



Report to the
**Board of
Governors**

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Office of the President and Vice Chancellor

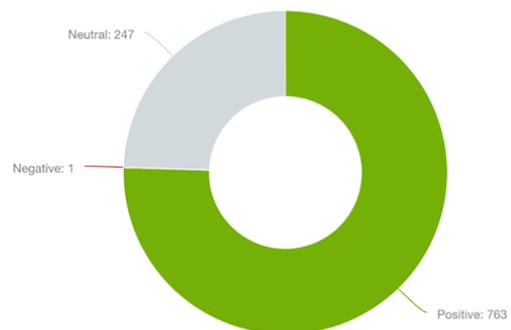
In addition to the regular round of administrative and governance meetings, the following activities are of note:

- March 30 saw the next “Coffee with the President” session, this time at KPU Richmond, and on March 31, the BFA Grad show was held at KPU Surrey, with some astonishing pieces exhibited.
- From April 2 to 4, I attended, with my colleagues, the Association of Governing Boards conference and workshops, with a special focus on strategy, and on presidential succession and transition.
- The Creative Writing program held its year-end event at the KPU Surrey Library on April 6, with readings and awards.
- On April 11 we were pleased to host the Honorable Harjit Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister Responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada at the Faculty of Health in Langley.
- The Post-Secondary and Future Skills (PSFS) ministry held its annual governance conference on Governance on April 17 and Ishant Goyal (student Board member), Ranminder Kaur and myself attended.
- On April 18 we hosted a meeting of several program advisory committee chairs to discuss Vision 2026, and on April 20, some of the senior people from PSFS visited KPU Surrey and we were able to present to them on KPU’s context and plans.
- The amazing Wilson School of Design graduate show was open to the public on April 20, with other days devoted to school and industry visits. On April 21 the Board held its annual planning session at KPU Plaza, looking at Vision 2026 and KPU’s Global Task Force work to date on developing the long term strategy for KPU globally.
- On April 23-25, I joined several colleagues at the World Congress of College and Polytechnics Federation Conference in Montreal where I was proud to witness a great presentation on KPU’s approach to the UN’s SDG goals, led by Dr. Candy Ho.
- The PSFS “Future Ready” launch occurred in April and the system’s presidents got a preview on April 26: it represents one of the largest investments made in post-secondary education for some time.
- KPU Day was held at Surrey on April 28 and was a great success, as was the KPU Foundation’s Legacy Gala dinner on April 29, which raised \$165,000 for student scholarships.
- From May 1 to 5, I participated in a quality process audit of Fleming College where it was interesting to see how another institution undertakes to ensure quality in its offerings and programs. During that week I also managed to visit the Dreamscape Learn studio in Los Angeles to see how that VR company is partnering with Arizona State University to innovate first year science offerings.
- There were 2 regular committee meetings in early May that reminded me of how far KPU has come in recent years. The Environmental Sustainability Committee saw a great presentation from Campus and Community Planning on how we can harvest all the activity at KPU and develop meaningful indicators of our progress. On May 11, the President’s Diversity and Equity Committee heard about a wide array of initiatives and had special presentations by the same folks at CCP, and from Lindsay Woods in the Melville School of Business on the lived experiences of underrepresented and marginalized voices at KPU.
- Dr. McElroy, Teresa Smith and I have continued our consultations on the final draft of Vision 2026, which will go to the Board for approval on May 24.
- The Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows post-secondary needs assessment is nearly complete and the steering committee (which I chair) has been meeting to finalize the report. Randall Heidt and his team have done a great job of handling this project.
- May 16 to 18 was the annual showcase of Polytechnics Canada in Calgary, and I was pleased to present with my colleagues on “Fostering a Culture of Equity and Inclusion at KPU”.
- The official opening of the Applied Genomics Lab was held on May 25, with the following in attendance
 - * The Honourable Andrew Mercier, Minister of State for Workforce Development and MLA in Langley
 - * Sukh Dhaliwal, Member of Parliament for Surrey-Newton
 - * The Honourable Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Member of Parliament for South Surrey-White Rock
 - * John Aldag, Member of Parliament for Cloverdale-Langley City
 - * Parm Bains, Member of Parliament for Steveston-Richmond East
 - * Harry Bains, MLA for Surrey-Newton
 - * Garry Begg, MLA for Surrey-Guildford
 - * Mike Starchuk, MLA for Surrey-Cloverdale
 - * Mike Bose, Councillor for the City of Surrey
 - * Rosemary Wallace, Councillor for the City of Langley
- The Horticulture and Brewing donor celebration was held at KPU Langley on June 1, and one of the final meetings of the Ridge Meadows Steering Committee was held on June 21.
- The Chancellor reappointment process has been concluded during June.
- The “Unlearning Anti-Blackness” Workshop for KPU Employees was held on June 8th, organized by the office for

Anti-Racism, and on June 9th I participated in the KPU executive Incident Training session. On the same day VP Students Zena Mitchell and I had the opportunity to meet with the new Kwantlen Student Association president.

- June 13 to 18 was of course June Convocation week and it was another wonderful series of celebrations.
- June 20th saw the launch of the KPU xé?el? Pathways, the result of several years of consultation with the Indigenous Advisory Committee and the Indigenous employees and students at KPU. It preceded the National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21st with many events at KPU.
- On June 23rd, Jordan Tinney presented the results of his Community Scan: a deep dive into the data that we have on our communities and how that will influence KPU's planning.
- On June 28th I joined other presidents from across North America to engage virtually with Michael Crow, the President at Arizona State University and one of the most innovative and successful leaders in higher education today.

KPU received at least 1,011 media mentions (source: Meltwater) during this period. There 763 positive and 247 neutral mentions, and one negative story in which KPU was a passing mention and wasn't given an opportunity to provide input. The SharePoint employee portal home-page recorded 31,519 total visits and continues to be a source of employee engagement through news posts, recurring features – such as KPU Reads and KPU Reflections – and the calendar of events. Outreach on social media included 22,022 impressions on Twitter, and 48,616 organic impressions on LinkedIn.



OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

During the reporting period February 1 to April 30, 2023, the Office of Communications was spun off from Marketing to become a standalone entity within the Office of the President. The reorganization of roles allows a greater focus on strategic communications planning as well as maintaining existing functions, including proactive and reactive media relations, internal communications, issues management and web content writing.

Work to update the emergency communications plan progressed during this period and media training was provided to a broad range of senior leaders. Communications supported several events, including winter convocation, the anti-racism symposium, an announcement by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and B.C. Premier David Eby at KPU Langley, federal cabinet Minister Harjit Sajjan's visit to KPU Langley, the South Asian Arts Festival, the KPU and Metis Nation British Columbia child care announcement, and the Bachelor of Fine Arts show.

Our news releases shared important stories behind the work of our instructors, including Dr. Daniel Bernstein's studies on hindsight bias, and how students of Dr. Jennifer Hardwick and others are connecting with learners from around the world thanks to the Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) program. Other news releases highlighted key university initiatives, such as free menstrual products for students and employees, and a partnership with Vancouver Film School. The communications team secured opportunities to faculty to share their expertise, including interviews on Global News, CBC's Early Edition, Fairchild TV and the Vancouver Sun. Web content projects reaching publication stage during this reporting period included Campus and Community Planning, the Office of Anti-Racism, and Indigenous Student Services.

OFFICE OF THE AVP INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

Dr. Lorna Wánosts'a7 Williams (photo right) presented via Zoom at the Indigenous Dialogue Series titled Nqwalútenlhkalha, Our Languages: Language Revitalization in the UN International Decade of Indigenous Languages. Williams is a professor emerita of Indigenous Education, Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Victoria and Canada Research Chair in Education and Linguistics. She notes countless examples of how languages inform who Indigenous people are. Williams iterated, "Language matters to indigenous people because our languages inform who we are and really contribute to our sense of identity. In rebuilding our communities, our families, our nations, and our relationship with the land, we need our languages to help us to do that," says Williams. "We need everybody to participate in helping us to keep them alive." A total of ninety-eight people participated online for this event.



EXPERIENCE

Information on the Student Experience:

- Student Satisfaction Survey: This survey collects a broad range of information from students on their KPU experience to identify areas for improvement. After an extensive consultation process, it was launched on October 17 and closed on November 13, 2022. Reporting in this period has covered areas such as faculty-specific and course level-specific preferences for online learning and perceptions of sexual violence and misconduct at KPU. More reporting to come.
- Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL) Survey: This survey was sent to students enrolled in COIL courses at KPU (i.e., courses in which a portion are taught collaboratively with a partner institution abroad, and students work together on a joint assignment). Covering their engagement levels, opinions about delivery methods, and other forms of feedback, the survey ran from February 6 to February 23, 2023. A report of the results was provided to the Office of Global Engagement on March 14, 2023.
- International Peer Mentorship Program Survey: This program matches senior students at KPU with new international students in order to increase social connections and help them navigate services and resources while studying at KPU. The survey captures how students did or did not make use of the program, whether and how it [benefitted](#) them, and their suggestions for improvements. The survey was launched on February 27 and closed on March 19, 2023. A report of the results was delivered to the Office of Global Engagement on April 6, 2023.
- Graduate Nurse International Education (GNIE) Graduates Survey: This is a recurring survey of recent graduates from the GNIE program, designed to provide feedback on the program and report on their nursing-related work experience and readiness for nursing practice in Canada. The most recent survey was launched on April 4 and closed on April 23, 2023. A report of the results was sent to the program chair on May 18, 2023.
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program Completion Survey: This is a recurring survey for students about to graduate from the BSN program. Students provide feedback about the program including their development of professional competencies and overall satisfaction. The survey of spring 2023 graduates was launched on March 8 and closed on March 26, 2023, and results were reported to the program chair on May 23, 2023.

Information on the Employee Experience:

- Employee Feedback Survey: This is a comprehensive survey of employees that is conducted approximately

every two years. This version contained sections on employee engagement, internationalization, teaching and learning, the [Library](#), research and scholarship, and [IT's](#) Mobile Workforce Initiative. The survey was launched on December 1, 2022 and closed on January 23, 2023. Reporting during this period has covered the remaining sections of the survey: the Library, and research and scholarship. Reports have also been produced for HR focusing on employee engagement in more detail and providing a breakdown of results at the divisional level.

- EDI Action Plan Recommendations Survey: This survey was designed to collect open-ended feedback on the draft recommendations of KPU's EDI Action Plan, and what recommendations might yet be missing. The survey launched on March 7 and closed on April 2, 2023. The data was delivered to the Manager, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion on April 5, 2023.

QUALITY

Student Success:

- Pathway to Undergraduate Studies students are able to register in a limited number of undergraduate courses while they upgrade their English. OPA conducted an analysis of student performance in these courses to facilitate discussions and decision-making regarding the suitability of current course offerings to Pathway students. Results were presented to the Senate Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning and the School of Business Curriculum Committee.
- OPA conducted an analysis of DFW rates (the percentage in a class who receive a D or F grade or withdraw) and presented the results to the Senate Subcommittee on Teaching and Learning and the School of Business Curriculum Committee.

Quality Assurance Processes:

- Program Review: OPA's Quality Assurance Team supports the Program Review process, from planning to data collection to coordination with the Senate Standing Committee on Program Review (SSCPR). The SSCPR has approved three external review reports and seven annual follow-up reports since March 2023. Since March 8, 2023, the Quality Assurance Team conducted student, alumni, faculty, and discipline/sector surveys and prepared the reports of the results for the following programs:

- * Economics
- * Technical Management and Services
- * Asian Studies
- * Criminology
- * Fine Arts

- * Journalism
- * NGOs and Non-Profit Studies
- Course Feedback: Course Feedback surveys for spring 2023 were conducted for 1838 sections. The Quality Assurance Team prepared and delivered 847 reports to instructors. Deans received the reports for probationary instructors and aggregated reports for post-probationary instructors.

Accountability to Government and Partners:

- OPA has undertaken the following activities during this period to support accountability to government and partners:
 - * Submitted KPU data to the Ministry's Central Data Warehouse (CDW);
 - * Submitted KPU's FY 2022-23 FTE Report to the Ministry;
 - * Submitted the completed Tuition and Living Accommodation Cost (TLAC) survey form to Statistics Canada;
 - * Provided the complete FY 2022-23 data to KPU Auditors;
 - * Completed a review of STEM Enrolments for the Ministry; and
 - * Completed the draft Institutional Accountability Plan and Report for submission on May 26 for Board Governance review.

INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING

Supporting Integrated Planning:

- Based on feedback through the consultation process, finalized VISION 2026, which was approved by the Board in May 2023.
- Produced a report based on the fall 2022 Student Satisfaction Survey on student preferences for different delivery modes, including on-line learning, and presented the results to Academic Council.
- School of Design Student Researcher Demographic Survey: A short survey was created to capture the demographic profile of student researchers in the School of Design. The survey was launched on April 12 and closed on May 12. A report was delivered to the Dean on May 23. This information will be used to assist with reporting on the School of Design's NSERC Mobilize Grant and to help promote student engagement in applied research within the School of Design.
- Developed enrolment projections for summer 2024 and updated the projections for fall 2023 and spring 2024. This information was used to develop International enrolment

targets and caps for summer 2024.

- Provided the following information to support planning:
 - * Information on Campus Occupancy to Ancillary Services to assist in food services planning; and
 - * Information on Indigenous Enrolments, FTEs, and Graduates to the AVP of Indigenous Leadership

Enrolment Management:

- OPA has recently released two more dashboards in Power BI which were formerly in Excel: Employee dashboard and Seats Dashboard. Other reports will follow.
- Applicant Funnel dashboards: Applicant funnels for summer and fall 2023 and spring 2024 are currently running and dashboards are updated weekly. The dashboards provide information on the number of applicants and their conversion through each step in the application process to qualified, offered, admitted, and ultimately enrolled. The dashboards also include information on country of origin of International applicants.
- Applicant Tracking Reports: Provides weekly updates during the final six months of the applicant cycle on expected conversions of applicants to admitted, and admitted to enrolled. Once registration begins, the report also includes the number of admitted who actually registered in courses. The weekly updates for summer and fall 2023 are ongoing.
- Created the Stable Enrolment report for summer 2023 as of May 21, 2023 in the PowerBI Enrolment Tracking Dashboard.
- Currently tracking summer 2023 over-enrolments in the Over-Enrolment PowerBI Report.
- Ongoing enhancements of OPA Power BI dashboards: Academic Standing, Grade Distribution, Applicant Funnel, Enrolment Tracking, Current Enrolment Report and Over-Enrolment Report.

An Excerpt from KPU's New Seats Statistics Dashboard

KPU | Seats Statistics Report

Course Faculty	Department	Subject	Course Level	UG Level	Number of Seats Offered
All	All	All	All	All	All
Course	Schedule Type	Term Type	Season	Campus	
All	All	All	All	All	
<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> International	<input type="checkbox"/> Continuing <input type="checkbox"/> CP5 <input type="checkbox"/> New	Full/Part Time			
		All			

Reset

FTEs are only estimates.



