects:
  - Management of new diseases and pests of BC blueberries. June 2016. IAF Growing Forward II (2 years, \$40,000) with the BC Blueberry Council.
  - Development of a new Trichoderma-based biofungicide for use against soil-borne plant pathogens. NSERC ARD II (3 years, \$300,000) Van Belle Nursery Inc.

- Evaluation of neem treatments on greenhouse pests; Aphids, Spider Mites, Whitefly, and Thrips. Terramera Inc. (\$34,000)
- Bioproducts from insect waste material Phase II. NSERC ARD II (3 years, \$300,000), with Enterra Feed Corp. (conditional acceptance pending suitable agreement from KPU).

## Recognition:

- **Andrew Frank (EPT)** was:
  - interviewed by a writer from the UBC Sustainability newsletter about climate change and strategic voting for an article titled, "[Millennials break ideological boundaries when combatting climate change.](#)"
  - interviewed as an "expert" stakeholder by the Sustainability & BCP Coordinator for Facility and Environmental Management at Vancity as part of a six-week, cross company research project about how the credit union understands environmental changes and what they mean for members and their communities,
  - featured in a TedxEastVan talk and Tyee article by Geoff Dembicki titled, "[How a New Generation Is Fighting to Survive Climate Change.](#)"
- **Kent Mullinix (ISFS)** was interviewed by:
  - many media outlets regarding the cost of agricultural land. Roundhouse Radio/ Business in Vancouver, CBC Radio, News1130 Radio, Richmond News.
  - Maclean's Magazine regarding sustainable agriculture education innovation.

## Employee Engagement:

- **Joel Murray** (Associate Dean) gave the presentation entitled, "Introduction to Collective Agreements at KPU" to new KPU administrators. He also submitted the proposal for his dissertation (Ed. D. in Educational Leadership in Post-Secondary Contexts program at SFU).
- FSH held a very successful Faculty of the Whole Welcome Back on August 31. The event included update presentations by all department chairs and program coordinators, Faculty Council Chair Mike Coombes, KSA and KFA Representatives, invited presentations by Provost Sal Ferreras and the new AVP Teaching and Learning Stephanie Chui, along with percussion team building activities lead by Daniel Duggin of Rhythm Resource. The lunch included produce donated by the School of Horticulture and Sustainable Agriculture and beer from the KPU Brewery.
- Dean **Betty Worobec** walked in the Vancouver Pride Parade as part of the KPU/KSA contingent with President Alan Davis, AVP Students and Deputy Provost Jane Fee and

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other administrators, faculty and students.

- **Martina Solano Bielen** (*Brewing*) attending the Brewing Microbiology Course offered by the Siebel Institute, Montreal, Quebec.
- **Alek Egi** and **Dominic Bernard** (*Brewing*) attended the World Brewing Congress, Denver, Colorado. This conference runs every 4 years and is a meeting of all the major international brewing associations.
- **DeAnn Bremner** (Communications, Events & Professional Studies Coordinator) and **Tim Brown** (*Brewing*) hosted a tour of the KPU Brewing Lab for KPU's Marketing department to better familiarize the marketing team with all the unique aspects of the Brewing and Brewery Operations Diploma program.
- **Rebecca Harbut** (*Sustainable Agriculture*), **Caitlin Dorward** (*ISFS*) and **Gary Jones** (*Horticulture*) hosted an 'internal' Information Session on July 22 for staff from FSO, International, and Student Enrollment Services to try to clarify the two different disciplines and how/why they are often confused.

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

### Internationalization Working Group:

In response to the increasing proportion of international students in the School of business Lesley McCannell (*Business Faculty*) and Pamela Ip (*Applied Communications Faculty*), in conjunction with the International Education department, initiated a working group to identify and collaborate on solutions that will support both international and domestic learner success. The goals of the working group are to align solutions with Vision 2018, including: engaging learners, increasing the retention of domestic and international students and supporting students to be good global citizens through collaboration.

### Students and Alumni Recognition:

- **Simran Kang** graduated from KPU in 2012 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting, Co-operative Education Option. He was one of a few graduates to secure a coveted starting positions with one of the "Big Four" accounting firms, Deloitte, at their Vancouver office. He completed his CPA, CA designation and was promoted to Audit Senior at Deloitte. Recently (June 2016) he accepted a new position at KPU as a Business Advisor in Business Performance and Advisory Services.
- **Fadia Sabouneh**, current part-time student and full-time employee with BC Hydro reported that she was recently promoted to the Business Support and Billing Department as a direct result of her improved Communications skills following successful completion of CMNS 1140.
- **David Hunt** and **Tabitha Swanson** KPU Alumni pitched a business proposal to a panel, in a Dragon's Den style

competition, where they received a \$2,500 runners up award for their startup Forte Marketing firm that they co-founded during their Marketing practicum.

- The 27 students enrolled in this summer's Sales and Customer Service class (*ENTR 4140*) raised \$178,000 for scholarships from local businesses. The class performance clearly demonstrates experiential learning. It will also make post-secondary education more affordable for future KPU students.

### Faculty Recognition:

- **Ron Messer** (*Accounting*) recently published "Teaching Variance Analysis for Cost Accounting: How to Achieve Above Par Performance", *Advances in Accounting Education: Teaching and Curriculum Innovations*, 2016, Vol. 18, pp. 51 – 63.
- **Ron Messer** (*Accounting*) recently published "Out of Control: Tax Procedures at National Capital Trust?", *IMA Educational Case Journal*, Vol. 8, No. 2, Article 2, June 2015 – includes case study and teaching notes. (This case was used by the Institute of Management Accountants of the United States for their student case competition, which took place at their Los Angeles convention in June 2015.)
- **John Western** (*Accounting*) retired after 28 years of dedicated service to his students at KPU. Over the years he sat on numerous committees, contributed to the full-program proposal for the BBA in Accounting, was the Department Chair and mentored countless faculty and students.
- **Mandeep Pannu** (*Computer Science and Information Technology*) will be presenting "The Impact of Big Data on Government Processes" at IEEE IEMCON (7<sup>th</sup> Annual Information Technology, Electronics and Mobile Communication Conference 2016 at UBC October 2016.
- **Darren Francis** (*Applied Communications*) presented "Rocking My Thesis" at the Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges of Canada 2016 Conference.
- **Jacky Li** (*Business and Quantitative Methods*), currently study for his PhD in the Netherlands presented at INFORMS AGM conference (Nashville)

### New Programs, Policies and Initiatives

- Business Management Diploma and Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership were accredited by the Canadian Institute of Management, making the university one of only three institutions in the province with programs that allow student to complete all the academic requirements for their CIM (Certified in Management) and P.Mgr. (Professional Manager) designations while in class.

### Community Engagement:

- ASK (Accounting Students of KPU) Group recently hosted

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their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social. This annual summer event prepares Accounting students for the CPA recruiting season. This event is the largest event of the year, with 120 students attending to meet with representatives from public accounting firms such as Deloitte, KPMG, PwC, Grant Thornton, MNP, D&H Group, Davidson & Co, Smythe, Ratcliffe, and BDO. (July 2016)

- ACCT 4650 Not for Profit Financial Management had five students work with “Supported Child Development Program” in Richmond. They were able to put into practice what they had learned in the classroom, by providing much needed Administrative support; enhancing the support to families in the Richmond community.

## Fall 2016 Enrolment:

- The School of Business enrolment for Fall 2016 is up more than 500 registrations over Fall 2015. While domestic enrolment is flat, international enrolment has increased resulting in the School of Business earned Fall Tuition contribution to KPU increasing by in excess of \$1 million. With international student participation in School of Business classes averaging close to 25% it will be increasingly important to provide both domestic and international students with the supports to be successful.

## Employee Engagement:

- School of Business launched its first newsletter in August 2016, highlighting the successes of our students and faculty over the course of the 2015-2016 year.

## STUDENT SERVICES

### Students:

**Record Breaking Orientation**—Over 1700 students attended this year’s Fall 2016 New Student Orientation – a record breaking number and increase of 26% over last year. Several new initiatives contributed to the success of the events, including the introduction of an enhanced Orientation Leader program that provides mentorship to new students beyond the Orientation events, and a new marketing and branding strategy for Orientation. With a fresh new look and the introduction of a calling campaign to encourage new students to register for the event, nearly 45% of all KPU Fall enrolments attended.

**Co-operative Education Continues Growth and Outreach**—The number of co-op work terms continue to grow each semester. The summer semester finished at an all-time high with 162 placements, a 39.7% increase over summer 2015. The fall semester has also seen a rise in placements compared to this time last year. To date, 25% of the summer co-op placements have been extended for another term with their current employer. Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) 2016 Fall Recruit is underway with interviews taking place in mid-September and offers

going out the first week of October. Mid- and large-size accounting firms are actively seeking new hires for various roles in the 2017 calendar year. KPU Co-op and Career Services, the Accounting Society of Kwantlen (ASK), and the Accounting faculty have partnered with multiple firms to help give our students a leg up in the hiring process, with Grant Thornton, MNP, BDO hosting an event at KPU to promote the recruiting process. MNP, BDO, Manning Elliot and Deloitte hosted office hours to meet with students 1-on-1 to assist in the application process. KPU is one of the few schools to extend these on-campus opportunities to the firms with the goal of showcasing our exceptional student talent and continuing to expand co-op placements.

**Career Services Makes New Connections**—Career Services has been busy presenting workshops related to job search skills and career development through The Learning Centre, Orientation, and Welcome Week. In addition, at the request of faculty, several in-class sessions were delivered to offer resume, cover letter, and CV workshops to students. In partnership with Student Awards and Financial Aid, Career Services has increased the number of on-campus Work Study opportunities to 30 positions, up from 25 in 2015. The *Career Connection* job posting system continues to grow with 371 new job postings in August alone. The database now includes: 10,921 students and alumni registered (increase of 1,398 over 2015); 7,324 registered employers (increase of 1,092 over 2015). Some of the new employers include: Autism Speaks, Neo Roofing Solutions, RESULTS Canada, Vancouver Pride Society, and Wealth One Bank of Canada.

**Family Orientation Offers Support**—Coordinated by Orientation and Transitions, Family Orientation was held in July as an opportunity for supporters of new students to ask questions and discover the services and resources available to students. The event was a success and welcomed over 300 family members to KPU, equipping them with tools and information to best support their students. The feedback from attendees was positive, praising tours, the staff and information available at the tables, speakers, and student panelists. Much of the feedback reflected the friendliness of staff and the welcoming atmosphere at KPU.

**Fall Convocation is Nearly Here**—We are actively gearing up for fall Convocation at KPU Surrey. Three ceremonies are scheduled across October 6 and 7 with over 425 graduates expected to attend. Details are available at [kpu.ca/convocation](http://kpu.ca/convocation)

**New Student Email Platform Up and Running**—KPU has adopted a new email solution for students. A University-wide project team has been working together since the spring to migrate all student email accounts that were formerly on the *@kwantlen.net* platform to a new

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platform utilizing Microsoft Canada's Office 365. Under this new platform students are now afforded 50GB of data storage, enhanced calendar functionality, and the new ability to integrate KPU student email accounts on mobile devices' native email clients. More details are available at [kpu.ca/studentemail](http://kpu.ca/studentemail)

**Students Supporting Students with Disabilities**—As part of a new initiative to encourage stronger engagement with student assistants, SSD's disability advisors developed group training sessions to interact and build a solid relationship within the team. Newly hired and current student assistants met at the Surrey and Richmond campuses in August to review the job description and sign updated contracts. The student assistants were provided with a welcome package, training manual, snacks, and a chance to mingle amongst their peers. The disability advisors organized the student assistants into small groups to review exam invigilation scenarios, observe adaptive technology demonstrations, tour the testing room, and ask questions or share experiences with one another. The student assistants provided positive feedback at the end of the training session using the new anonymous proctor suggestion box, and are looking forward to the next engagement session.

### **New Programs, Policies and Initiatives:**

**First Year Committee Established**—KPU has launched its First Year Committee (FYC). Chaired by Senior Director, Student Affairs Joshua Mitchell with a membership that includes each of the academic deans in addition to other campus leaders, the FYC has been given a mandate to: Articulate a philosophy statement and guiding principles for the first year experience at KPU; Recommend a policy framework for the first year; Provide leadership in coordinating and implementing an integrated and intentional approach for the first year.

**Sport & Rec Means More Fitness for Everyone!** - KPU Sport & Recreation has unveiled a new and expanded suite of programming and services for KPU students, employees, and alumni. Substantial changes include the opening of fitness centres at KPU Langley and KPU Tech, free fitness centre access for students, employees, and alumni, along with reduced pricing for fitness programs, , personal training, and recreational and club sports.

**Policy Eases Student Stress** - The newly revised policy FM8 (Student Tuition and Fees) has shifted the fee payment deadline to the end of the second week of classes (for semester-based courses). This means that as of this fall, students will no longer be dropped or de-registered from classes as a result of late or non-payment. Additionally, a registration deposit will no longer be required every semester for continuing students to gain access to the online course registration system.

**Degree Minors Offer Flexibility**—In April, Senate approved a

University Framework for Minors meant to create greater flexibility in the development and attainment of minors at KPU. Since that time, the Registrar's Office and Faculties have been working together to review existing minors in an effort to align them with the new framework, streamline curriculum, and ensure existing and new minors become portable across Faculties and credentials. These changes will be taking place during the 2016/17 academic year, resulting in enhanced curricular options to students.

**What's an EMOC?** - KPU's new Enrolment Management Operations Committee (EMOC) held its initial kick-off meeting in August. The committee has been created as a spinoff of the Transitions Advisory Group (TAG), the committee that was initially developed to provide advice and support for the University Transitions Project. With the inception of EMOC, TAG has now officially dissolved its membership and evolved into three different committees to continue the work of transitioning and supporting new and first year students: First Year Committee (FYC); Academic Advising Committee (AAC); Enrolment Management Operations Committee (EMOC). EMOC provides leadership and oversight for the coordination and implementation of services and functions which contribute to the enrolment goals of the University, as established by the Strategic Enrolment Management Committee, in alignment with KPU's strategic and academic plans. Specific duties of the Committee may include: Fostering institution-wide involvement in and support for recruitment and retention efforts; Evaluating and supporting recruitment and retention strategies and activities; Coordinating the implementation of the Strategic Enrolment Plan(s) of the University.