Vice President, Human Resources

PEOPLE FIRST CULTURE

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

With the goal of developing an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Action Plan for the university, the EDI Action Plan Development Committee shared draft recommendations with all employees for feedback in March. The data collected from feedback is now being themed and will be used to enhance the recommendations to be included in the Action Plan. The finalization of KPU's first EDI Action Plan is set for spring 2024.

The Diversity Institute from Toronto Metropolitan University is supporting KPU in updating its accommodation policy, employment equity policy, and administrative search policies, as well as drafting an accessibility policy. The Diversity Institute, upon completion of initial consultations, provided first drafts to policy developers and consultations still continue as part of the Phase One process.

In support of KPU's commitment to the Government of Canada's [50-30 Challenge](#), HR's EDI team partnered with the Office of Planning and Accountability to collect demographic data in the fall from senior executive members and the Board. The goal of the 50-30 program is to challenge organizations to increase representation and inclusion of equity-denied groups within their workplaces, while highlighting the benefits of giving everyone a seat at the table. The information from the data collected was shared with the Board and employees in early May.

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Employee Workshops

Human Resources offered several professional development workshops and webinars to KPU employees which included: Having the Courage: Difficult Conversations; Relearning Gender; The Working Mind – Employee and Manager versions; Mental Health First Aid; Communicating Despite Negative Behaviour; The Art of Relaxation; True Colors; and Cultivating Calm: Mindfulness, Stress and You

Employee Offboarding Project

In May, HR launched an Employee Offboarding pilot project. The purpose of this project is to improve KPU's overall offboarding process and enhance the employee experience while mitigating organizational risks. The new offboarding process allows departments to initiate resignation and retirement offboarding requests through an automated workflow on SharePoint. The pilot project will run from May 8th to July 28th.

PEOPLE SERVICES

Health and Benefits

The Health and Benefits team offered and promoted numerous webinars to support KPU employees in recognizing and

managing wellness. The sessions included: Manulife Vitality Group Benefits; Depression and Anxiety: Similarities & Differences; Coping with Uncertainty: Fearing the Unknown; and Managing Loneliness. In addition, the team partnered with the KPU Retirement Association to offer a lunch and learn to discuss key considerations for retirement and showcase retirement association benefits.

Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS)

In April, the HRIS team was responsible for processing the Annual Fiscal Budget Roll in collaboration with the Finance and Payroll teams. The team has been working on Banner revitalization projects which include the creation of a new temporary administrative employee class along with the coding of distinct benefit premiums and reporting. In addition, the HRIS team has been working with the Office of Planning & Accountability (OPA) on annual PSEA reporting requirements.

Total Compensation

The Compensation team held its first information session "Road Show" at the Cloverdale campus in preparation of the new performance management program for excluded employees which will launch in 2024. Future sessions are scheduled for each campus.

Submission of the annual Executive Compensation Disclosure for KPU occurred in May.

PEOPLE RELATIONS

Senior Talent Acquisition

Searched completed and successful candidates:

- Vice President, Equity and Inclusive Communities—Nadia Mallay
- Vice President, Students—Zena Mitchell

Searches underway:

- Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts
- Associate Dean, Faculty of Science & Horticulture
- Associate Dean, Melville School of Business
- Associate Vice President, Anti-Racism

Labour Relations Update

In April, KPU and the KFA reached a mediated settlement on the interpretation of two of the definitions in Letter of Understanding #4 – Continuing and Professional Studies (LOU #4). As a result of the settlement, the language in LOU #4 has been amended to provide clarity on the jointly agreed interpretation

The Employer bargaining committees, alongside both the KFA and BCGEU bargaining committees, have been hard at work and good progress has been made at both tables.

RISK AND SECURITY

Emergency Planning

Emergency Planning, in partnership with Information Security, conducted a Cyber Security Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) tabletop exercise. The exercise introduced strategic partners from across the university to KPU's response structures, incident classification guidelines, the activation process, and the action planning process. Action items from this exercise are in progress and include the development of emergency contact lists and establishing methods of activating response teams quickly.

KPU participated in Emergency Preparedness Week at the beginning of May to encourage members of the KPU community to become prepared for emergencies at home through identifying hazards, making a plan, and building an emergency kit. There was also a focus on completing the Emergency Procedures Online course and signing up to receive KPU Alerts via SMS/text messaging to ensure everyone is also prepared for an emergency while at KPU. During this week, over 100 people completed the course and to-date, over 600 people have signed up to receive text messages.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY

Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) successfully organized and completed its bi-annual Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee training event. Twelve committee members attended the workshop which highlighted hazard identification and risk assessments.

OHS published its [2022 Annual Summary Report](#). The annual report highlights initiatives and reviews Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) from January 1st, 2022 – December 31st, 2022. KPIs provide a baseline for the OHS team to continue to look for ways to enhance and improve KPU's safety program in support of the university's commitment to providing and maintaining a safe working and learning environment.

OHS reviewed and updated the [employee safety training section](#) on SharePoint. The updated information includes the various corporate safety courses offered and the target audience and training frequency for these courses. KPU employees are required to take health and safety training to meet WorkSafeBC and KPU requirements.

OHS is assisting the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS) team to enhance their farm school safety program. A representative from AgSafe (Safety Association for Agriculture) participated in the initial identification of hazards and the review of controls that are in place to ensure the safety of employees.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk continues to support the university with various ongoing engagements including the Richmond entertainment renovation project, cyber insurance renewal process, and appraisal of the new art piece in the Surrey library. The team is creating and implementing a new KPU driver policy with collaboration from numerous different partners across the institution. In addition, the Risk department is scheduling meetings with functional leads across the university as part of the annual risk review process.

SECURITY OPERATIONS

During this reporting period, Security generated approximately 234 Incident Reports. Security responded to a range of issues from alarms, property crime, suspicious activity, trespass, and aggressive behavior. Security has continued to provide security support to the threat assessment team, student elections, convocation, events, and VIP visits. Security Operations also recently met with several representatives with the Surrey Police Service and attended the Surrey Crime Prevention Society Gala.



Dr. Alan Davis presenting Eugenia Culham with her 40th Year Long Service Award at KPU Day on April 28, 2023

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

FINANCIAL SERVICES:

Activities, Initiatives and Achievements:

The Financial Reporting and Budget and Planning teams worked with the external auditors to successfully complete the year-end audit within the approved timeline. The statements were consolidated for the first time as they include the KPU Communities Trust. The adoption of a new accounting standard, Asset Retirement Obligations, is also incorporated in the consolidated financial statements.

The Budget and Planning team continued to monitor spending trends and expectations and through regular analyses, a significant, forecasted surplus was identified; the team worked with leadership to prepare a submission to the Ministry to request an approximately \$23M Operating Grant restriction for capital purposes. The Ministry approved the restriction of these funds for future capital purchases which reduces KPU's self-funded amortization pressure in future years and provides additional financial and budget flexibility. This is the second year that the Ministry has approved an operating grant request and the largest approved deferral for KPU to date.

The Budget and Planning team loaded the FY2023-24 board approved budget in March 2023. This is the earliest this stage of the process has occurred and allows users to understand their budget and align planning and resources to utilize their budgeted funds earlier in the year.

The Financial Operations team continues to transition all vendor payments from cheque payments to EFTs. Communication has been sent to all vendors who are still receiving cheques to move this initiative forward. This initiative will reduce cheque processing costs, strengthen internal controls, provide a "greener" option and vendors will receive their payments quicker.

PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Activities, Initiatives and Achievements

Implementation of the contract management automation initiative was launched in April and the transition is expected to be completed over the next 6 months.

Strategic Projects in the Procurement Cycle:

The following contracts were executed or awarded from February to May 2023:

- KPU Website Refresh – contract fully executed in April
- ENTA Richmond Main Building Renovation - contract fully executed in April
- Exterior Lighting - Competition closed and awarded early May, site will be mobilized by mid-May.
- Badging Platform – Shortlist for contract negotiation announced in April and contract negotiations with the lead Proponent is currently underway
- Agricultural Storage Structure for KPU Garden City Lands – contract negotiation is currently underway



KPU Staff at KPU Day, April 2023



Office of the Provost & Vice President, Academic

PROVINCIAL INITIATIVES

KPU was selected to be a partner in the Provincial Government's StrongerBC future skills grant, with 22 of KPU's programs/courses on the approved list of courses. The StrongerBC future skills grant is open to British Columbians aged 19 years or older and covers up to \$3,500 in eligible short-term skills training at public post-secondary institutions.

POLICY TEAM

Policies and Procedures Awaiting Approval

The following draft Policies and Procedures have completed the 3-week Phase Two Posting on the KPU Policy Blog as of March 24, 2023.

- AR5 Dean's Honour Roll
- ST6 Academic Standing
- ST12 Academic Renewal

The writing teams convened in April 2023 to review and consider all feedback received during the Phase Two Posting period, and have responded to all feedback posted on the KPU Policy Blog. The writing teams submitted the final draft Policies and Procedures to the Polytechnic University Executive (PUE) for advice on April 25, 2023. On May 3, 2023, the Senate Standing Committee on Policy received the final draft Policies and Procedures and recommended them to Senate for final approval on May 29, 2023.

Policy Consultation: Office of the Provost

Policy AD5 Honorary Degrees and Awards is being revised to include all awards approved by the Senate Tributes Committee. Policy AD5 has completed the 3-week Phase One Posting on May 29, 2023, and the Policy Developer has initiated the policy amendment and consultation process.

The following draft Procedures have completed a second round of Phase Two Posting period on the [KPU Policy Blog](#) as of May 10, 2023:

- ST2 Student Academic Integrity
- ST3 Grade Appeals
- ST7 Student Conduct (Non-Academic)
- ST13 Course Withdrawal

The draft Procedures were posted on the KPU Policy Blog for a second round of Phase Two Posting as a result of two new amendments being proposed by the policy writing teams following the previous Phase One Posting that took place in March 2023. The policy writing teams will convene and review all feedback received, provide responses on the Blog, and finalize the draft Policies and Procedures for the final approval process. For questions relating to policy development at KPU, please contact policy@kpu.ca.

CURRICULUM SUPPORT TEAM

A revision of Policy AC9 Skills and Outcomes was approved at Senate in April and is now in effect. This policy and procedure

define the structure and use of curricular maps, a tool that will be used in the assessment and quality review of programs. The Curricular Support team will assist faculty members in understanding how to create and read curricular maps for submission through governance.

The launch of CIM-Programs, the new module of CourseLeaf software, is now scheduled for spring, 2024, to align better with other Information Technology updates and projects.

A Manager of Curricular Support has been added to this unit, who is tasked with improving KPU's curricular systems.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TEAM

General Updates

The Office of the Provost has established a permanent Manager of Academic Integrity, which Anna Robinson (Rucker) has filled. As a result, the permanent Academic Integrity Strategist position has been filled by Susan Xia, who has been in the interim position since January.

- Faith Auton-Cuff and Carolyn Robertson continue to provide academic integrity violation investigation support during the Summer term.
- Alana Abramson (Criminology instructor) has been awarded two course releases for Fall 2023 to continue her work on supporting KPU in using restorative justice in response to academic integrity issues.
- Susan Xia attended the International Centre for Academic Integrity's Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Minnesota in March.
- Anna Robinson presented at [Senate Engage](#) on March 20th on the topic of Academic Integrity at KPU.
- Dr. David Burns presented to the President's Global Task Force on Academic Integrity and International Students at KPU.
- The team also presented to ACP Faculty Council and Academic Advisors.

Violation Reporting

As of the Spring semester, all faculties have been using the same violation reporting tool. As a result, future reports will include data from all faculties. Because this report is based on Fall data, detailed data from some faculties are missing, however, the data we do have still gives a general sense of the violation landscape at KPU. What the current data is showing:

- 1249 academic integrity violations were reported in the 21/22 academic year.
- Arts and Business make up approximately 94% of reported violations.
- There was a 31% decrease in reported violations in Fall 2022 compared to Fall 2021.
- Most violations are first violations: 77% of cases were first violations, 14% 2nd violations, and 9% 3rd violation or higher.

Office of the Provost & Vice President, Academic cont'd

- Reported violations are mostly in 1st year and Post-Baccalaureate level courses (95% in Arts are 1st year, 80% in Business are 1st year or Post-Baccalaureate).
- The most common type of violation across all faculties was plagiarism, with cheating as the second most reported violation type.

Turnitin

The Turnitin Implementation Working Group has been formed and has met twice. Turnitin provided a demonstration of Draft-Coach and, the group discussed resources needed to support students and faculty in the use of the tool.

Preliminary resources including technical instructions, information for faculty, and user guides for students are being created.

Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI)

KPU released position statements and guidelines around the potential use of GAI such as ChatGPT at the university. This included a statement from the Provost and VP, Human Resources on [Responsible Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence at KPU](#), Teaching & Learning's sharing of [KPU's Official Position on use in learning environments](#), and the Academic Integrity Unit's [Position on Academic Integrity and Artificial Intelligence Technology](#).

The academic integrity unit also shared a [student communication](#) regarding GAI and hosted a student outreach booth on Surrey campus to engage with students to raise awareness of considerations around using tools like ChatGPT.

On April 5th, the unit hosted a presentation from Dr. Rahul Kumar (Brock University) on Academic Integrity in the age of Artificial Intelligence: "Challenges for Educators and Administrators."

Restorative Justice

Alana Abramson is currently piloting her newly developed Moodle course on using a restorative justice approach to address academic misconduct with Associate Deans. After piloting and revising based on feedback, the course will be made available to faculty.

Restorative justice as a response option to academic misconduct is included in current revision draft of ST2.

On March 1st, Alana presented to the KPU community on "Restorative Justice in the University Classroom."

Academic Integrity Tutorial

Oversight of the Academic Integrity Tutorial is transferring from the Library to the Academic Integrity Unit. We will continue to collaborate with the Library and other groups to ensure that the tutorial is well supported.

Our unit, alongside Ulrike Kestler (Academic Integrity Librarian) has been working on revising the current Moodle tutorial, to make it more interactive, up-to-date, and relevant for KPU stu-

dents. In March, Fiona Whittington-Walsh and Jennifer Hardwick and a group of their students met with the revisions team to provide valuable feedback on the current tutorial to improve it and make it more accessible.

WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING (WIL) DR. LARISSA PETRILLO, LEAD ADVISOR, WORK-INTEGRATED LEARNING AT KPU

Numbers increase, again, this term, with the largest number of Service Learning Assistants to date. The Summer 2023 term brings fifteen Service Learning Assistants to a broad range of programs across the university. [Service Learning Assistants](#) (SLAs) are paid student leaders who help coordinate and support service learning courses at KPU. Faculty members who would like to add a new experiential, community-engaged component to their course are able to nominate students to work with them while they institute the new approach in their course.