**Renovated University Calendar**—In June KPU published a "renovated" version of our online University Calendar. The reorganized version of the University Calendar has been simplified with a more accessible format to ease student navigation, enabling them to better locate course and program resources. The new Calendar can be accessed at [kpu.ca/calendar](http://kpu.ca/calendar)

**Administrative Searches**—The Office of the Registrar is taking on responsibility for oversight of KPU's Senate Office. In support of this shift, an associate registrar for Senate and Curriculum will be hired in the coming weeks and will have oversight for the Graduation Office, the operational aspects of the University Senate Office, production of the University Calendar and the functional and technical requirements associated with University curriculum management. A search is underway for a director of Services for Students with Disabilities. This key position within Student Affairs will provide leadership for the review of policies related to students with disabilities at KPU and the service model they drive. It is our goal to have a new director in place within the fall 2016 semester.

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## Community Engagement:

### **Sport & Rec Partners with the YMCA and City of Surrey**—KPU

Sport and Recreation has extended its reach into the community by partnering with the City of Surrey and the YMCA on two initiatives support at-risk students. KPU will host a City of Surrey outreach program teaching breakdance to at-risk youth one evening per week in the KPU Surrey gymnasium. KPU will also host the YMCA's Youth Leadership Development program one night per week through the coming academic year.

### **Co-op Speaks Out**—The following public presentations and

community engagement events were made by or attended on behalf of co-operative education faculty: "Acknowledging Competing Priorities as a Co-op Educator" presented at the Association for Co-operative Education BC, May 18, 2016 - Lindsay Wood; "Backpack to Briefcase: Career Experiential Education in the Classroom" presented at BCcampus Festival of Learning, June 9, 2016 - Candy Ho; "Climbing Mount Ed-verest: Reflections and Lessons from EdD Students" presented at SFU Education Summer Institute, July 9, 2016 - Candy Ho; HRMA Conference and tradeshow: Made connections with over 300+ Human Resource professionals - Leanne MacKenzie

### **Education Planner BC Working Group**—KPU's Vice-Provost,

Students, Dr. Jane Fee, has been appointed as chair of Education Planner BC's policy working group. More details will follow over the fall semester.

## Recognition:

### **Melinda Lee Joins SES**—We are pleased to welcome Melinda

Lee, the newest member of the leadership team in the Office of the Registrar, to the position of manager of Admissions and Transfer Credit. Melinda has been working in higher education for the last six years at Simon Fraser University, University of the Fraser Valley, and with her appointment, KPU has acquired a great breadth of knowledge and experience in the areas of admissions, recruitment and student records.

### **Candy Ho Awarded Co-op Grant**—Candy Ho, a faculty member

in Co-operative Education, was awarded a \$5,000 research grant over the span of August 2016 - August 2017 from the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education for "An 'audit' of strategies successful co-operative education students employ during CPA Recruit."

### **Co-op Faculty Pen Scholarly Article**—KPU Co-op faculty Candy

Ho, Lindsay Wood, and Leanne Mackenzie had an article published in the August edition of Teaching Matters titled: "Beyond job placements: Co-operative Education as a catalyst for developing students' learning capabilities."

## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

### Library:

*Quality—Strategy: KPU is a well-managed, integrated, and transparent organization that supports learning.*

- Online photo submissions for KPU cards has been a tremendous success. Through collaboration with KPU's Orientations & Transitions Team on promotion and messaging, we've been able to increase the uptake of this early submission option. Approximately 1000 students submitted their photos ahead of Orientation Days and Library staff were able to create the cards and have them ready for when the students arrived. This improved the workflow and significantly reduced wait times for our new students.
- The Library as a whole takes great pride in recycling to help reduce the impact on the Earth but in our Technical Services area they have taken it up a notch. These folks process all the items for the library's collection (from receiving to weeding) and are keenly aware of the volume of materials involved. The goal is zero waste and they get there but for a mere handful of impossible to separate mixed media.
  - All books weeded from the collection are packed up and shipped out to a third party reseller; if the book is not selected for sale, they will recycle it.
  - All cardboard and paper is recycled.
  - All plastic, in a range of media and processing materials such as videocassettes, DVDs, shipping containers and wrapping material is recycled.
  - Mixed media material such as book jacket covers which are plastic and paper are separated to their respective parts and recycled.
  - Shipping envelopes are reused over and over as protective padding for delicate items like DVDs shipped between campuses.
  - DVD cases not sturdy enough to use in the Library are sent to a high school film teacher for the use of his students.
- The Library upgraded the proxy server on August 24 to improve database functionality. Faculty who have direct links to ebooks or journal articles from our databases on their Moodle sites needed to make the change too. To ease with this transition, the Library provided an easy how-to and troubleshooting instructions on the [Library Moodle guide](#).
- Faculty using the MLA citation style may not be aware that [a new edition](#) came out this year. It is a significant change, as MLA is moving to a template approach rather than a format approach to citation. All of the Library's MLA print and [online resources](#) were updated to reflect these

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changes before the start of the Fall semester. KPU's Academic Integrity & Citations Librarian Ulrike Kestler is available to speak with faculty about the change.

## The Learning Centres:

*Quality—Strategy: KPU is a well managed, integrated and transparent organization that supports learning.*

- Fall 2016 heralded a soft launch of Online Peer Tutoring in a range of content area subjects as well as writing (see [tlc.kpu.ca](http://tlc.kpu.ca)). Students will now be able to book “free” appointments to connect with a tutor or Learning Strategist, online, outside the regular Learning Centre hours. They can access this from the current tutor booking site. As well, the Learning Centre is offering a total of 75 learning skills workshops across campuses throughout the semester, some of which can be tailored to subject area needs.
- During August over 120 current students signed up for Academic Boost Camp and new students had access to a two day “It’s About U” transition program in Surrey, and prior to the beginning of the semester for all students, mini workshops were offered on each campus.

## WILSON SCHOOL OF DESIGN

### Students:

- Two KPU Design alumni have turned a class project into functional apparel that is going to be showcased by Canada’s Wheelchair Rugby Team at the Paralympic Games in Rio this month. Jaymes Williams (Product Design) and Laura Hutchison (Fashion & Technology) were commissioned by the Canadian Sport Institute to produce their uniquely designed cooling vests for Canada’s elite wheelchair rugby players. This team is ranked one of the top in the world and we are hoping that the vests, which assist athletes in regulating their body temperature, will give the team the competitive edge to go for the gold.
- Cam Rothnie, a KPU Foundations in Design 2016 grad and now Product Design student, and Kathleen McCullough, second year Fashion & Technology student, placed in the top five in a competition to design the graphics for a new Kit & Ace shopping bag. As winners, they received \$2,000.00 each.
- Ali Sami, a 2015 graduate from Fashion Marketing and student assistant for the Wilson School of Design, has received the Customer Service All Star Award, the highest honor awarded by Nordstrom. A celebration for all recipients and families was held in May. He has now been selected to begin the manager training program. His classmate, Caitlin Fung, went through this program last fall and is now the Assistant Manager of the Athletic Shoe Department.
- Jenny Campbell, a 4<sup>th</sup> year Interior Design student, was

selected as winner in the “Commercial Design” category for Sherwin-Williams STIR Student Design Challenge (2016). Jenny will receive \$2,500 plus have her work featured in the next issue of “Stir” magazine. Jenny will also be featured online via “Sherwin-Williams for Design Pros”.