This term marks the first SLAs working in a Post Baccalaureate program, with SLAs in the Melville School of Business's Operations and Supply Chain Management program and Business Management course. An introductory level Entrepreneurial Leadership course is also introducing service learning to a new cohort of students. Eight SLAs are new to the Faculty of Arts, covering NGO and Nonprofit Studies, Geography, Policy Studies, Indigenous Studies and Counselling. Employment and Community Studies has one SLA assisting with EACS 0021: Work Experience, this term, and this is the second term for SLAs in the Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation. Finally, the following SLA placements from Spring 2023 sought extensions to continue their work this summer in the following courses:

Term	Instructor	Course	Program	Faculty
Summer 2023 (Extensions from Spring 2023)	Jennifer Anaquod	CREE 1100: Introduction to Plains Cree Language and Culture (2 students)	Cree	Faculty of Arts
	Jennifer Anaquod	INDG 1100: Introduction to Indigenous Studies	Indigenous Studies	Faculty of Arts
	Christina Page	GLBL 2000: Intercultural Engagement in Practice	Global Competencies	Melville School of Business
	Kianoosh Tahani	ASTRO 1120: Introduction to Astrophysics	Astronomy	Faculty of Science and Horticulture

INCLUDING ALL CITIZENS TEAM DR. FIONA WHITTINGTON-WALSH, LEAD ADVISOR ON DISABILITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND INCLUSION.

Various workstreams are currently underway to support the work on IACP. Here are some of the highlights:

- Mentoring and support is being provided to IACP students and faculty.
- Working with Learning Centre: IACP section of KPU 100.

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- Meetings with academic advisors about IACP courses being identified for students requiring additional support.
- Working with library and IACP students to transform Plagiarism tutorial into one that is fully accessible and inclusive.
- Supported new students and current students with registering for KPU 100.
- Provided meet and greet on campus for new IACP students.
- Invited to present at the Community Living BC Board of Directors meeting.

Additional workstreams that are currently underway to support accessibility and inclusion initiatives and provide a disability lens at KPU. Here are a few highlights:

- Working with Policy Writing Group on revisions to: ST12 Academic Renewal; ST13 Course Withdrawal; AR5 Dean's Honour Role.
- Working with Senate Nominations and Governance Committee (SNGC) on facilitating accessible Senate meetings.
- Third Draft submitted to BCCAT: EDI in Admissions Report, with Dr. Jennifer Hardwick.
- Meetings with Marketing around accessibility
- Working with Employment and Community Studies (EACS) faculty, Simon Driver, on inclusive experiential learning project using Form Theatre.
- Working with Barber team, 'I am here because you are here', on initiatives celebrating intersectional embodiment and resistance with: Dr. Jennifer Hardwick, Vicki Haynes, Dr. Asma, Sayed, Dr. Greg Chan
- Continuing research on transforming post-secondary services for students with disabilities.
- Active membership on KPU's Accessibility Committee.
- Working with various National and Provincial disability organizations to maintain collaborative partnerships. Feedback and collaboration with community is a key aspect to the BC Accessibility Legislation.

PEOPLE

- Dean of the Melville School of Business, Stephanie Howes, returned to her deanship after her interim secondment as VP Students, effective April 1, 2023. She is now on leave.
- Interim Dean, Melville School of Business, Heather Harrison, is extended in the role of interim Dean until Dean Stephanie Howes returns from a leave.

Talent Searches

- Tristan Li has joined KPU as the Policy and Academic Affairs Specialist, Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic, on April 17, 2023.
- Susan Xia has accepted the permanent position as Academic Integrity Strategist, Office of the Provost and Vice President Academic, after her interim appointment since January 4, 2023.
- Allyson Rozell, has accepted a temporary secondment to the full-time administrative

- position of Associate Dean, pro tem, Faculty of Science and Horticulture, effective May 1, 2023.
- Zakiya Housil, has joined KPU as the Interim Academic Project Coordinator, Office of the Provost and Vice President, Academic on April 24, 2023. Zakiya replaces Kam Virk, who is currently on maternity leave.
- Ankita Verma, has accepted the permanent position of Recognition of Prior Learning Specialist, Office of the Provost and Vice President, Academic, as of May 8, 2023.

Promotions

- Anna Robinson (Rucker) as the inaugural Manager of Academic Integrity, Office of the Provost and Vice President, Academic
- Winnie Wong, Divisional Business Manager, Continuing and Professional Studies, Office of the Provost and Vice President, Academic
- We are excited to announce that Meredith Laird, formerly Curricular Systems Specialist, has been promoted to the newly created position of Manager, Curricular Support, Office of the Provost and Vice President, Academic, as of April 13, 2023.

Retirement

- Don Reddick, Special Advisor to the Provost celebrated his retirement on May 25, 2023.

Congratulations to all!

NOTABLE MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE PROVOST INCLUDE:

- Attended KDocsFF, (Kwantlen documentaries film festival), February 26, 2023
- KPU was proud to welcome Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier David Eby, Minister Selina Robinson, Minister of State Andrew Mercier, MLA Megan Dykeman, MP John Aldag, MP Sukh Dhaliwal, and many other community leaders to our Langley campus on Wednesday, March 1' 2023. The Prime Minister and Premier had the opportunity to engage with KPU nursing students and converse with them about their goals and aspirations ahead of announcing the agreement in principle on healthcare funding with the federal government that will deliver \$3.3 billion in new money over the next decade. <https://globalnews.ca/news/9520240/bc-david-eby-justin-trudeau-announcement/>
- WestVAC and WestVPR (Research and Academic leaders of Western Canada) conference 2023, March 1-3, Victoria, British Columbia, 2023
- Met with Amanda Coolidge, Interim Executive Director, BCcampus March 3, 2023
- BCAIU VP Academic meeting, March 6, 2023
- CCCE (Council of Canadian College Executives) Winter Virtual Meeting 2: Colleges and Labour Market Responsiveness, hosted by the Conference Board of Canada, March 6, 2023

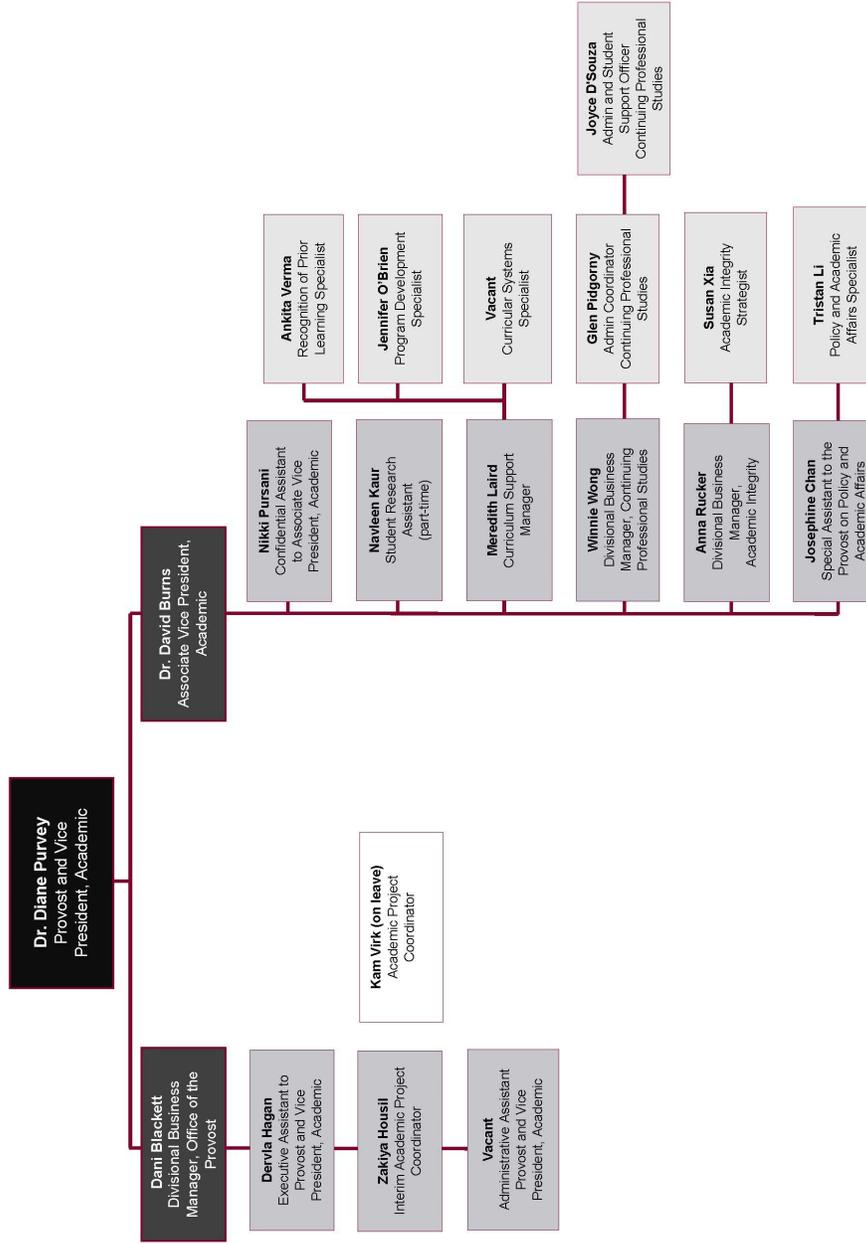
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- A group of senior leaders, including Dr. Diane Purvey and Dr. David Burns, Provost's office, traveled to TRU (Thompson Rivers University), to collaborate on ways to re-invigorate our Prior Learning & Assessment Recognition at KPU, March 8, 2023
- KPU Spring Leadership Conference, Richmond campus, March 10 2023
- Share the Vibe: SFU (Simon Fraser University) Community Mixer, March 10 2023
- KPU/PSFS Tech Expansion Discussion with AEST, (Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training) March 14 2023
- Gateway Theatre Board Meeting, March 14 2023
- BCcampus Review and Appointment Committee, March 15 2023
- BCcampus Interim Steering Committee: inaugural meeting, March 15 2023
- AEST, Learning Continuity Working Group, March 15 2023
- Appreciating Teaching Excellence – Partner Spotlight, March 16 2023
- Media Training for senior leadership at KPU, facilitated by media trainer Alyn Edwards, March 17 2023
- KPU's Anti-Racism symposium + dinner, Dr. Chandrima Chakraborty, March 21 2023
- hənqəmínəm language learning class, held on the Langley campus, March 21 2023
- Coffee with the Provost, virtual drop in coffee chat with the Provost, March 22 2023
- End of Term Celebration - Indigenous Artists & Writers-in-Residence, March 22 2023
- KPU South Asian Arts Festival, March 23 2023
- Darpan Power Women of Influence Gala, March 24 2023
- SWAAC (Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada) meeting, March 27 2023
- KPU/KFA Faculty Bargaining, March 13, 27, 29, and 31, 2023
- Langley Chamber of Commerce, Women in Business Lunch, March 28 2023
- Polytechnics Canada - VPA working group meeting, March 31 2023
- KPU Fine Arts Graduation Exhibition, Surrey campus, March 31 2023
- AGB (Association of Governing Boards) National Conference, April 2-4 2023
- Search advisory committee meeting for BCcampus, April 14, 2023
- PebblePad leaders' roundtable, April 17, 2023
- BCcampus Interim Steering Committee meeting, April 19, 2023
- Visit to KPU Tech with members of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education & Future Skills, April 20, 2023
- The Wilson School of Design Grad Show, April 20, 2023
- KPU Board Planning Seminar held at Civic Plaza, April 21, 2023
- CIGan (College and Institutes Canada), conference held in Montreal: April 23-26, 2023. Conference presentation: A united institutional approach towards the SDGs: The KPU story with Maryanne Eva (MSB), Candy Ho (EDST), and Lindsay Wood (MSB), April 24, 2023
- Provost Presents, Living With/In the Complexities of Internationalization, with Dr. Sharon Stein (UBC) and Dr. Kumari Beck (SFU), April 27, 2023
- KPU Legacy Gala at the Sheraton Hotel, Guildford, April 29, 2023
- SWAAC (Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada) conference, London, Ontario, May 4-6, 2023
- Big Pictures conference, WSOD, mural tour, May 7, 2023
- With Dean Sharmen Lee (Faculty of Health), met with executives with the Fraser Health Authority, May 8, 2023
- Roundtable session on foreign credential recognition hosted by the Honourable Andrew Mercier, Minister of State for Workforce Development, May 8, 2023
- KPU/KFA bargaining, May 9 and 12, 2023
- Gateway Theatre board meeting, May 9, 2023
- Science Rendezvous, Langley campus, May 13 2023
- Connecting Minds, undergraduate research conference in psychology, Richmond campus, May 13, 2023
- BCAIU meeting, Victoria, May 15, 2023
- Post-Secondary Learning Working Group, PSFS, May 16, 2023
- Polytechnics Canada conference, Calgary, May 16-18, 2023. Conference presentation: Fostering a culture of Equity and Inclusion at KPU, with President Alan Davis, Director, PDEC, Romy Kozak, and AVP Anti-Racism Asma Sayed, May 17, 2023
- Attended KPU's Grand Opening: Applied Genomics Centre, May 25, 2023
- KPU/KFA bargaining, May 26 and 29, 2023



Meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier David Eby, March 1, 2023

Office of the Provost & Vice President Academic Organization Chart



Faculty of Academic & Career Preparation

EVENTS

- ELS Co-Chairs Lesley Hemsworth and Kathy McPherson attended the annual Languages Canada Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. There were three days of workshops focusing on international students. In addition, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Sean Fraser spoke about the federal government's recognition of the importance of post-arrival support, goals to recruit from new markets, and attempts to revise the processing of student visas. The conference wrapped up with a fantastic party in the Canadian Museum of Immigration. We were treated to a live band, lobster, oysters, a visit from Honorable Lena Metlege Diab, Member of Parliament for Halifax West.



- Employment & Community Studies students: Social Justice in Action students sharing their work in the FINA Gallery.
- Tutor Training Event :11 newly recruited peer tutors attended a full day of training on May 6, followed by bi-weekly meetings with TLC team as part of a community of practice initiative.
- KPU sponsored coffee breaks at the BCTEAL conference May 4-6 at UBC. BC Teachers of English as an Additional language is a provincial professional association and many of the ELS instructors are members of this association. The conference provides opportunities for professional development for EAL instructors and program leaders.



ACP Engages at KPU Community Day in Richmond



Upgrading Advisor, Lacey Shorter



EACS instructor, Simon Driver role plays an interactive skit

STAFFING

- Anjela Godber, Employment & Community Studies Instructor, has been awarded an ePortfolio Champion single course release to promote ePortfolios in the EACS department.
- Emily Tan, the Learning Centre Coordinator at Richmond, retires on May 26, 2023, after 9 years at KPU.
- Cynthia Lo has joined TLC as the new Coordinator of Learning Centre at the Richmond campus.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- An Employment and Community Studies student was highlighted in *The Runner*: [Teaching to learn through the employment and community studies program at KPU | KPU.ca - Kwantlen Polytechnic University.](#)

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- Employment and Community Studies was nominated for a Cultural Diversity Award and attended the Fraser Valley Cultural Diversity Awards ceremony.



- On April 11, 2023, EU instructors Chris Sears and Chris Traynor provided an information session with Counsellors, Case Managers, and Peer Support Workers for the English Upgrading Department's off-site community partner, [Phoenix Society](#). For more than 15 years, ACP has run regular Continuous Intake English and math upgrading classes at the Phoenix Society as part of a holistic community development model which supports people rebuilding their lives. The Phoenix Kwantlen Learning Centre classroom and office space have recently moved rooms to a refreshed and brighter location on the top floor of Phoenix, and a newly designed supportive intake process has begun. The English Upgrading department looks forward to maintaining our strong relationship with the Phoenix Society as we settle into our new space.

- Benn, L., Macpherson, A., Vytasek, J. M., Vandor, J., Denchuk, A., & Gaffney, H. (2023, May). *Canadian Tutor Standards*. Presentation at the Learning Specialists' Association of Canada (LSAC) National Conference, Prince George, B.C., Canada

- Instructor Karl Peterson was a featured author during a KPU Day drop-in session at the Richmond Campus. He read a selection from his recently published work *Stars Beyond the Veil* (2022).



- Dean Aimee Begalka hosted the provincial Deans and Directors of Developmental Education biannual meeting on May 18 at the Richmond campus. The daylong meeting allows those working in the spaces of Adult Basic Education, English Language Learning and Adult Special Education to share successes and challenges, as well as to hear from representatives of the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and of the BC Council on Admissions and Transfer. As System Liaison Person, she also attended the ASE articulation meetings, held at Capilano University on May 24 and 25.
- Dean Begalka also attended the Colleges and Institutes Canada Conference held in Montreal in April, along with many other KPU representatives.

PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

- Employment & Community Studies Instructors Simon Driver and Dr. Teresa Swan, along with three EACS students,

presented at the Teaching and Learning Spotlight on the implementation of the Digital Learning Community.

- Gillian Sudlow, EU faculty member, [co-presented a virtual PebblePad webinar](#), alongside Dr. Leeann Waddington, Associate Vice President, Teaching and Learning, on April 6, 2023. The webinar explored KPU's experiences with the institution-wide roll out of PebblePad and how the utilization of PebblePad as a teaching and learning tool aligns with KPU's Vision and Academic Plans.

INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES

- The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills (the Ministry) is providing Kwantlen Polytechnic University with a one-time contribution of \$183,911 to develop and implement Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses (PC-IEN). This funding is intended to create new, or enhance existing, pathways between Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English Language Learning (ELL) and high priority career programs.
- ELS will use this funding to run sections of a specialized course called Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses (PC-IEN) between Fall 2023 and Summer 2024. This targeted program has been designed to help IENs attain the language and context they need to succeed at all stages that they must pass through to become Registered Nurses as recognized by the CRNBC. PC-IEN will be taught by ELS instructor Melissa Swanink with support from Kim Macfarlane from KPU's Faculty of Health - Professional Studies.
- February 22-26, [KDocsFF 2023: People. Places. Power](#) was held at the Vancity Theatre. This 11th year of KDocs marked the return of the in-person live event, after two years of online festivals, and KDocsFF held its biggest festival to date. The festival spanned five days and screened 25 documentary films, including 13 Canadian films. There were 13 film premieres as part of the festival, with 5 Canadian premieres and 8 Vancouver premieres. New to KDocsFF 2023 were double features and joint panel discussions/Q&As, as well as a Latin America theme day and an Environment theme day. In all, 15 film directors and 15 film subjects were in attendance during the festival, including the cast of *Alice Street*, Pancho Peskador and Desi Mundo, director Spencer Wilkinson; Jean Swanson; the cast of *Love in the Time of Fentanyl*; Phyllis Jack-Webstad; Phyllis Ellis; Jennifer Baichwal; Carol Todd (mother of Amanda Todd); and Alex Winter, director of *The YouTube Effect*. In addition, the KDocsFF Alice Street Legacy Mural project, which was developed out of a relationship established among panelists from KDocsFF 2022 closing film, *Alice Street*, received its [official unveiling and dedication within the KPU Surrey Campus Library](#) on April 14, 2023.

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Lastly, KDocsFF, in partnership with Sher Vancouver, is supporting the [Sundar Prize](#), an emerging filmmaker residency prize at the Sundar Film Festival in June 2024. This partnership aligns with the social justice and human rights vision that is the core of KDocsFF.

- The Learning Centre provides writing support through a variety of services. They can be a topic of tutoring, course specific tutoring appointment, or through our WriteUp and WriteAway online services.
 - ◆ For Spring 2023: 291 Writing Tutoring Appointments were completed; 280 papers were submitted to WriteAway; 171 writing assignments were submitted to WriteUp
- KPU Tech Learning Centre staff offered in-class Math Review Sessions for Electrical, Millwright, Welding and Metal Fabrication programs.
- Recruitment is well underway for KPU's partnership with Capilano University and Metis Nation BC, which will see Capilano's Early Childhood Care and Education diploma program offered on the KPU-Surrey campus beginning in the Fall 2023 term. This exciting partnership is a result of Cap's successful application to the Expanding Spaces Fund provided by the province to increase the number of ECE seats throughout BC.

STUDENT SUCCESS

- Jessica Griffiths (EACS student): was hired by the Future Students Office as a Student Assistant following a successful work experience placement. She will also provide the Address to the Graduates at the upcoming June Convocation ceremonies.

PROGRAM/POLICIES/INITIATIVES

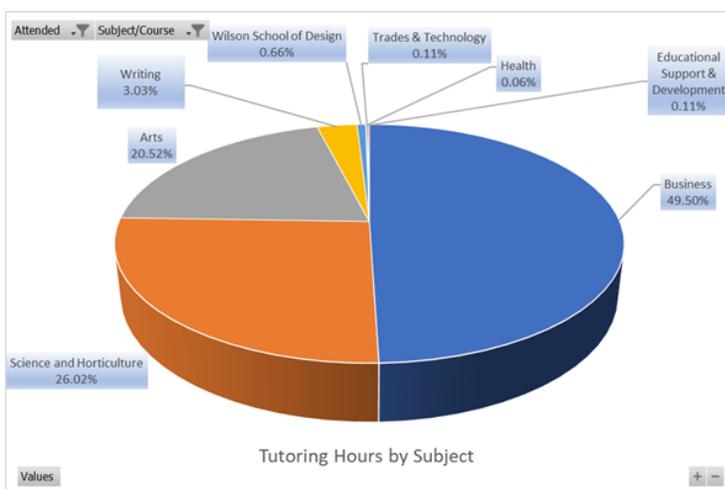
- EACS re-establishes experiential learning opportunities at KPU and local communities for students following program revision.
- EACS faculty in collaboration with Entrepreneurial Leadership, Faculty of Business are developing an entrepreneurial focus course offerings for September 2023.
- In April, ten ELS course outlines were revised to include Duolingo English Test placement scores. This was approved at Senate. These scores will be available in the Fall 2023 University Calendar, streamlining the process for students to be placed in the correct ELS courses.

Peer Tutoring Statistics (Jan-Apr 2023)

- ◆ 1818 appointments conducted over 1383 hours. Of these appointments, 894 were conducted in-person with the remaining 924 being conducted online.
- ◆ 585 unique students utilized the tutoring services during this period.

Learning Strategist Appointments (Jan-Apr 2023)

- ◆ 304 appointments conducted over 260 hours. Of these appointments, 157 were conducted in-person with the remaining 147 being conducted online.
- ◆ 137 unique students utilized the tutoring services during this period.
- Academic Skills Workshops: 374 students attended the 80 academic skills workshops offered by TLC.
- English Language Support Workshops: 71 students attended the 27 English Language Support workshops offered by TLC.
- Academic Content Review Sessions: 562 students attended the 22 review sessions held by TLC.
- KPU100: A total of 210 students attended the KPU100 series ahead of spring, and 70 students joined the KPU100 series ahead of the summer term. The KPU100 series is held during a span of 1 week and is intended to support students with their transition to post-secondary education.
- First Year Festival: 71 students attended the 5 workshops offered by TLC as part of the First Year Festival initiative, welcoming new students to KPU in summer.



Faculty of Arts

EVENTS:

- Amanda Champion (PSYC): Note-taking duties at the 2023 Conference on Countering Radicalization to Violence - What to Measure, How to Prevent (Ottawa, Canada, May 1st-5th, 2023).
- Artist Talk with Brandon Gabriel: A Visual Chronicle (INDG): Indigenous Artist-In-Residence and Kwantlen First Nation Artist Brandon Gabriel discussed and showed selected works that span nearly three decades including paintings, graphic design, mixed media sculpture, and wood carving. March 22, 2023.
- Arts AFM 2023 (Faculty of Arts): Approximately 100 attendees joined for breakfast and lunch. Guest speaker, Lisa Southern, presented on Conflict of Interest Training. David Burns presented on "Coming Soon from the Provost's Office." May 3, 2023.
- Arts Speaker Series: A series of presentations by Arts faculty, students, and staff, including "Oral History, Collaborative Testimony, and Graphic Comics with Frontline Harm Reduction Workers (JRLN)": *In this presentation, Aaron Goodman, Ph.D., faculty member in Journalism and Communication Studies, along with student researchers and community partners, shared highlights of their Chancellor's Chair research project* March 8, 2023.
- Atomic Cartoons Speaker Series (ENTA): March 21, 2023; and Studio Tour: May 30, 2023
- Bardel Entertainments Inc. Speaker Series (ENTA): Speakers included Giuseppe Improta, Bardel's Director of Photography and KPU ENTA instructor and mentor, as well as two of Bardel's Talent Acquisition Specialists. March 28, 2023.
- Barnstorm VFX Speaker Series (ENTA): Presentation and discussion with Lawson Deming and Cory Jamieson from Barnstorm VFX. May 10, 2023.
- BFA Grad Show Opening of Qualia (FINA): Celebrated 13 KPU graduates as they showcased their final works at the Surrey Campus March 31 to April 13, 2023.
- Dale Tracy (ENGL): Poetry reading as part of the Exhibition Tour and Poetry Reading for Through the Lattice. March 16, 2023.
- Dr. Carla L. MacLean and Dr. Daniel Bernstein (PSYC): Co-organized the annual [Nowcam](#) Conference 2023: The Northwest Cognition and Memory that attracted over 100 attendees. April 20-21, 2023.
- Dr. Patricia Coburn (PSYC): The Psychology department hosted the Connecting Minds 2023 undergraduate confer-



ence which is a student-led research event organized by Brandon Justus, Tamara Dodds, Nachwa Elaini, Bhawan Mann, Jodie Barros, Hailey Russell, Cydney Cocking, Dawn-Leah McDonald, Ivy Ng, Dr. Patricia Coburn, Cassandra Hesse, and Dr. Shayna Minsky. Students from 12 institutions presented for over 140 attendees. May 12-13, 2023.

- End of Term Celebration - Indigenous Artists and Writers-in-Residence (INDG): Term wrap-up with a celebration of Indigenous excellence in the arts. Indigenous Artists-in-Residence Á'a:liya Warbus and Brandon Gabriel, and Indigenous Writers-in-Residence Brandi Bird and Molly Cross-Blanchard were in attendance for poetry, art, music, reflections, and laughter. March 22, 2023.
- ENTA Grad Show (ENTA): At VIFF, grad showcase of graduating students work where five ENTA alumni held a panel with Ed Ko and answered questions on their work experience in the industry. April 15, 2023.
- ENTA Welcome Coffee (ENTA): Welcome to ENTA students with snacks, drinks and swag. May 9, 11 and 25, 2023.



- FINA Artists Speaker Series - Jessica Gny (FINA): In installations that fuse stuff, such as rolls of photo-backdrop paper, salt, seaweed, ink, plastic and museum mounts, Jessica Gny articulates a connection between the so-called natural and the synthetic, highlighting the interaction between photographic practice and the environment. March 28, 2023.
- FINA Arts Speaker Series – Sean Alward (FINA): Sean Al-

Faculty of Arts cont'd

ward is an artist based in Vancouver whose paintings explore the intersection of materials and historical consciousness. March 21, 2023.

- KDocs Film Festival *Alice Street* Legacy Mural Unveiling: Greg Chan (ENGL) coordinated and MCed the official unveiling and dedication ceremony for the KDocs Film Festival *Alice Street* Legacy Mural installed in the Surrey campus library. April 14, 2023.



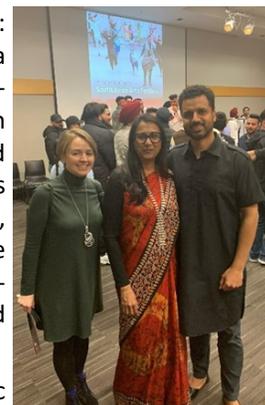
- [ILM Speaker Series \(ENTA\): March 23, 2023.](#)
- Jen Currin (CRWR): Launch of the Trinity Street. May 10, 2023.
- Jenna Lee, Roopepreet Jagee, Amie Orsetti, Stephanie Pall, Calvin Campbell, Bhawandeep Mann, Stephannie Rosencrans, Karin Ishida, and Travis Takarangi (PSYC): [Honours thesis student defenses](#): KPU Psychology held its annual honours thesis defenses in the Surrey Conference Centre. April 24, 2023.
- Knowledge Mobilization – Unlock Your Research Impact (Faculty of Arts): Attendees of this online workshop explored options and tools that enhance knowledge exchange between researchers and end-users. KPU resources were introduced to support knowledge mobilization activities, such as licensing support, the Knowledge Mobilization Fund, social media/social tools, KORA and other repositories. March 23, 2023.
- Mainframe Studio Visit (ENTA): Hiring managers from Mainframe discussed what 3D studios are looking for when recruiting new talent. March 6, 2023.

- Maria Anna Parolin (FINA): Curated an exhibition at the Deer Lake Art Gallery in conjunction with Stoked! The Canadian Clay Symposium at the Shadbolt Centre of the Arts called, *Offbeat: Explorations in Clay*. Featuring eight artists pushing the limits of clay. March



25–April 23, 2023.