- Jessica Buell, a Fashion Marketing alumni, had her company featured in The Vancouver Sun in July 2016. [Style Q&A | The Beautiful Nomad](#)



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- Jamie Kan, a Fashion and Technology grad, was a winner of the City of Vancouver design initiative to reduce graffiti in the city. Artists submitted designs for vinyl wraps to cover 27 grey utility boxes found at major traffic intersections throughout the city. Jamie's designs can be seen in Kitsilano.



### Community Engagement:

All Design programs intersect with their external professional communities on an ongoing basis:

- Faculty member, Paola Gavilanez, and staff member, Debbie Johnstone Bjerke, attended the Interior Design (IDC) industry's annual YVR Design Community Summer Party on Thursday, July 7, 2016. This was an opportunity to meet with graduates and industry members as well as suppliers prominent in the design community.
- The Jennifer Rainnie Agency has taken practicum students in both Fashion Design and Fashion Marketing for over a decade. Jennifer runs her own agency, visits Design's classes, runs mock buying appointments, and takes Fashion Marketing practicum students for 40 hours in the 2nd year Spring semester. She has hired Alyssa Klimek from the class of 2015 and together with volunteers, Alyssa Opre, grad of 2016 and Caitlin Seward, a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student, they have launched a new shoe brand - MALVADOS. As a team, they worked the Spring/Summer

2017 Know Show trade show held at the Convention Centre.

- The Kitchen Catcher cleaning system, a project arising out of the Challenge Dialogue with the City of Surrey and led by Dr. Victor Martinez, was presented to the City of Surrey Team at the end of a summer's worth of work by three Product Design students. The prototype, designed to increase organic waste diversion rates in multiple housing units in Surrey, was well received and will go forward for formal presentation in the Fall.
- With the assistance of volunteers from Interior Design at KPU, The Architecture Foundation of BC held its annual golf tournament to raise funds for the foundation in August 2016. The AFBC organizes different events and fundraising activities to support their mission to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the built environment in BC. The golf tournament was an excellent networking opportunity for students who volunteered.
- This summer's Continuing Education Courses in Fashion were well attended. These courses serve high school teachers who are seeking to extend their skills and gain advanced credit towards their teaching certification. The courses are one of a kind in Canada and serve teachers from across the lower mainland, province, and country.
- As well, high school students attended Continuing Education courses to develop their skills and explore new paths in Design. Some very exciting projects came out of the week long experiences and a number of these high school students will be headed our way when they graduate. Subjects for both teachers and students included:

- Pattern Drafting and Re-Working Commercial Patterns
- Portfolio Design
- Sewing
- Felting
- Design Academy Draping
- Knits



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## Recognition

- Accolades to one of our faculty members, Keith Martin, of the Graphic Design for Marketing team. In July, Canada Post released 5 stamps designed by Martin as part of a series of 15 that commemorate the provincial birds of Canada. These five stamps feature the great horned owl, raven, Atlantic puffin, rock ptarmigan and sharp-tailed grouse, and join the 24 other stamps Martin has designed and/or illustrated for Canada Post. His body of work captures and celebrates the creatures that inhabit the country's diverse range of ecosystems – from insects on the soil, to the whales of Canada's three oceans, and the birds that share our skies.
- As a result of vacancies created by education-leaves for ongoing faculty pursuing graduate studies, the Interior Design program is pleased to welcome five new part-time faculty with extensive industry experience. They are an excellent addition to this successful department.

## CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

### Academic Plan 2018:

We have entered into year two of our three year contracts with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation as well as the Ministry of Advanced Education:

- \$6 million (approx) from the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and AVED. We are providing training for four bands; Squamish First Nation, Musqueam, Tsleil-waututh, and Coquitlam. Programming is underway and employment prospects look very good with opportunities ranging from the Woodfiber LNG project, the development of the Jericho lands, to the new casino downtown.

### Students:

Our first cohort of our Commercial Beekeeping program is currently out on work experience with commercial beekeepers across Western Canada and are returning next week. The January 2017 intake is 75% full. Marketing efforts are continuous.

### New Programs, Policies and Initiatives:

We have continued interest in our online Introduction of the Professional Management of Medical Marijuana. The September class is over-subscribed with 51 students. We are currently developing 3 additional courses in this area to support the needs of this burgeoning industry. We will be attending the Lift Cannabis Conference in Vancouver later this month to promote our courses.

We are currently negotiating a revenue sharing/licensing agreement with Dalhousie and are embarking on the development of a new hands-on training program for the new

occupation of Cannabis Cultivation Worker with College Communautaire de Nouveau Brunswick. CCNB has accessed funding from the provincial government of New Brunswick to finance this project. Subject-matter experts from the industry and the scientific community are actively involved in developing these courses.

As part of an informal joint venture with Squamish First Nation, CPS has applied for \$9.6M in funding from the Federal government for employment related training initiatives. The decision is expected before Christmas.

CPS will soon be launching LED Controls training developed in partnership with the IBEW and the California Advanced Lighting Training Centre at UC Davis.

### Managing Risk:

We continue to work with other areas of the institution to streamline processes and create efficiency to better serve our clients.

### Community Engagement:

CPS has moved its offices to Surrey City Centre across from Surrey Memorial Hospital. The space includes a couple of classrooms and offers easy access to major potential clients in the vicinity as well as the Sky Train.

We are continuing our work with Street to Home, a non-profit organization whose goal is get homeless people off the street and into jobs, to develop training opportunities for their clients. Discussions around opening a residential treatment/training facility modeled on San Francisco's "Delancey Street" at the old Granville Island campus of Emily Carr are accelerating.

Students from the Commercial Beekeeping program will be returning from 5-month practica across western Canada in the next week. Reports from the commercial operations where they have been working have been stellar.

### Recognition:

The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training contacted CPS to inform us that funds were available for us to run new cohorts of the Low Voltage and Data Technician courses. We had not applied for these funds. This is a reflection of the Ministry's confidence in KPU's ability to successfully deliver job skills training.

### Employee Engagement:

We continue to have employees register and successfully complete our LERN course offerings.



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## FACULTY OF HEALTH

### New Programs, Policies and Initiatives:

- The HealthCare Assistant Program received full recognition from the BC Care Aide & Community Health Worker Registry.
- The Moodle BPN Communication Hub went “live” for students and faculty in week 1 of the summer semester and has been a success in communicating with students and faculty.
- Betty Worobec (Dean, Faculty of Science and Horticulture) joined the Faculty of Health on July 1, 2016 as Acting Dean until the occasion that a new Dean takes her/his position.

### Community Engagement:

- **Students from HAUC, BSNPB & BSN** programs participated in the Champions of the Crescent on July 10, 2016. Students engaged community members by doing blood pressures, sports box to encourage physical activity and the BSN students provided posters to support the 5-2-1-0 initiative which is 5 or more fruits & vegetables daily, no more than 2 hours of sun exposure time a day, at least one hour of physical activity daily and zero sugar-sweetened drinks, to help prevent childhood obesity. Faculty and staff also attended to support the students during this event.
- **Arleigh Bell, Michelle Home and Lisa Gedak** have been working on a Collaborative Simulation research between interdisciplinary programs: HCAP, HAUC & PB. The research investigation question: How Does a Collaborative Simulation Promote Team Communication and Comprehension of Health Care Provider Roles? Michelle and Lisa presented the findings at the National Association Health Unit Coordinator (NAHUC) Conference held in Seattle, WA on August 31 to September 2, 16, which included the Unit Clerk/Coordinator perspective from a Canadian lens.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Student Mobility:

KPU International is continuing to expand in the area of international student mobility. Three students from our partner Instituto Tecnológico de Santo Domingo - INTEC (Dominican Republic) and one student from our partner Universidad de Monterrey - UDEM (Mexico) are attending KPU on exchange this semester. The funding for these students came in part via the Canadian Federal Government's scholarship program - Emerging Leaders of America Program (ELAP).