- Poetry Workshops with Brandi Bird and Molly Cross-Blanchard Writing About The Self (INDG): Indigenous Writer-in-Residence, Brandi Bird, held a poetry workshop where she used memories to create poems that sharpen poetic voices and delve into stories. The workshop was open to KPU students of all skill levels. March 7, 2023.
- Puqun Li (PHIL): Attended and presented at the [ElderCollege Delta](#). April 12, 2023.
- Relic Speaker Series (ENTA): Pre-Production: Concept Art. Felix is the Principal Concept Artist at Relic Entertainment where he talked about the quick and loose approach of concept art and how it helps visualize what the intents are early on in production, saving huge resources down the pipeline. April 11, 2023.
- Sentence a Day (INDG): Students were invited to attend the session and write a sentence a day with Indigenous Writers-in-Residence Brandi Bird and Molly Cross-Blanchard. Different prompts were featured every day and prizes were given for participation. March 1-2, 2023.
- Shut Up and Write with Molly Cross-Blanchard (INDG): An invitation for students to bring their homework, poetry, screenplay, sketch book or fan fiction and write together with Indigenous Writer-in-Residence, Molly Cross-Blanchard and other folks who needed a bit of community and motivation. March 16 and 30, 2023.
- *Shhá:lí/Woman*: Film Presentation and Discussion with Á'a:líya Warbus and Saylesh Wesley (INDG): After the KPU Pride Advocacy Group's celebration of Trans Day of Visibility, a welcome to KPU Indigenous Artist-in Residence Á'a:líya Warbus (Stó:lō) and Knowledge Keeper and Elder-in-Training Saylesh Wesley (Coast Salish and Tsimshian) was held as a special event. March 20, 2023.
- South Asian Arts Festival (ASIA): Festival co-conveners Dr. Asma Sayed and Gurpreet Sian were supported by The Canada Research Chair in South Asian Literary and Cultural Studies, the President's Diversity and Equity Committee, and the Faculty of Arts, to organize the festival which included drumming, dancing, poetry reading and singing. March 23, 2023.
- Words and Whistles – Open Mic (INDG): Indigenous Writer-in-Residence, Molly Cross-Blanchard hosted this event for attendees to share their talents and were encouraged to read poems or stories, sing a song, play an instrument, tell jokes or bring other whacky talent to the stage. March 8, 2023.



PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Aaron Goodman (JRLN): Online presentation: Chancellor's Chair research: [Harm Reduction International conference](#), Melbourne, Australia. April 18, 2023.
- Amanda Champion (PSYC): Presentation in Italy: Corrado, R., Champion, A., Doering, S., Manns, K., & Knoechelmann 2023 Lecture on Early Intervention Approaches to Assist Families with Aggressive Childhood/Adolescent/Young Adult Trajectories. May 16, 2023.
- Dale Tracy (ENGL): Pulling Curtains: Auto-Criticism and the Academy presentation at the 2023 conference of the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English. May 28, 2023.
- Dr. Asma Sayed (ENGL):
 - * Delivered a keynote titled Stories of Determination: The Role of South Asian Art in Advancing Social Justice for the Royal Roads University's Office of Human Rights, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. May 31, 2023.
 - * Delivered a panel discussion for the Government of Canada's Women and Gender Equity Department: Have We Eaten Yet? An Exploration of Pride and Resilience Through Asian Food. May 31, 2023.
 - * Interview for Nottingham Trent University's Bonington Gallery: Social Activism in the Academic Space. May 22, 2023 (official release on YouTube June 1, 2023).
 - * Between South Asia and the World: Situating Nepali Literature (with Pushpa Raj Acharya), British Association for South Asian Studies Annual Conference, University of Leeds, UK. April 3-6, 2023.
 - * Fostering a Culture of Equity and Inclusion at KPU (with Alan Davis, Diane Purvey, Romy Kozak), Polytechnics Canada Annual Showcase, SAIT, Calgary. May 16-18, 2023.
 - * The Role of Activist Art in Advancing Climate Justice. Canadian South Asian Studies Association Annual Conference, York University. May 27-28, 2023.
- Dr. Carla L. MacLean (PSYC): Conference presentation: Good, C. W. M. & MacLean, C. L. "That's punny!": A study of the impact of processing fluency on humour [Poster presentation]. Presented at Connecting Minds Conference, Richmond, Canada. May 12 -13, 2023.
- Dr. Daniel Bernstein (PSYC):
 - * *Ly, D., Newman, E.J., & Bernstein, D.M. (2023, May). Ongoing task accuracy influences the magnitude of the Illusory Truth Effect. Poster presented at the Association for Psychological Science, Washington, DC.
 - * *Bajwa, K., *Bajwa, J., *Dogra, K. K., & Bernstein, D. M. (2023, April). Language exposure & executive functioning in children. Poster presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory Conference, Richmond, B.C., Canada.
 - * *Derksen, D.G., Bernstein, D.M., Connolly, D.A., *Giroux, M.E., & Newman, E.J. (2023, April). Truthiness magnitude is difficult to increase. Paper presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Richmond, BC, Canada.
 - * *Dhillon, R.S., *Bains, J.S., *Bajwa, K., *Baer, C., & Bernstein, D.M. (2023, April). A longitudinal investigation of affective theory of mind. Poster presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Richmond, BC, Canada.
 - * *Erceg, H., Matsuba, K., Bernstein, D.M. (2023, April). Negative emotionality, dissociation, and false memory susceptibility: A mediation analysis. Paper presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Richmond, BC, Canada.
 - * *Oloomi, S., *Hunsche, M., *Hamzagic, Z., & Bernstein, D.M. (2023, May). Relationship between social reciprocity and emotion recognition in ASD. Paper presented at Connecting Minds, Richmond, BC, Canada.
- Dr. Gira Bhatt and Dr. Roger Tweed (PSYC): Dhillon, B., Tweed, R., Bhatt, G. Prevention of Youth Violence: From Research to Practice and Policing. 2023 Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationship (NEVR) Conference. May 25, 2023.
- Dr. Patricia Coburn (PSYC):
 - * Davies, J. & Coburn, P. I. Effects of Registered Intermediaries on Youths' Perceived Credibility. (2023, May). Paper presented at the Connecting Minds Undergraduate Research Conference, Richmond, British Columbia.
 - * Erceg, H. G. & Coburn, P. I. Exploring Satisfaction with Canada's Drug Policies and Interventions. (2023, May). Paper presented at the Connecting Minds Undergraduate Research Conference, Richmond, British Columbia.
 - * Rosencrans, S. & Coburn, P. I. Impact of ADHD, Gender, and Age Stereotypes on the Perceived Credibility of Victims. (2023, May). Paper presented at the Connecting Minds Undergraduate Research Conference, Richmond, British Columbia.
- Jen Currin (CRWR): Read at the Blue Metropolis in Montreal on April 28, 2023 and House of Anansi Poetry Bash on April 27, 2023.
- Kurt Penner and PSYC 4010 students (PSYC): 26 upper-level Psychology students currently completing 180-hour Practicum positions during the summer as part of PSYC

4010 where most are volunteer positions. Some host employers include Anika Youth Services, Archway Community Services, The Boys & Girls Club (Surrey & Langley), CHIMO Outreach & Advocacy, The Centre for Child Development, Darcy Bailey & Associates Counselling, New Leaf Clubhouse, Pacific Riding for Developing Abilities, Stepping Stone Community Services, Surrey Women's Centre and Symbiosis Pediatric Therapy, among others.

- John Martin (GEOG): Student-led field trip to Lynn Canyon Park. March 26, 2023.



- Mike Larsen (CRIM): Appearance before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy, and Ethics: [Minutes - ETHI \(44-1\) - No. 64 - House of Commons of Canada \(ourcommons.ca\)](#). Mike spoke, both as President of the BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association and in his capacity as a faculty member, about Access to Information reform. Alongside other witnesses, he responded to questions from Committee members. April 18, 2023.
- Puqun Li (PHIL): ElderCollege Delta Talk: The Suffering of Job: Confucian and Taoist Points of View. April 12, 2023.
- Tracey J. Kinney (HIST): KPU Day 2023 presentations on food in history. April 28, 2023.
- Yanfeng Qu (LANC):
 - * Adjudicated the online 2023 Annual Mandarin Speech Contest for BC University Students as one of three panel members. April 7, 2023.
 - * Organized the 2023 AGM of the Canadian TCSL Association and the 22nd TCSL Conference and Workshop as one of three members of the Organizing Committee. April 29-30, 2023.
 - * Presented the Annual Institution Report on behalf of KPU to SCOLA, the provincial articulation body for post-secondary language programs, and attended its AGM in Kelowna. May 5, 2023.
 - * Presented the Annual Report at the AGM as VP of General Affairs and the Interim VP of Conference for medical leave replacement.

PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY:

- Amanda Champion (PSYC):
 - * Government report: Champion, A., Oswald, F., Pearson, S. & Cory Pedersen. (2023). Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence Environmental Scan. Report for Women and Gender Equality Canada and the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and BC campus.
 - * Ad Hoc Journal Reviews completed with students: The Journal of Forensic Psychology Research and Practice. Assessment.
- Constanza Rojas-Primus (LANC): KPU Pressbooks [La hora del cuento en español \(Storytime in Spanish\)](#) published on March 5, 2023.
- Dale Tracy (ENGL): Lines That Open, chapbook commissioned and published by the Surrey Art Gallery. March 16, 2023.
- Deborah Blenkhorn (ENGL): Presented a paper, Chat GPT: The End of Education? Shifting Media Perspectives from Late 2022 to Early 2023 at the International Conference on Language, Literature and Culture in Havana of Cuba. March 22-23, 2023.
 - * Reprised the above paper as an invited keynote speaker at the AcademicsWorld International joint conference in Vancouver, BC. April 29, 2023.
- Dr. Cory Pedersen (PSYC):
 - * Government report: Champion, A., Oswald, F., Pearson, S. & Cory Pedersen. (2023). Technology-Facilitated Sexual Violence Environmental Scan. Report for Women and Gender Equality Canada and the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills and BC campus.
 - * Ad Hoc Journal Reviews completed with students: Assessment.
- Dr. Daniel Bernstein (PSYC):
 - * Giroux, M. E., *Derksen, D. G., Coburn, P. I., & Bernstein, D. M. (2023). [Hindsight bias and COVID-19: Hindsight was not 20/20 in 2020](#). Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, 12, 105-115.
 - * Ad Hoc Journal Reviews completed with students: Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology; Journal of Experimental Psychology: General.
 - * Insight Development Grant review panel, Social



Faculty of Arts cont'd

- Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.
- * Israel Science Foundation.
 - Dr. Patricia Coburn (PSYC):
 - * Berens, K. A., Anderson, S. F., Harvey, M. B., Coburn, P. I., Price, H. L., Chong, K., & Connolly, D. A. (2023). Categorizing complainant-accused relationships in cases of child sexual abuse: the distinctive nature of community connections. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 1-19.
 - * Journal Review: Guest Reviewer – *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*.
 - Shelley Boyd (Dean): Co-authored with Nathalie Cooke (McGill University) the book *Canadian Literary Fare* published by McGill-Queen's University Press in May 2023. Shelley was interviewed live on CKNW on May 22 about her new book.
 - Greg Chan (ENGL): Produced the 2023 edition of KDocs Talks, the KDocs Film Festival's social justice video lecture series. May 15, 2023.
 - Jack Hayes (HIST):
 - * Fairbank Center Environment in Asia Symposium, Harvard University (2023, March), Boston, MA. Chinese History, Science & Policy Analysis in Action, Roundtable and Teaching China's Environmental History [presenter and discussant].
 - * Association for Asian Studies (Spr), Boston, MA. Presidents Hu to Xi: Simulations in Teaching Roundtable Teaching Environment, Climate & Policy of 21st Century China [panel chair and discussant].
 - Jen Currin (CRWR): Published a poetry collection at Trinity Street (House of Anansi). April 4, 2023.
 - Madeline Knickerbocker (HIST):
 - * Organized a panel and shared research All the Men and Women of the Tribe: Gender and Resistance during the McKenna-McBride Commission at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association conference. May 11, 2023.
 - * In Toronto, presented on the panel Indigenous Pasts Within and Beyond Canada: Resistance and Resilience in the face of 20th Century Settler Colonialism at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association meeting. May 11-13, 2023.
 - * Maria Anna Parolin (FINA): Published a book that was launched on April 28, 2023 at Access Gallery called, *art/mamas: Intermedial Conversations on Art, Motherhood and Caregiving*. *art/mamas* is a group of nine Vancouver-based artist mothers.
 - Sarah Hickinbottom and Julia Vergara (EDST/CNPS Faculty and Alumni): Hickinbottom-Brawn, S. & Vergara, J. (2023). Acting like yourself: How the dramatic arts can inform pedagogy aimed at developing therapeutic presence. Paper presentation at the Annual Spring Meeting of the Society for Theoretical & Philosophical Psychology, APA. Boston College, MA.
 - Yanfeng Qu (LANC): Edited five papers submitted by the 22nd TCSL conference presenters as the interim Journal Committee Chair for online publication on the Canadian TCSL Association website. May 3-10, 2023.
- ### INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES:
- Decolonization Professional Development Workshop (HIST): This workshop was attended by several faculty members, including Eryk Martin, Kari North and Madeline Knickerbocker. May 26, 2023.
 - KPU Day: A number of faculty members attended and participated in KPU Day, including Bob Furr, Eryk Martin, Kari North and Kyle Jackson. April 18, 2023.
 - Maria Anna Parolin (FINA): Helped revive the Fine Arts Student Collective and offered a [papermaking](#) workshop/potluck.
- ### STUDENT SUCCESS:
- Anthony Hull-Kennedy (EDST/CNPS Alum): Accepted in Masters in Counselling program at SFU.
 - Camille Weinsheimer (PSYC): Ph.D., SFU, 2017-present; Dr. Daniel Bernstein committee member.
 - Daniel Derksen (PSYC): Ph.D., SFU, 2017-present; Dr. Daniel Bernstein Ph.D. dissertation supervisor.
 - Deva Ly (PSYC): Ph.D., Australian National University, 2019 - present; Dr. Daniel Bernstein committee member.
 - Dr. Carolyn Baer (PSYC): KPU, 2023-present; Dr. Daniel Bernstein post-doctoral supervisor.
 - Emma Kruiesselbrink (PSYC): M.A., SFU, 2021-present; Dr. Daniel Bernstein committee member.
 - Eryk Martin (HIST): Graduating student offered placement in grad program/job offer (degree highly relevant to both).
 - Mara Gurr (EDST/CNPS Alum): Acceptance in Masters in Counselling at UVic.
 - Samantha Truong (HIST): Accepted to the University of Toronto iSchool master's program with Madeline Knickerbocker's support and reference letter.
 - Shan Sproul (EDST/CNPS Student): Acceptance in Masters in Counselling at Adler University.
 - Shannon Shortridge (HIST): Accepted to the UBC master's program in Archival Studies with Madeline Knickerbocker's support and reference letter.

Faculty of Arts cont'd

- Stephannie Pall (PSYC): Honours thesis defense supervised by Dr. Cory Pedersen. April 24, 2023.
- Stephannie Rosencrans (PSYC): Honours thesis defense supervised by Dr. Patricia Coburn. April 24, 2023.
- Sydney Kadagies (HIST Alum): Acceptance in Masters in Public History at UVic.
- Sydney Wong (GEOG): Won student Canadian Association of Geographers undergrad award: KPU-CAG; John Martin instructor.
- Travis Takarangi (PSYC): B.A., Honours, 2022-present; Dr. Daniel Bernstein supervisor.