Four KPU students attended two-week long summer programs in business at our partner institutions in Germany (Munich University of Applied Sciences -MUAS) and Switzerland (University of Applied Sciences and Arts - FHNW in Basel) this



summer.

KPU International is currently working with faculty members in both Design and Arts to prepare for field schools being offered next spring. Both the Amazon Field School in Colombia and Fine Arts in Paris/Kassel Field School will provide students with the opportunity to take what they are learning in the classroom and practice/experience it out in the real world.

Anita Hamm, Director of Partnerships & Pathways, visited KPU's long-time partner the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies (GDUFS) in July and presented on the development of KPU's Internationalization Plan. KPU will welcome eleven new partnership students from GDUFS who will start their studies in Canada with us in Spring 2017.

The updated and revised Field School Guidelines for Faculty Members is now ready to be taken through the necessary senate standing committees before making its way to senate in November for final approval.

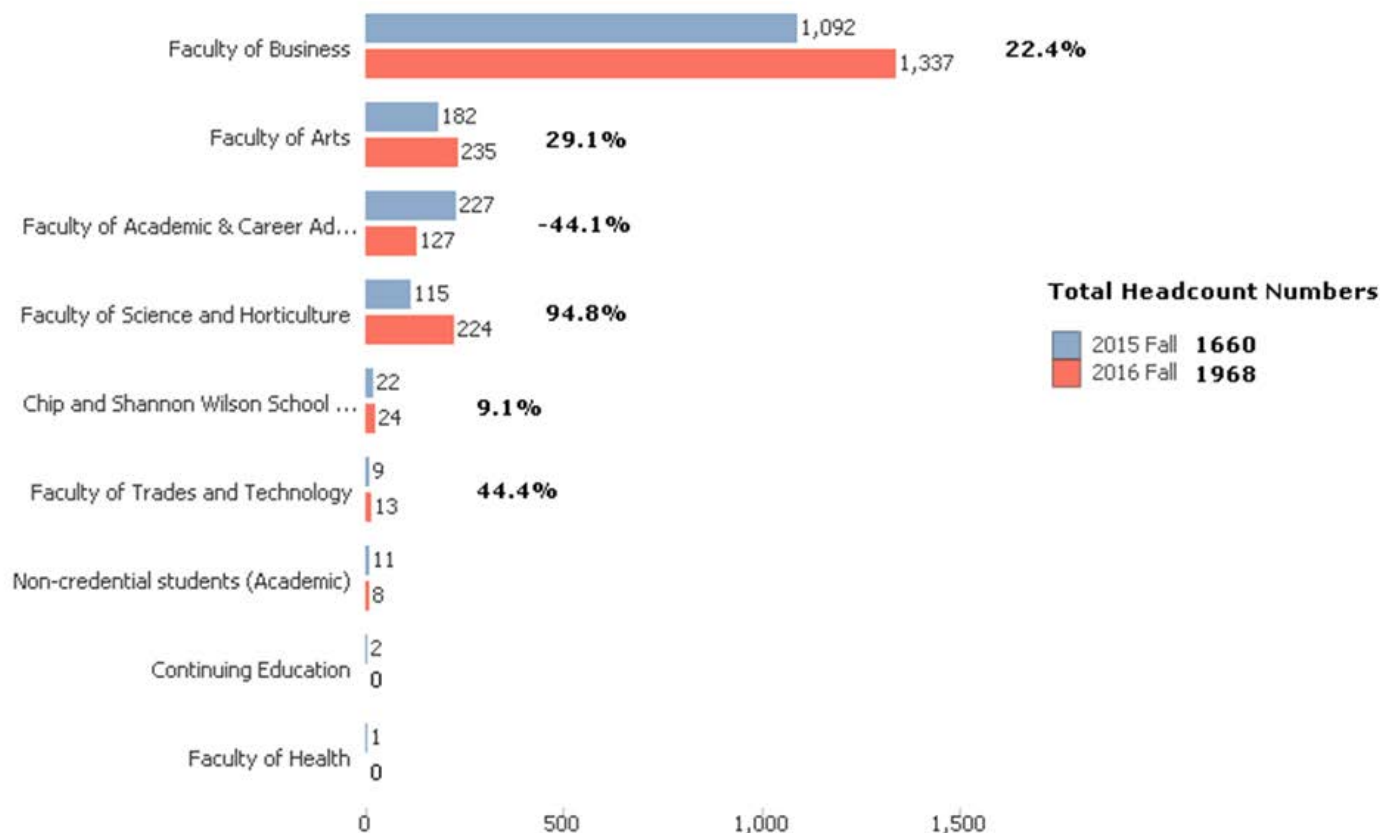
### International Student Recruitment:

KPU International's recruitment efforts for Fall 2016 were very successful. We experienced a 35% increase in applications over Fall 2015 and welcomed 560 new incoming students for Fall 2016. This is an increase of 193 new students over Fall 2015.

In terms of overall international student growth, KPU International has experienced the biggest increase to date in terms of student headcount. When comparing Fall 2016 numbers with Fall 2015, international student headcount has grown by 18.6%. I attribute this to my staff and the dedication that they have put in to help us build up to this level of growth.

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## Area of Study



### Market Diversification:

We continue to work toward growth and diversification of our international student body by focusing recruitment activities on the maintenance of our top markets (China & India) and development of new markets. The introduction of new Post Bacc Diplomas for Fall 2017 will help us to enhance our activity in markets with a post graduate focus such as Latin America, Africa and regions of India (outside of Punjab). We begin our 2017 recruitment season with upcoming recruitment trips to Brazil, China, India, Turkey, Middle East, USA and Vietnam. Through coordination with Colleges and Institutes Canada we have joined other Canadian institutions to participate in the newly launched Canada Express Study Program - Vietnam. Through this new Canadian federal government program, we have seen a sharp increase in interest to study at KPU from Vietnamese students and agents. We will participate in a Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) organized mission to Vietnam in October to explore further partnerships in this region.

### International Student Retention:

As part of the effort to continue to increase student retention rates and to support international students better, KPU International organized six workshops in total during the Summer 2016 semester. These workshops were designed to help international students who may be struggling to adjust to the style of education here in Canada. Each workshop was hosted by two International Educational Advisors who provided presentations explaining how to improve their academic standing at KPU. At the end of each session, the advisors were able to sit with students and provide one-on-one support to further review their individual academic standing and explore options to better boost their GPA. The overall response to these new academic workshops was very positive and therefore, we will be running these workshops again in the current Fall 2016 semester. This initiative is part of KPU International's overall objective to make sure that all our students are being fully supported to succeed throughout their KPU experience.



# Marketing and Recruitment Dashboard

September 2016

## Domestic Applications

Domestic Applications for Fall 2016, as of August 27, 2016

2015 FALL	2016 FALL
7,589	7,462

**-1.67%** ↓

## Social Media

### Facebook Followers

AUG 2016
8,311

**30%** ↑  
(from previous month)

### Instagram Followers

AUG 2016
1,853

**9%** ↑  
(from previous month)

### Twitter Followers

AUG 2016
5,161

**6%** ↑  
(from previous month)

## Website

Webpages with high increases in traffic.