RECOGNITION – AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS:

- Bob Fuhr (HIST): Long Service Award.
- Dean of Arts Teaching Award: Recipients: Betty Anne Buirs (ENGL) and Nicola Harwood (CRWR).
- Dr. Asma Sayed (ENGL):
 - * Appointed External Examiner: Assessed a Doctoral Dissertation as the external examiner, University of Western Ontario. April 2023.
 - * Appointed External Examiner: Assessed an M.A. Thesis as the external examiner, University of West Indies. April 2023.
 - * Received KPU's Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Award. April 28, 2023.
- Dr. Daniel Bernstein (PSYC):
 - * (2018-2023) Canada Research Chair Tier II (\$500,000): Ended March 31, 2023.
 - * (2022-2023) KPU Faculty of Arts Excellence and

Advancement Fund (\$3,000)

- * (2022-2024) Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Development Grant (\$64,934) with Co-I, Kyle Matsuba.
- Dr. Gira Bhatt (PSYC): Appointed Vice-Chair of Cross-Cultural Round Table on Security, Ministry of Public Safety Canada.
- Faculty of Arts Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Award: Recipients: Seema Ahluwalia (SOCI) and Alexandra Taylor (student).
- Greg Chan (ENGL): Appointed to the Sundar Prize Film Festival's jury. March 24, 2023.
- Maria Anna Parolin (FINA): Shortlisted for the Dean of Arts Teaching Award.
- Tracey J. Kinney (HIST): Appointed Chair of BC History Articulation Committee

PROGRAM/POLICIES/INITIATIVES:

- Dr. Asma Sayed (ENGL): Organized a number of workshops and events:
 - * KPU's first Symposium on Anti-Racism. March 21, 2023.
 - * The Fundamentals of Anti-Oppression workshop (Office of Anti-Racism). March 15, 2023.
 - * The Fundamentals of Anti-Racism workshop (Office of Anti-Racism). May 1, 2023.
 - * The Inclusive Communication workshop (Office of Anti-Racism). May 23, 2023.
 - * The International Women's Day event, Feminist Fiction as Resistance: In Conversation with Farzana Doctor. March 8, 2023.



KPU Community Day at Richmond Campus

Faculty of Health

STAFFING

- Ann Moniz, Director of Faculty of Health Professional Studies, will be retiring from KPU effective May 31, 2023. Ann first joined KPU in 2001, and has been in her Director role since 2008. The Faculty of Health thanks Ann for all her contributions during her time at KPU, she will be missed by all in the Faculty.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Our HCA Program Chair, Sonayna Rana, has worked closely with the Surrey School Board to present and highlight the role of a Health Care Assistant. She spoke at a 500+ attendee event, and multiple schools to prospective students one on one to encourage them to think about a career in front line care giving.
- Our HCA and BSN faculty participated in Open Doors and Open Minds, an open house event held for Indigenous high school students to promote programs within KPU.
- Dr. Balbir Gurm delivered the keynote address at the WNRCSAN symposium on "Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity" held at KPU Surrey Campus on April 22nd.

PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

- Our HCA Program Chair, Sonayna Rana, completed her NCLEX exam, making her dual licensed RPN/RN.
- Our BSN faculty member, Cheryl Burnstein, was invited to be a guest lecturer at the University of Hawaii, in April 2023. She taught 2 days per week for 3 weeks in a course called Mindful and Skilful Living. Cheryl's content was on the evidence-based topic of Mindful Self Compassion, which is as a proven way to help decrease anxiety and improve well-being. She is grateful to have received KPU support for this trip through the Global Mobility Fund, and 0.6 PD funds.
- The BSN Semester 1 team has received a second Teaching and Learning Innovation Fund (TLIF) grant to support pedagogical innovation at KPU. BSN Semester 1 faculty, led by faculty members Joyce MacKenzie and Connie Klimek, are exploring opportunities to collaborate and engage students from across KPU faculties including Trades, Arts, Science and/or Horticulture to exercise the outcomes identified in the "Strategic Opportunity Assessment for KPU" presented by Dr. Lynn Stevenson to the Faculty of Health in February 2023. During her presentation, Dr. Stevenson emphasized the need to "expand Nation and Elder led health programming focused on traditional healing and medicine, healing gardens, and continue to build partnerships with local nations." The TLIF funds will support students, faculty and community members to experience "Design Thinking" in an inter-disciplinary, inter-sectoral, innovative, service learning, community-engaged hands experience. Together, KPU students and faculty alongside

Kwantlen First Nation will build an Indigenous community garden that, to start, will include 3 – 8 planter boxes to help community members grow their food and medicines at a distance from the Fraser River (where the infestation of mosquitoes and black flies are prohibitive)

INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES

- Our HCA Program Chair, Sonayna Rana, is working with the FoH Deans Office to setup a pathway to support HCA grads gain admission into nursing program.
- In April 2023 our HCA Program presented a proposal for a non-credit bearing medication management micro-credential to the Senate Micro-credential Committee (SMC). The SMC has recommended that the Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum recommend that Senate approve this micro-credential. This is the very first micro-credential to be recommended for Senate approval! Congratulations to the HCA Program for making KPU history! This micro-credential will assist with satisfying Assisted Living and Home Support employers that are requesting explicit confirmation that students have successfully completed a medication management skill competency in their HCA Program. This micro-credential will be embedded within the existing HCA curriculum.
- Our GNIE program has submitted a D7 for new admission requirements for the program, reducing barriers to entry and allowing for a wider range of internationally educated nurses to apply.
- Renovations started in late April 2023 in the space that was previously classrooms 1804 and 1805 to create a new 10-bed nursing lab. Renovations are expected to be complete in early June 2023.
- Our TCM Student Acupuncture Clinic reopened May 8, 2023 after an eight-month closure due to the cancellation of our Fall 2021 Acupuncture intake. Appointments have quickly filled up and provide both a great hands-on learning experience for students, as well as affordable treatments for members of the community.
- In late February 2023, we completed the filming of two promotional videos for our Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN) programs, in collaboration with Eyes Multimedia. The intent of these videos was to not only promote our BSN and BPN programs, but to highlight the wide array of sectors that nurses and psych nurses work in, and to communicate to prospective students what it means to be a nurse or a psych nurse. Both videos have amassed over 21,000 views on KPU's YouTube channel in the one month they have been posted, and have also been added to the program web pages. The videos are linked below and still shots have also been included for reference.

Faculty of Health cont'd

- * [BSN Promotional Video](#)
- * [BPN Promotional Video](#)



Promotional Video Still – Nursing Lab 1810 transformed into an acute care setting



Promotional Video Still – Nursing Lab 1810 transformed into an acute care setting



Promotional Video Still – Faculty of Health storeroom changed into an outreach nursing setting

STUDENT SUCCESS

- Our GNIE students have been receiving multiple offers for employment in acute care settings.

PROGRAM/POLICIES/INITIATIVES

- In March 2023 our GNIE program received the decision from CASN to grant a five-year accreditation, with no requirement for interim reporting. Congratulations and ap-

preciation to the GNIE program for the exceptional teaching and student learning experience they provide.

- The Faculty of Health implemented a new Practice Placement Quality Assurance process, which will allow our clinical faculty to provide formalized feedback on the practice placement locations they taught in that term. This process will allow the Dean's Office to monitor both practice placement suitability and to plan for, and request, future practice placements.
- Our Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN) program will be piloting an accelerated version of the program with our Fall 2023 intake. This will mean that students complete six consecutive semesters of study, allowing students to complete their degree in as little as two calendar years. It is hoped that this pilot may assist with the enrolment challenges the program has recently been experiencing.
- Our HCA Program, which has been exclusively offering seats to students via the Province of British Columbia's Health Career Access Program since Spring 2021, will start offering two application pathways to students for our Fall 2023 intake. Students will continue to be able to apply via the Health Career Access Pathway, and we will also resume our 'traditional' pathway which allows students to apply directly to KPU.

EVENTS

- On March 1, 2023, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier David Eby, and a number of other Federal MPs and Provincial MLAs visited the Faculty of Health nursing labs and met with our GNIE (Graduate Nurse, Internationally Educated) and Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing students (see picture below).
- On April 11, 2023 Federal Minister Harjit Sajjan toured the Langley campus and will be visited the Faculty of Health nursing labs and met with Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.
- Our HCA program attended the bi-annual HCA educator and articulation day. New HCA curriculum to be released by the BC Care Aide Registry by June 2023, with goal to be implemented at all PSI by Winter 2025.
- Our HCA and BSN faculty participated in Open Doors and Open Minds, an open house event held for Indigenous high school students to promote programs within KPU.
- From May 8-12, 2023 the Faculty of Health provided snacks, lunch and swag for our all health students in celebration of National Nurse's Week.
- The Faculty of Health participated in the Science Rendezvous event on May 13, 2023 at KPU Langley. The event was a great success and many members of the community visited the Faculty of Health booth to check out our Juno CAE manikin and get their vital signs tested.

Faculty of Science & Horticulture

EVENTS:

- The Faculty of Science and Horticulture hosted its first in-person Science Rendezvous since 2019 on May 13. Over 400 people attended the festive family event with hands on activities in labs, dancing flame shows, scavenger hunts and more. All nine departments in the faculty participated in the event with faculty, staff and volunteers from each. The Faculty of Health also joined in with interactive demos and a patient simulator.



- The 8th annual KPU Brewing Career Fair took place on Mar. 1st and was held in person for the first time since 2020. The Fair hosted 38 guests from 23 companies, including three out-of-town breweries who joined virtually. Instructor Alek Egi (BREW) was the MC for the event which included guest speaker dean Brett Favaro (FSH) and an industry panel with speakers from Barnside Brewing, Farm Country Brewing, Field House Brewing, Parallel 49 Brewing and Russell Brewing Company.



- KPU's School of Horticulture recently had their annual Plant Sale featuring annuals, perennials and hanging baskets some of which were produced by horticulture students. Faculty, staff, and students volunteered at this event.



- On Mar. 31 and Apr. 1, the KPU Brew Lab was open for public brewery tours and tastings during the Greater Vancouver Food Truck Wars which was held at KPU Langley for the first time, drawing more than 15,000 visitors to the campus. Brewery tours and tastings were hosted by instructor Alek Egi; DeAnn Bremner (FSH); and student assistants Finn Bohan, Thomas Nickel and Rylan Dewick.

- As part of Tourism Langley's inaugural Langley Craft Beverage Week, KPU Brewing had a collaboration beer, Citrus Merchant, featured at the Craft & Canapés event at The Barley Merchant on May 17. The beer was developed and brewed as a collaboration with The Barley Merchant led by instructors Martina Solano Bielen, Emily Kokonas and Michael Miller, as well as student assistants Rylan Dewick and Thomas Nickel. [DailyHive blog](#); [Langley Advance Times](#)
- CADD Technologies hosted two Skills Canada events on March 8 for the Regional Secondary groups. The two competitions were CAD Architectural and CAD Mechanical.
- On Apr. 6, the second and final 2023 KPU Brewing Signature Series Tap Takeover event was held at The Barley Merchant in Langley featuring a special flight of the last student Signature beers from the 2023 series. The event was attended by The Honourable Tako Van Popta, MP

Faculty of Science & Horticulture cont'd

Langley-Aldergrove; Randall Heidt, VP External Affairs; instructors Alek Egi, Dominic Bernard, Nancy More, Martina Solano Bielen; Emily Kokonas; Helen Sheedy; chair Michael Kiraly; retired instructor Stan Wong; as well as Mathias Schuetz and Paul Adams, Applied Genomics Centre; and KPU Brewing students and alumni.



- On Apr. 26, KPU Brewing hosted a collaboration brew day with a team from The Barley Merchant Taproom & Kitchen, including owner Tim LaHay and executive chef Hiran Perera, who continually support the KPU Brewing program through events held at their restaurant and by donating to the Nancy More Award for students. The brew day was led by BREW instructors Martina Solano Bielen, Emily Kokonas and Michael Miller, as well as student assistants Rylan Dewick and Thomas Nickel.



- KPU Brewing released a special beer, KPU Forever Red Ale, to honour KPU at KPU Day on Apr. 28 and mark the occasion of the KPU Legacy Gala on Apr. 29. The recipe included hops developed by the KPU Applied Genomics Centre (AGC) and was created by BREW instructors Dominic Bernard, Emily Kokonas, Michael Miller and Mathias Schuetz (AGC), and brewed with the participation of student assistants Finn Bohan, Thomas Nickel and Rylan Dewick.
- KPU Brewing participated in the annual Brewhalla Fort Langley Beer & Music Festival on May 20. The KPU booth featured the collaboration beer, Citrus Merchant, as part of the inaugural Fort Langley Craft Beverage Week.
- KPU Horticulture Club participated in the Langley Seedy

Saturday Event on March 25. Horticulture Club members, led by Liaison Maria Valana and Jamie Lamont, took pride in showcasing their passion for plants by selling vegetable plants they had grown for the event and educating community members on successful plant production practices.

- Together, plants, people, and time contributed to Skills BC Provincial Landscape Competition at Tradex in Abbotsford on May 19. KPU entered two apprenticeship teams that were coached by instructor Russ Lyons (HORT), and Jamie Lamont (chair). Each of the teams medalled and went home with a silver and bronze; all of the competitors worked extremely hard and the medals were well deserved.



PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Janis Matson HORT presented talks at various garden clubs throughout the Lower Mainland as well as at Van Dusen Gardens and the BC Home Show.
- The Faculty of Science and Horticulture partnered with and helped host the South Fraser Regional Science Fair April 13-14, and the Surrey District Science Fair on March 2 at KPU Surrey. Hundreds of junior and senior high school students competed in the fairs and enjoyed tours of the science labs and Applied Genomics Centre.



Faculty of Science & Horticulture cont'd

- School of Horticulture Chair Jamie Lamont, and Horticulture Apprenticeship Coordinator Maria Valana attended the Careers Night event at Seaquam High School. The goal was to build students' and parents' knowledge of trades and career program opportunities. Jamie and Maria shared KPU's School of Horticulture connection to both school districts programs as well as potential post-secondary pathways.