### kpu.ca/calendar

JUN 2015 to AUG 2015	JUN 2016 to AUG 2016
17,814	49,718

**179%** ↑

### kpu.ca/registration

APR 2015 to AUG 2015	APR 2016 to AUG 2016
10,869	16,583

**53%** ↑

### kpu.ca/cps/medical-marijuana

JUN 2015 to AUG 2015	JUN 2016 to AUG 2016
15,069	27,882

**85%** ↑

### kpu.ca/admission/requirements

APR 2015 to AUG 2015	APR 2016 to AUG 2016
8,923	13,388

**50%** ↑

# Marketing & Recruitment *cont'd*

## Future Student Office

### Event Metrics

<b>Event</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
Party for the Planet	20,000
Langley Community Farmers Market	4,000
Surrey International Children's Festival (orientation)	150
Doors Open Richmond	102
Surrey Fest Downtown	7,000
North Delta Family Day Parade	1,000
Pride Parade	650,000
Steveston Family Festival	70,000
Surrey Canada Day	110,000
Tour de Delta	250
Surrey Fusion Festival	110,000
Wham Bam! Concert at the PNE	5,000

### Drop-in Appointments and Campus Tours during Summer 2016

#### Drop-in Appointments

<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>
262	267	280

#### Campus Tours (3-5 people in each)

<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>
34	17	37

# Marketing & Recruitment *cont'd*

As the new fall semester begins, the recruitment team is gearing up for a busy season of meetings and presentations to high schools throughout the lower mainland. In addition to the public schools, we are reaching out to private schools and other community groups, settlement agencies and organizations to promote KPU.

In response to the downward trend in high school graduate numbers, the Future Students' Office is actively pursuing initiatives to reach out to mature and transfer students. The recruitment team will be visiting local colleges to build relationships to ensure prospective students have access to information on transferring and studying at KPU.

Our new program guide has been designed and printed and the team will start distributing them at presentations starting the week of Sept 12. It is a valuable resource as prospective students can access information on all programs and services offered at KPU. It can be viewed here: <http://www.kpu.ca/programguide>

Included in the arsenal of marketing tools are 7 new promotional videos, one for each faculty. These videos will be promoted online, through web, digital and social media advertising as well as links from newsletters, and various communications with the external community. The videos can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLxxQVdMboGIMAKvGSw6eeCfHB0UEad7mv>

Marketing campaigns currently running include:

- Outdoor Billboards
- Radio
- Digital ads in Metrotown Mall
- Murals in Guilford Town Centre
- Spotify Ads
- YouTube Preroll ads
- Online Ads
- Retargeted Online Ads
- CTV – Closed Captioning Ads

The marketing department has been busy working on a brand refinement and tag line development project. This has involved confirming our brand model, our reputation, what we do, how we do it and why we do it.

In essence, we need to solidify what we stand for in order to move forward with a tag line that will speak to the KPU brand.

We are not changing the logo, but adding a tag line. 3 different logos in the past 6 years has brought much confusion to our brand. But we will be adding a tag line...and the tagline will serve as our bold statement of what KPU stands for.

Once the tag line is developed later this fall, we will be introducing new creative designs for all advertising campaigns for the next few years.

Submitted by:

*Joanne Saunders,*

*Executive Director, Marketing & Recruitment*

## Water, Water nowhere: KPU expert talks water rights and scarcity

**Richmond, B.C.** – Water, water, nowhere, and not a drop to drink – unless we make big changes.

Recently back from a lecture tour in Asia on water rights and climate change, Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) political science instructor Dr. Ross Pink has some urgent information to share about the paramount human rights challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: access to clean water.

"Already, 800 million global citizens have no clean water source," said Pink. "By 2050, that number will reach two billion."

Pink is the guest speaker at the next instalment of the popular KPU-Science World Speaker Series on Sept. 15 at KPU Richmond. His topic, Water Rights and Scarcity: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge, will explore the issues of climate change, drought, flooding and water-borne disease. Pink will highlight these issues as they face Asia and India with fascinating examples and innovative scenarios for change.

"These issues are urgent in those regions and will become so in North America," affirms Pink.

Pink notes that Arctic ice is expected to disappear by 2070. In addition, major flooding is anticipated in coastal cities such as Richmond, Los Angeles, Shanghai and Manila by 2050. Meanwhile chronic and increasing drought will send food prices skyrocketing and render food insecurity for over 1.5 billion people.

Of the 9.4 billion people who are expected by 2050, approximately two billion will be without access to clean, safe water sources, leading to political upheaval, severe social and economic crises, and a projected global climate refugee population of 400 million.

But there is hope, says Pink. His presentation will also cover potential solutions to the impending water shortage; namely, rainwater harvesting, desalinization and cloud seeding.

Water Rights and Scarcity: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge takes place on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at KPU Richmond, 8771 Lansdowne Rd., Richmond.

The event is free but registration is requested. Visit [kpu.ca/scienceworld](http://kpu.ca/scienceworld) to register and learn more.

*Media Contact:*

*Corry Anderson-Fennell*

*Manager, Media and Communications*



# Office of External Affairs

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## Staff Changes:

- KPU's communications team has been short-staffed since July 22 with the departure of media specialist Hayley Woodin, who accepted a journalism position with *Business in Vancouver*. A recruitment process was launched immediately and the communications team will welcome Tatiana Tomljanovic to this key position on Sept. 12.
- Tatiana has three years of progressive communications experience in the post-secondary environment (University of Calgary, Green College at UBC) and more than six years of managing media relations in non-profit and corporate sectors. We are excited to have her join our team.

## Government Relations and Community Engagement:

### Events attended:

- Richmond Multicultural Community Services Community Collaboration Team (We chair this team):
  - Quarterly half-day meeting
  - Employment subcommittee session and survey development
- Richmond Chamber of Commerce
  - Business After Five at Gilmore Gardens
  - Half-day membership focus group meeting
  - EGM
  - Annual summer BBQ
  - Private roundtable discussion with Minister of International Trade Teresa Wat (Marlyn Graziano)
- Announcement in North Delta by Delta MP Carla Qualtrough of Canada's new Canada Child Benefit payment
- Team Canada Wheelchair Rugby Team's Media Day at Camosun College. Aim was to facilitate media and collect collateral creative of the KPU alumni who designed cooling vests for the athletes to wear at the Paralympic Games in Rio.
- Surrey Board of Trade golf tournament dinner.
- Downtown Surrey BIA VIP reception at Surrey City Hall.
- Surrey Board of Trade AGM – Marlyn Graziano was re-elected to the board of directors.
- Innovation Boulevard update event – SFU Surrey.
- Meeting with Surrey Mayor Linda Hepner and Surrey Board of Trade re: youth entrepreneurship.
- Meeting with South Surrey-White Rock MP Dianne Watts (President Davis and Marlyn Graziano.)
- Meeting with Delta MP Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons With Disabilities.
- Delta North MLA Scott Hamilton's annual summer BBQ.
- Champion of the Crescent Paddle Boarding Championship

in conjunction with the Surrey Memorial Hospital Foundation – KPU's Faculty of Health hosted a booth as part of the community fair associated with the race. KPU also entered a team in the corporate race category.

- Meeting with Surinder Bhogal, new chief librarian, Surrey Libraries.
- Meeting with Donna Jones, Manager Inter-Governmental Relations, City of Surrey
- Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce monthly dinner meeting, featuring the Vancouver Giants.
- Meeting with Surrey North MP Randeep Sarai on Bill C-227, sponsored by MP Ahmed Hussen.

### Events hosted:

- Industry Training Authority, with CEO Gary Herman, MLAs Cadieux and Hunt, announces its annual \$3 million in funding at KPU Tech
- Provided liaison services prior to and during the filming of "Woody Woodpecker" at KPU Langley
- Official groundbreaking ceremony for the Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design at KPU Richmond.
- Convocation ceremonies were attended by the following: Minister Peter Fassbender, Minister Stephanie Cadieux, MLA Marvin Hunt, Delta Mayor Lois Jackson and White Rock Mayor Wayne Baldwin.

## KPU Media Coverage—June 8th to August 31st:

- The Vancouver Sun, the Georgia Straight, CBC Radio, Metro News, Roundhouse Radio, Zee TV, Darpan Magazine, The Link Newspaper, Indo-Canadian Voice, Richmond News, Surrey Now, Surrey Leader, Cloverdale Reporter, Delta Optimist, Langley Times, Langley Advance, and many other publications and blogs covered KPU over this five-and-a-half-week period.
- KPU distributed a total of 14 news releases and media advisories:
  - June 8-June 30: 10 news releases
  - July 1-July 31: 10 news releases
  - Aug. 1-Aug. 31: 8 news releases

## Alumni Affairs

*Manager, Alumni Affairs/Executive Director, KPU Alumni Association*

This is an exciting time for Alumni Affairs at KPU.

A new position has been created in External Affairs to provide more dedicated resources to developing the Alumni Affairs portfolio. Until now, KPU has allocated 1.2 FTE to Alumni Relations and support of the KPUAA board of directors. In reality, much more time has been devoted to this portfolio, much of it being performed by the Executive Director, External

## Office of External Affairs *cont'd*

Affairs in addition to her other duties. Budget approval for the new dual-role position was received for the 2016-17 fiscal year. The position has now been filled.

Nancy Armitage will join KPU on Oct. 3 as Manager, Alumni Affairs and Executive Director, KPU Alumni Association.

In this new position, Nancy will have strategic oversight of Alumni Relations at KPU and her top priority will be the development of a passionate, connected community of KPU alumni.

Nancy is a highly regarded alumni relations professional with over 12 years of experience serving Brandon University, the University of the Fraser Valley and the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Nancy has an impressive track record of developing, implementing and managing comprehensive programs for alumni engagement, including the establishment of programs and services for alumni. Her strengths include strategic planning, developing and managing affinity partnerships and event management.

Nancy is also well-versed in board development and governance and will work closely with the KPUAA board of directors to ensure its strategic objectives are realized.

Nancy brings with her a passion for alumni engagement and a strong commitment to the value of education.

### Alumni Relations

- Processed over 400 alumni card applications since last update.
- 2016 alumni survey completed with 841 responses. A record year for responses.
- Created content for the August issue of the alumni newsletter.
- Circulated 1,400 leaflets through the new student orientation about KPU's Student Leadership Awards.
- Regular posts on KPU Alumni Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn account.
- Planning Coast Capital Savings financial literacy events at KPU for future alumni.
  - Langley Campus – Mon, October 17 @ 4:30pm
  - Richmond Campus- Tue, October 18 @ 12:00 pm
  - Surrey Campus – Wed, October 19 @ 2:00 pm
  - Cloverdale Campus – Thur. October 20 @ 12:00 pm
- Preparing for alumni relations and KPUAA participation in the fall 2016 convocation.
- Planning upcoming KPUAA Alumni Brew Night event taking place on October 13 at KPU Langley.

Submitted by:

*Marlyn Graziano, Executive Director, External Affairs  
& Executive Director, KPU Alumni Association*



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*KPU Alum, Daniel Chai will be teaching drop-in improv workshops at KPU. Open to students, alumni and community members. \$5.00 for alumni.*

# Institutional Analysis & Planning

## ADDRESSING VISION 2018 STRATEGIC PLANS & GOALS

### Quality

*Goal: Learner engagement and retention at KPU shows continuous improvement*

*Strategy: Assess, select, implement, and celebrate learning methodologies and educational delivery options that provide learners with the support within and beyond the classroom to succeed academically, personally, socially, and professionally:*

- Student Satisfaction Survey: This survey is conducted every two years to obtain information on how students made their decision to attend KPU and their satisfaction with their experience at KPU to date. It is used to help improve services to students. IAP is developing reports on various themes addressed in the survey. The first two reports, one on student diversity, and one on how students finance their education, were released in August. They are available at: <http://www.kpu.ca/iap/students-tell-us>
- Working with the Co-operative Education department to develop a survey to assess student needs, obtain feedback to improve the Co-op program, and identify the impact the program has on students.
- Working with the English first year committee to develop a survey to understand barriers to student success in ENGL 1100 to help the department determine what supports their students need to be successful.
- Working with the Health Care Assistant Program to develop a follow-up survey of their graduates. This information is required for their program articulation and will be an ongoing survey. It will also provide feedback to the program on how to improve the program.
- Launched two ongoing surveys for the BSN program. The One Year Follow-up Survey (Spring 2015 cohort surveyed on year later) provides the BSN program with feedback about graduates' employment and education activities, as well as students' feedback about the program. The Grad Program Completion Survey (July 2016 completion surveyed at time of completion) provides the BSN program with students' feedback about the program upon graduation and their plans for further education.
- Prepared a report for the 2016 KPU Library Survey of Faculty, Staff and Administrators Survey. The report describes employee experiences with the Library's services and resources, how employees access the Library, employees' interest in participating in various initiatives such as potential workshops and the Kwantlen Open Resource Access (KORA).
- Student Housing Needs survey: On behalf of the VP, Finance and Administration, and in consultation with Student Services, International and the KSA, IAP is developing a survey to determine how well the housing

needs of our students are being met, and the interest in student residential housing.

- On behalf of the English department, researching the impact of English Writing labs on performance of students in ENGL 1100.

*Goal: KPU is a well-managed, integrated, and transparent organization that supports learning*

*Strategy: Implement an integrated system that aligns institutional planning and supports reporting on goals and priorities:*

- Reporting on VISION 2018: updated the VISION 2018 Performance Report that tracks progress towards achieving KPU's strategic goals. This was included in the Accountability Report submitted to AVED in July.

*Strategy: Institutionalize effective quality assurance processes that allow for regular review of all areas of the university:*

- Supporting program reviews: Currently providing support to 16 programs (or cluster of related programs) and preparing to launch new program reviews for the 2016/17 academic year. Program Review support continued throughout the summer with three external review site visits and the preparation of reports to be reviewed in Fall 2016.