STUDENT SUCCESS

- Our 3rd and 4th year PHYSICS students have secured positions at a number of companies for their work experience term:
- Dallas Collie is working as a Manufacturing and Assembly Technician at Ideon in Richmond. He is working on assembling and testing their subterranean muon detectors. The company also employs two of our graduates in similar roles, including David Camparmo who just graduated. The company recently won a Governor General's award.
- John Deasy is working at Teledyne as a Technical Support Specialist. They design and manufacture high-end cameras for scientific applications. John's work includes: assessing, testing, and repairing cameras; quantifying the camera performance in different use-case scenarios; creating market research reports; writing up technical notes for the company's website; providing technical support to sales staff.
- Kyle Basi is working as a junior engineer at Beachcomber Hot Tubs in Surrey. His work includes preparing 2D and 3D drawings using AutoCAD, and working with a robot as part of the manufacturing process. He will be gaining more experience with programming the robot as the summer progresses.
- Yehya Mohamad is working at TRIUMF (Canada's particle accelerator centre) on cyclotron control systems. This allows him to use the experience he gained in his control courses as well his experience from last summer when he worked at Advanced Cyclotron Systems in Richmond.
- Each spring, first year Environmental Protection Technology (EPT) students, in addition to their academic studies, apply to and interview for summer Co-op Education work terms. These terms are a fantastic opportunity for students to 'sample' the EPT field, make valuable contacts, apply technical and essential skills they have learned in the program, and learn new ones to enrich in-class learning upon return to campus. Two of the five gave us an update from the field:



Sarah H. - So far at the City of Chilliwack my experience has been excellent. I am learning about a variety of topics such as anaerobic digestion, water quality regulations and the

municipal government system. I have been doing office work and will also be participating in field work later on in the Co-op work term. The Utilities Team that I work with have been so welcoming, and I learn things from them on a daily basis. I am so grateful for this opportunity to develop skills and gain insight into the City of Chilliwack and especially their water system and how they operate. Here's a picture of me in my office! I'm working with the Environmental Services team to create some posters.



Megan H. - I am loving my position as a Riparian Enhancement Team Leader at SHaRP. These first few weeks of work have been devoted to bonding with the other Team Leaders, and learning about native and invasive plants, riparian enhancement techniques, and writing reports about completed restoration sites. I look forward to hiring and training our Crew Members, working with the DFO and local hatcheries, and starting in-stream works in August. The EPT program has helped me in this role by teaching me about formal report writing, ecological systems, and health and safety practices. I value this role for its varied work experience and networking opportunities.

- The Biology/HSCI research courses held open-invitation student research presentations for the first time in April, organized by Ann Marie Davison. This gave all 13 research students an opportunity to present their work to a larger University audience, with over 50 attendees at this inaugural event.
- Layne Myhre attended the Northwest Regional Meeting of the Society for Developmental Biology with three of the KPU Biology research students (Krista Warzel, Jaden Lewis, and Jared Miller) in Friday Harbor, WA on March 15-18. All three students presented their research posters and one student (Jared Miller) won an award for Best Undergraduate Poster.
- The Biology department is graduating its first two Honours students in the new B.Sc. (Honours) Major in Biology program, Bhavdeep Gill and Tajinder Kaur, who completed their studies in April. One of the research students, Taylor Chin, attended a biology conference for undergraduate research in Los Angeles on April 22nd, during which she presented her undergraduate research poster. She won a poster award, and was the only Canadian student (out of ~500 students) that attended. Taylor has also been awarded a KPU Student Research and Innovation Grant to continue her work over the summer.

Faculty of Science & Horticulture cont'd

- This spring term will result in the first grads from one of the new CADD Technologies Diplomas (Architectural/Structural).

PROGRAM/POLICIES/INITIATIVES

- The new permanent home for the CloudLab on Richmond campus has entered the design phase and Physics is working with Facilities to maximize the impact of this new facility.
 - The B.Sc. Major in Biology and B.Sc. (Honours) Major in Biology programs at KPU were officially accredited by the BC College of Applied Biology in April. This means that KPU graduates of these programs can register with the professional accreditations of Biologist In Training (BIT) or Registered Professional Biology (RPBio, with at least 3 years of professional experience) without formal assessment.
 - The BSc in Health Science and the BSc in Health Science (Honours) programs are moving forward with a cooperative education option. The proposed changes were approved at Senate in April 2023. Eligible students can now enroll into the co-op option beginning September 1, 2023.
 - Nicole Hlus (eDraft Automation Drafting Inc), contract faculty and alumni, is hiring two CADD COOP students this summer. Also, for CADD's Dual Credit Program, they will receive 10 Surrey School District and 4 Delta School District students into the new Fall intake.
 - MATH will be running a course on Data Analytics (big data, machine learning, etc) in Spring 2024. Data Analytics is a hot area at the moment. MATH Learning outcomes and course content related to indigenization have been added to Math Explorations and math education courses.
- Raquel Cabral (MATH) attended two conferences: YMSiC (First-Year Math & Stats in Canada, <https://firstyearmath.ca/>) Online and Changing the Culture 2023, organized and sponsored by the Pacific Institute for the Mathematical Sciences - In-person at SFU-Vancouver at Harbour Centre.
 - Engineering Co-ordinator Michael Poon was a panelist at Vancouver International Universities Fair, held Sat, April 29, and presented on Engineering Pathways. He also chaired the BCCAT Engineering Articulation meeting on May 4.

STAFFING (APPOINTMENTS/PROMOTIONS/TRANSITIONS)

New faculty and staff hiring includes:

- AGRI: Sahar Zandieh
- CHEM: Niloufar Choubdar
- Dean's office: Ashley Schneider
- BIOL: Aneisha Collins-Fairclough
- BIOL: Carson Keever
- MATH: Mehdi Salimi

PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

- Barnabe D. Assogba (BIOL) recently participated in the inaugural Onboarding and workshop organized by the American Society for Microbiology-Future Leaders Men-



Faculty of Trades & Technology

INTRODUCTION

The Faculty of Trades and Technology is a collection of communities. From Construction trades to Farriers across the province (and beyond) each sector require work and engagement. The last three months have been characterized by an uptake in outreach to our communities and business partners. The goal is to create a recognizable brand for our partners and community members.

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Dean's Award

Congratulations to the Dean's Award for Outstanding Achievement recipients for the months of March through May. This non-monetary Award is based on Academics, Attitude, and Attendance. The presentation is made as the students reach the end of the Foundation and final program level in the trade. Fourteen students were recipients of the award. Two awards were presented to student in the final level of their apprenticeship and twelve awards were presented to students in Foundation programs.

Career Development

In conjunction with the KPU Career Centre, the Faculty of Trades and Technology has started to highlight key job postings in Career Connections using the headline "Career Services Jobs of the Week". Over the last five months 80 job postings of interest to Faculty of Trades and Technology students have been highlighted. These have been from national, provincial, and regional employers in the public and private sector.

The jobs are posted every week and our faculty members are encouraged to share the postings with their students.

During recent months, eight employers have reached out directly to the Faculty of Trades and Technology in search of new apprentices. The employers are in the construction and metal work sectors and are interested in having direct contact with our faculty.

Farrier Sciences Capstone Projects

May 23, 26 and 29, Farrier Science students presented their capstone projects to their classmates. Students discussed their progression through the program and illustrated their learning outcomes to their classmates and guests.

Graduation at the Squamish First Nation Training and Trades Centre

May 19, Laura and Joel attended the Carpentry Level 1 Graduation at Squamish First Nation Training and Trades Centre. This was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the graduating students while connecting with our KPU faculty member, Terry Williams, and the Squamish First Nation representatives and elders. Guests were treated to a series of traditional dances and songs, powerful speeches, and a

celebratory lunch.

Skills Canada BC 2023 Provincial Trades and Technology Competition

April 19, KPU was at the Skills Canada BC's 2023 Provincial Trades and Technology Competition at TradeX in Abbotsford. Future Students Office representatives Brooks Lewis, Liam Bagshaw and Nicole Poole and Kulpreet Sasan from Faculty of Trades and Technology managed a booth at the event. KPU Faculty of Trades and Technology had competitors in the Plumbing and Mechatronics competitions.

2023 Skills Canada National Competition

MAY 25 & 26, Three Faculty of Trades and Technology students competed at the 2023 Skills Canada national Competition in Winnipeg. Faculty member Erick Medina attended with one of his Millwright students and proudly accepted a bronze medal. Faculty member Ron Murray attended with two of his Mechatronics and Advanced Manufacturing Technology students and showed strong representation in this field.

Appliance Service Career Day

We held a Career Day for student in the Appliance Servicing Department on March 22. Over 14 employers came to talk to our graduating class about opportunities in the industry. The Appliance Service Technician Career Day has been a fixture at KPU for 21 years. Employers presented benefits of their segments in the industry and the opportunity for graduates to continue to learn and grow in the field. The event helps meet Industry needs and provides a means for contact between students and industry employers and representatives. This event has resulted in employment placements for many of the students before they have even completed the program.



Student Orientation

In March through May, we continued to run Orientation sessions for all incoming Foundation and apprenticeship classes. In conjunction with KUSA and the Learning Centre, we have been able to orient students to resources and supports available for students at KPU.

CAMPUS UPGRADES

May 4, Laura and Joel attended Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Training. This training focused on risk assessment and ways to minimize and/or mitigate risks and hazards on our campus. This training will prove helpful in upcoming OH&S

inspections, as well as in day-to-day visits around campus.

April 28, Laura and Joel attended Fundraising for Deans – Part 1. This was an opportunity for them to learn from Randall Heidt, VP External and Jim Langley, President of Langley Innovations. The ultimate goal was to empower KPU administrators in active fundraising to ultimately benefit students. The second part of this series, which is expected to be even more fulsome, will be taking place in the near future.

April 17, Joel took part in KPU Tech: Facilities – Plumbing Site Visit. A mechanical engineer viewed the Plumbing shop as a precursor to a proposal to provide venting for the Cross Connections panel.

PROGRAM UPDATES AND CHANGES

Mechatronics Program Advisory Committee

May 23, Laura and Joel hosted the inaugural Mechatronics Program Advisory Committee meeting. The first meeting was well-attended by members of industry, post-secondary institutions, and a former student, and participants enthusiastically discussed the future of the PAC in relation to the Mechatronics and Advanced Manufacturing Technology Diploma Program. The next meeting will take place in early Fall 2023. The overarching goal is to tweak the program to serve the needs of a larger number of students and an increased industry population.

Mechatronics Partnerships

March 24, Joel met with Eddy Evans, a representative from Lakehead University, to explore a possible Mechatronics partnership. Mr. Evans also gave a presentation to current Mechatronics and Advanced Manufacturing Technology students. Lakehead University has just started a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechatronics Engineering program and is making connections with colleges and universities across Canada.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Trades Training Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

May 25 - Laura attended the Trades Training Consortium Board of Directors Meeting on behalf of Alan Davis. This proved to be a fascinating opportunity to hear the presidential-level “big picture” conversations regarding skilled trades training in BC, and peripherally participate in strategizing work done as part of the Skilled Trades Training Council (formerly Trades Training British Columbia) Mandate Map and Future System Design. Laura is a member of the BC Association of Trades and Technical Administrators (BCATTA) which is an unofficial subcommittee of STTC. As a member of the BCATTA Executive, Laura participated in exercises at the May 15 & 16 BCATTA meeting which dovetailed nicely into the STTC conversations.

Thomas Haney Equestrian Program

May 24 - students from Thomas Haney Equestrian Program

visited KPU Tech for a tour of our campus. Students were introduced to the expectations of the Farrier Science program and other possibilities.

KPU Community Day

May 27, the Faculty of Trades and Technology celebrated the community of Richmond, its residents, our staff and students. Faculty of Trades and Technology was represented by Kulpreet Sasan.

National Council of Deans of Apprenticeship, Trades and Technology (NCDATT)

May 17 and 18, Laura and Joel were at the NCDATT meetings. Presentation topics covered included Canadian Armed Forces regarding partnership opportunities, Technology Professionals Canada and Technology Accreditation Canada. Jim Szautner presented on non-directive leadership skills. Other topics covered included, Canadian Apprenticeship Forum on apprenticeship completion rates and the future of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the wake of Covid.

Princess Margaret Tour - Tech Campus

May 16, students from Princess Margaret Secondary School visited KPU Tech for a campus tour. Brooks Lewis and Future Students Office for organizing the tour.

Senate Standing Committee

May 8, Laura was at the Surrey campus in the morning for the Senate Standing Committee on Appeals. Laura is a voting member on this committee which meets to hear second stage grade appeals per Policy ST3, and then makes a recommendation to the Vice President Academic/Provost.

Indigenous Dialogue Series

May 10, Laura and Joel attended the Indigenous Dialogue Series - Nqwalútenlhkalha, Our Languages session. Dr. Lorna Wanosts'a7 Williams, Professor Emerita of Indigenous Education, Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Victoria and Canada Research Chair in Education and Linguistics, discussed language revitalization in the UN International Decade of Indigenous Languages.

Breaking Barriers Breakfast

May 11, the Breaking Barriers workshop was held at the KPU Tech campus. This was an event put on collaboratively by FSO and ACP for community and agency workers who support clients with varied needs. FSO and ACP presented to community partners about adult upgrading, [English language courses](#), admissions requirements, and [programs specifically tailored for people with disabilities](#).

SSCAPP/SSCUB Meeting

May 5, Laura attended the SSCAPP/SSCUB Meeting. Laura is a voting member in SSCUB and a non-voting member of SSCAPP.

Faculty of Trades & Technology cont'd

The focus of this month's meeting was a FY2022-23 Financial Update and a FY2024-25 Budget Update. Planning has started for the FY2024-25 budget year and the committee will be reviewing the draft budget timeline, as well as principles and priorities which form the basis for all budget decisions.

Living With/in the Complexities of Internationalization

April 27, Joel attended the seminar: Provost Presents – "Living With/in the Complexities of Internationalization." Dr. Kumari Beck (SFU) and Dr. Sharon Stein (UBC) invited attendees to consider the harmful dimensions of the internationalization of higher education and reimagine internationalization.

KPU Day

April 28, we celebrated all things KPU. Faculty of Trades and Technology had a tent in the Main Courtyard that featured the Farrier Science program and the construction trades.

CICan World Congress on Collective Intelligence

The week of April 24 to 28, Joel and Laura were at CICan World Congress on Collective Intelligence. They joined 16 other KPU representatives in attending workshops and keynote address specifically focused on Canadian post-secondary colleges and institutes. It was also a wonderful opportunity to network with representatives from around the world. They were joined by 16 other KPU representatives and the agenda is specifically focused on Canadian post-secondary colleges and institutes.

BC Council of Administrative Tribunals "Advanced Hearings"

April 17, Laura attended Part 2 of the BC Council of Administrative Tribunals "Advanced Hearings" training. While primarily geared toward lawyers, the principles related to due process and garnering information from witnesses will prove helpful in handling academic integrity violations and formalized student complaints.

Strategic Enrolment Planning Council

April 18, Laura was in the Strategic Enrolment Planning Council. Robust conversations surrounded international student enrolments and the potential to revisit apprenticeship registration through EducationPlannerBC.

Post-Secondary and Future Skills

April 20, Laura participated in a visit from Post Secondary and Future Skills. It was hosted by Diane Purvey, included a fulsome presentation by Sharmen Lee (Dean of the Faculty of Health), and was focused on the upcoming hospital build. Laura had the opportunity to highlight how many of our current offerings will potentially directly align with the hospital build, and then toured the contingent through KPU Tech. The brief but informative tour was punctuated by a visit to the Farrier Barn, much to the delight of many of the delegates.