### KPU STUDENTS FEEL THEY ARE TREATED FAIRLY REGARDLESS OF...

**CULTURAL/ETHNIC DIFFERENCES:** **88%**  
Strongly agree/ agree

**RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES:** **87%**  
Strongly agree/ agree

**GENDER DIFFERENCES:** **88%**  
Strongly agree/ agree

**DIFFERENCES IN ABILITY<sup>4</sup>:** **86%**  
Strongly agree/ agree

**DIFFERENCES IN SEXUAL ORIENTATION<sup>5</sup>:** **87%**  
Strongly agree/ agree

*KPU students were also asked to rate how accepting KPU students & KPU employees were in regards to the above differences. The ratings were very similar to above.*



# Institutional Analysis & Planning *cont'd*

- Course Evaluations (formerly called Student Appraisals of Instruction): Summer session surveys were conducted successfully. Currently in the process of developing a new method of reporting the results to the Deans. Began the process of reviewing and improving the survey instruments with a goal of improving the information collected. This will be a collaborative process involving faculty members and the Deans.

*Strategy: Review and Adjust procedures to ensure efficiency and effectiveness*

- Ongoing work with the Office of the Registrar on a review of how academic departments are coded in Banner to improve reporting and prepare for implementation of the new budget model. Developing cross-walk tables so that historical data can be reported in a consistent fashion.
- To improve IAP's ability to support planning and quality assurance by providing information on student enrolment, retention, grade distribution, waitlists, etc. we are working with the Office of the Registrar on implementation of new reporting tool called FAST Student. FAST links directly with information in our student information system (BANNER). We are in the planning phase.

## Reputation

*Goal: KPU's unique identity is clearly articulated and well understood across the University and beyond.*

*Strategy: Ensure that KPU's unique role in higher education, its pride and its important endeavors, and the*

*success of its students are all reflected in its publications and communications, internal and external.*

- Support this strategy through the content in annual Accountability Plan and Report, including the inclusion of student profiles prepared by External Relations. This report was submitted to AVED in July.

## Relevance

*Goal: KPU's Operations support purposeful learner FTE growth of at least 5% annually to meet the educational needs of its region's diverse population.*

*Strategy: Undertake research to understand the needs of learners in the diverse communities KPU serves.*

- Conducting research on the needs of learners in the KPU region, with expected completion in September

## Accountability Reporting to Government

- Submitted Accountability Plan and Report to AVED in July and is available at: <http://www.kpu.ca/iap/accountability-plans>

Submitted by:

Lori McElroy,

Executive Director, Institutional Analysis & Planning

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IAP RESEARCH NOTES

## STUDENT FINANCES

*Analysis of select results from the 2015 KPU Student Satisfaction Survey<sup>1</sup>*

### KPU ASKED ITS STUDENTS WHAT THEIR TOP TWO FUNDING SOURCES WERE:



SUPPORT FROM FAMILY<sup>2</sup>



PERSONAL SAVINGS



WORKING WHILE STUDYING



GOV'T LOANS



FINANCIAL AWARDS (SCHOLARSHIPS, BURSARIES, ETC)



BANK LOANS

*Percentages exceed 100% as students were able to choose two funding sources.*

# Office of Advancement

Summer months are typically slow month for fundraising, but the Office of Advancement had a good summer raising over \$344,000 in July and August. To date, the Office of Advancement has raised over \$744,000 for the fiscal year 2016/17. Fundraising activity to date is trending \$150,000 ahead of last year's pace.

Submitted by:

*Steve Lewarne,*

*Executive Director, Office of Advancement*

## New Major Gifts over \$5,000 Confirmed since May 1, 2016

Donor	Gift
Gilco Real Estate Services	\$20,000
Kitply Industries Ltd.	\$20,000
Radius Logistics	\$20,000
Vancouver Foundation	\$20,780
BRB Co.	\$12,500
NWM Private Giving Foundation	\$11,000
British Columbia Construction Roundtable	\$10,000
Grand Value Asian Supermarket Limited	\$10,000
South Asian Business Association	\$10,000
TELUS Corporation	\$8,000
The Beedie Group	\$6,000
BC 4-H Provincial Council	\$5,000
BRB Co.	\$5,000
Carmen Tsang Personal Real Estate Corp.	\$5,000
Easy Landing Immigration and Education Consulting	\$5,000

Donor	Gift
Encore Dental	\$5,000
Entrepreneurs Academy Inc.	\$5,000
Irene Ho	\$5,000
Key Marketing	\$5,000
McQuarrie Hunter LLP	\$5,000
Midtown Paving Inc.	\$5,000
NCIX Computers & Electronics	\$5,000
North Surrey Lions Club	\$5,000
Radius Logistics	\$5,000
Raza Consultants & Construction Ltd.	\$5,000
Spring Lake Ventures Inc.	\$5,000
SW Media Group Inc.	\$5,000
Tri-City School of Music	\$5,000
Zaman Pasha	\$5,000

## KPU Alumni Reunite for “Surreyalists” Art Exhibit

**Surrey, B.C.** – Six artists. Twenty-seven days. A once-in-a-lifetime exhibit.

Six Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) alumni are reuniting this month for a special art exhibit at the Newton Cultural Centre September 3rd to 30th.

Elizabeth Anderson, Roxanne Charles, Gunilla Kay, Debbie Langtry, Shelly Leroux and Merry McMullen attended KPU’s fine arts program together. During their time at the university, they began engaging with the Surreyalist Art Collective and, upon graduation, continued to pursue art as a career, in roles ranging from teaching to cultural development.

“We’ve all gone in different and interesting directions, but we continue to share our common passion for art,” said Kay.

Anderson lives in Langley, McMullen and Langtry live in Surrey, Charles and Kay live in South Surrey, and Leroux lives in Edmonton.

The exhibit is an expression of the diversity of their work and media. They all have a passion for visual storytelling that shares their experiences with the world around them. This is exemplified by Charles’ community weaving project that explores the role of culture as a means of healing and elevation, as well as in Kay’s glass works influenced by her Swedish heritage and concern for the environment.

It’s also visible in Langtry’s three-dimensional Picasso-inspired portrait made from found wood, McMullen’s architectural photography, Leroux’s drawing and painting installations, and Anderson’s oil, wax and mixed media.

The Kwantlen Surreyalists Collective Reunion Exhibit runs from Sept. 3 to 30 at the Newton Cultural Centre, 13530-72<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Surrey.

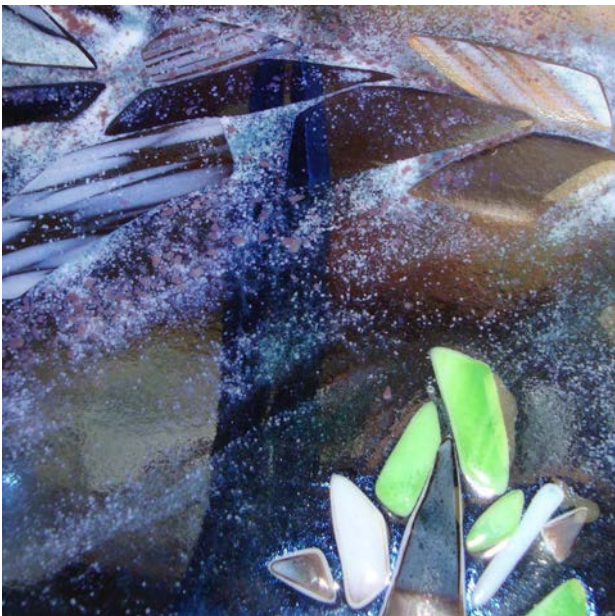
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*Corry Anderson-Fennell*

*Manager, Media and Communications*



*Artists: Above - Elizabeth Anderson; Below - Shelly Leroux; Lower Left: Gunilla Kay*





2016 Aboriginal Day at KPU Surrey