Visit to Maple Ridge School District

April 13, Laura and Joel visited the Maple Ridge School District

to present the recent Youth Train in Trades Carpentry Dean's Awards. The change in format/location provided an opportunity for the students receiving the awards to have their parents/guardians present, and also provided Laura and Joel the opportunity to directly market KPU Youth Train in Trades programs to the Maple Ridge School District students in their school shop settings. The plan is to maintain this format going forward to capitalize on reaching a broader audience of youth, and build excitement to future Trades opportunities.

KPU Media Training

March 28, Laura attended KPU Media Training. This training was organized by David Connop Price, Director of Communications and Media Relations, and was a wonderful opportunity for all Deans to learn tips for managing media inquiries and interviews.

Anti-Racism Symposium

March 28, Dr. Joel Murray and Karen Dumaresq attended the inaugural Anti-Racism Symposium. Dr. Chandrima Chakraborty, Director of the Centre for Peace Studies and the Global Peace and Social Justice Program at McMaster University, was the keynote speaker and presented on "Contagious Minorities: Asian Canadians, COVID-19, and Racism. Students and faculty also presented.

Farrier Clinic and Competition at Olds College of Agriculture and Technology in Olds, Alberta

March 23 – March 27, KPU Farrier Sciences students took part in a Farrier Clinic and Contest at Olds College in Alberta. The students were at Olds College for the Olds Classic Horseshoeing Contest. There were 50 competitors from the four western provinces and judges from across the country. KPU farrier students competed in horseshoe forging and horse shoeing classes. Competitors made a selection of shoes in a time-limited class to match specimen shoes supplied by the two judges. Each class presented a different challenge: some of the shoes were for sport horses, others for therapeutic cases. The horseshoeing classes tested the competitors' skills trimming, forging, fitting, and applying shoes in a limited time. These events are considered to be PD days for farriers. Current farrier students were also able to use this event as an opportunity to begin networking in the industry. Thank you to the Provost/VPA, Dr. Diane Purvey, for supporting this event.





Restorative Justice and Academic Integrity

March 13, Joel attended the Restorative Justice and Academic Integrity meeting. Representatives from Thompson Rivers University, Capilano University, Langara College, Camosun College, and Selkirk College discussed Restorative Justice and Academic Integrity response and prevention, Chat GPT, and policies and procedures.

UG Credit for Trades and Technology Programming Meeting

March 15, Joel participated in the UG Credit for Trades and Technology Programming meeting. A framework for the assignment of undergraduate credit to Trades and Technology programming was discussed.

Meeting with Peter Smailes

March 7, Laura connected with Peter Smailes, our KPU Tech Campus Principal. Peter continues to be a strong champion for the Faculty of Trades and Technology to senior administration (aka "The G7"). Topics discussed included the potential impact on our campus if/when the hospital build begins, the renovation of the electrical shop, the proposed KPU Tech Wellness Centre, and responses to potential campus deficiencies.

Sustainable Development Goals Mapping Project Roundtable

March 7, Laura and Joel attended the Sustainable Development Goals Mapping Project Roundtable. Laura and Joel discussed with Dr. Candy Ho the ways in which the programs in the Faculty of Trades and Technology can and do align with the Sustainable Development Goals.

KPU Spring Leadership Conference

March 10, Joel attended the KPU Spring Leadership Conference. Cy Wakeman spoke on "Reality-Based Leadership."

Tour from Smithers BC

March 10, a group of eight students and four chaperones from Smithers BC visited our campus to learn about our programs.

Campus Coffee with the President

March 1, Dr. Davis hosted a Coffee with the President event at the KPU Tech Campus. It was a great opportunity for a casual conversation with the President while enjoying some light refreshments.

Surrey School District Women in Trades Tour

March 2, the Faculty of Trades and Technology hosted a tour from the Surrey School District focused on Women in Trades. 20 students and 5 staff came to tour our campus and learn about our trades programs. Special thanks to Brad Edmondson for organizing the tour. Emma Baggott and Amanda Masson created engaging activities for the students. We hope to turn this into a regularly occurring event. (see photos at the end of this report)

Faculty of Trades and Technology Virtual Showcase

The Faculty of Trades and Technology Virtual Showcase was on Thursday, March 2, 2023 between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. It was a great opportunity to introduce the community to our programs. Kudos to Gerard Laverty, Stephen Dockery, Mike Rumpeltes and Erick Medina for presenting information about our programs. A special thanks to the Community Engagement & Major Events team: Kim McGill, Jenna Smith and Silvana Sulstarova for organizing the event. <https://www.kpu.ca/showcase/trades>

International Women's Day Event at the Surrey Campus

March 3 Electrical instructors Emma Baggott and Amanda Masson presented on their lived experiences at the International Women's Day event with MLAs Sturko and Halford at KPU Surrey.

SkilledTradesBC

The Faculty of Trades and Technology is in routine contact with the various sectors of the SkilledTradesBC. Representatives from SkilledTradesBC are visiting our campus regularly to raise awareness about services and financial support.

Faculty of Trades & Technology cont'd

BCATTA

Our Faculty is closely connected to and engaged with the BCATTA (BC Association of Trades and Technical Administrators). Laura is a member of the four-person BCATTA executive team. BCATTA members are administrators from public post-secondary institutions across BC which offer trades training funded by the SkilledTradesBC. Here are some of the highlights of the engagement from the last three months:

- March 10, Laura was in the BCATTA meeting. Topics included the Trade Up Centre (Ministry), labour market outlook (Ministry), and a SkilledTradesBC update.
- March 27, Laura connected with BCCAT and BCATTA (as a member of the Executive) regarding working together going forward. BCCAT coordinates transfer credit in BC, and also is responsible for program articulation. BCCAT does onboard for articulation chairs, and also for System Liaison Persons (SLPs).
- April 19, Laura was in the BCATTA Executive Meeting. The team finalized the agenda for the upcoming BCATTA meeting (May 15 and 16) and highlighted some systemic issues with the current Letter of Agreement between post-secondary institutions and SkilledTradesBC.
- May 15 and 16, Laura and Joel were at the BCATTA meetings. These intensive two days included a robust conversation with the Ministry regarding upcoming announcement, a solicitation for feedback regarding pinch points with our current SkilledTradesBC Letter of Agreement, a presentation by Stuart Logie of the Trades Training BC hub and an update from Dennis Innis on Skills Canada.

Trades Training Partnerships

Faculty of Trades and Technology has regular meetings with our Trades Training Partners in the regional school districts who have dual credit programs with our Faculty. These meetings allow us to discuss recruitment and support for high school students entering the dual credit Youth Train in Trades Programs. On May 2nd, we met to discuss recruiting goals for next year, promotion of the Indigenous Trade Sampler, and general promotions of the Youth Train in Trades programs.

Information Sessions

We held the following information sessions:

- April 24, – Gerard Laverty hosted the Certificate in Farrier Sciences Information Session.
- April 17 – Ed Miks, Stephen Docker and Steve Reimer hosted the Construction Trades Information Session.
- April 20 – Larry Rhodenizer and Mary Wilton hosted the Metal Trades Information Session.
- April 13 – David Fengstad hosted the Appliance Service Technician Information Session.

- April 13 – Bob Davis and Mike Rumpeltes hosted the Metal Trades Information Session.

KPU COMMUNITY

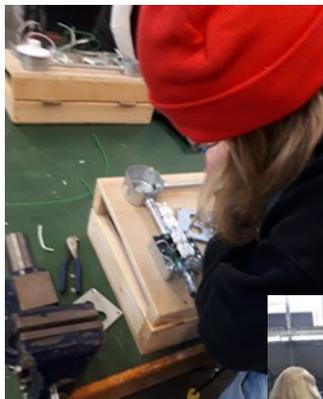
Faculty Retirements

We were sorry to say goodbye to a beloved faculty member: Tom Westgate from the Appliance Service department. His contributions to the KPU community and active engagement in student success and teaching excellence will be missed.

Inter-Departmental Engagement

The Faculty of Trades and Technology has once again partnered with ACCESS Futures to offer an Indigenous Trades Sampler. This offering is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2023 and will provide attendees with experience in four separate trades. This will be a cross-Faculty initiative as the Faculty of Trades and Technology has invited the Faculty of Science and Horticulture to participate. Expected projects include building a planter box (Carpentry) and planting Indigenous-relevant plants (Horticulture); completing an electrical circuit board (Electrical); and fabricating pieces of a larger art installation (Metal Fabrication). More details will be shared as the event is finalized.

The Faculty of Trades and Technology has been working closely with the Provost's Office to provide undergraduate credits to vocation students. A proposed framework has been presented to and voted upon by the Faculty of Trades and Technology Chairs and Faculty Council, and will soon be forwarded to the Provost's Office for review. This work is a step toward fulfillment of Goal 7 of the 2023 Academic Plan by bridging Trades and the Academy.



Surrey School District Women in Trades Tour

Melville School of Business

EVENTS

NABS West Speed Mentoring Event for Marketing Students

KPU Melville School of Business sponsored and hosted the NABS West Speed Mentoring 2023 online events in March 2023. At these events, over 100 KPU marketing students gained valuable wisdom from the region's top marketing, media, digital and broadcast professionals. The NABS West Speed Mentoring encouraged participants to immerse themselves in a fast-paced networking event. Each student had the opportunity to meet with five mentors, in small groups using Zoom breakout sessions. Mentors imparted knowledge, advice, and answered questions pertaining to the industry, networking, and succeeding in an ever-changing industry. Associate Dean Jose Areekadan delivered opening remarks at the online events. Marketing faculty member Rajinder Singh was also one of the key organizers. A special thank you to Dean's Office staff Lori-Ann Gilbert and Felicia Yue for their support leading up to this event.

CPHR Conference

Melville School of Business faculty and staff had a blast networking and exhibiting at the CPHR Conference in person May 2-3, and virtually on May 11. Over 30 leads were captured for internship and other partnership opportunities. The booths were led by Matt White, Ashna Sharma, Alysha Karpun, Michaela Fengstad, and Tiffany Valle Anaya. We look forward to participating again next year!



Industry Insider

The 12th Industry Insider event took place at Civic Plaza on May 18. This event series is for KPU Melville School of Business 3rd and 4th Year, Post-Baccalaureate and Graduate students with the goal to help them make informed career decisions and prepare effectively for professional growth. We are grateful to our panelists who led these discussions:

- Amin Sunderji, Regional Vice President at BMO
- Kate Norris, Partner, CPA at Achieve CPAs LLP
- Alex Wilson, Director of Communications at The Discovery Group
- Tom Dutta, Founder and CEO at KRE-AT®



- Pradeep Narayanaswamy, Managing Principal and President at Iyer Consulting Inc.

Leaders of Tomorrow

The Melville School of Business was honored to partner with the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade and have Michelle Bryant-Gravelle present "Bold Leadership through an Indigenous Lens" to KPU students at Civic Plaza on May 24. Michelle is the Senior Director, Indigenous Relations for the City of Vancouver, and conducted an enriching discussion with students which incorporated general fact and personal experience growing up and leading as Tsimshian. The session was moderated by Associate Dean Jose Areekadan, with introductions by Gursimrat Gill (KPU Accounting), and Samantha Dutton-Jones (KPU Public Relations alum!).

OTM Student Club Event

The OTM (Operations and Technology Management) Student Club held a networking event that took place at Civic Plaza and brought together faculty members Merwise Khalwati and Bess Wang, Associate Dean Jose Areekadan, Student Success Coach Alex Al Modares, and Manly Sitter, Vice President of Education at Association of Supply Chain Management (ASCM) in Western Canada. The event on May 25 was a unique and invaluable opportunity for students to connect with influential figures in academia and gain insights into various aspects of their education and future career paths. The presence of esteemed faculty and staff members demonstrated the club's commitment to fostering strong relationships between students and faculty, as well as providing a platform for meaningful interaction.

KPU Community Day

The Melville School of Business was proud to be a part of KPU Community Day on May 27 at KPU's Richmond campus. The Melville team strategically pitched partnerships while having fun with the Richmond Community in our branded Photo Booth! We thank the Community Engagement & Major Events team for putting on this event.



STAFFING

Tiffany Valle Anaya's position as Interim Administrative Coordinator has been extended to the end of March 2024. Ruby Gupta, Interim Degree Advisor, has also been extended. The Melville School of Business is pleased to announce that Alex Al Modares was the successful candidate for the Student Success Coach permanent position.

PRESENTATIONS/ COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Lou Villalba: Community Activity

On April 24, MSB Faculty member Lou Villalba was part of an advocacy group of Hispanic Canadians headed to Parliament Hill. He had an opportunity to meet with the Director of Global Affairs Canada, working sessions with Members of Parliament as well as working sessions with members of Senate and at nighttime with Ambassadors of Latin America. Lou was a member of the Sustainability, Education and Immigration committees.

Lou has served in four different doctoral defense tribunals (two at Complutense de Madrid and two at SUMAS-- Sustainability Management School in Switzerland-, a KPU international partner). The ACBSP accreditation that the Melville School of Business holds was of outmost importance to be able to qualify to be part of the doctoral tribunals, along with Lou's personal credentials and subject matter expertise.

During Reading Week, Lou finished his post-doctoral thesis, and is considering defending the thesis for a post-doctoral degree in Spain. The research helped Lou understand processes of academic improvement at KPU.

As Honorary Consul of Paraguay to British Columbia, Lou was invited by our BC Lt. Governor and Premier Eby to a reception and government briefings led by Minister Bruce Ralston in Victoria on May 1. Opportunities of this nature allow attendees to bring a global voice to BC while building bridges with our constituencies.

Lou was featured on Global news discussing the legal and economic issues around gig work and how this sector of the economy is evolving, which can be found here: <https://globalnews.ca/video/9629280/future-of-work-the-gig-economy>

Ron Messer 2023 CAA Award

Accounting faculty Ron Messer won "Best Accounting Perspectives Case Award" from the Canadian Academic Accounting Association (CAAA). The CAAA has over 700 members across the globe. The Best Accounting Perspectives Case Award promotes the development of high-quality cases intended to provide accounting students with experiential opportunities and advances the case writing skills of CAAA members. The cases also



provide an opportunity to showcase the expertise of CAAA members.

I.D.E.A. X Challenge

Secondary student participants at I.D.E.A. X Challenge got a glimpse into the future of what their hometown could one day look like, as teams of District students presented projects to a panel of judges that aimed to answer a single, wide-reaching question: What might Langley look like 50 years from now?

Associate Dean Valerie Warren accompanied two faculty members, John Grant (ENTR) and Terry Tekatch (ACCT) as judges. KPU was a proud sponsor of this event.

PUBLICATIONS/ SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Melissa Ashman: Global OER Graduate Network Workshop

Melissa Ashman (CMNS & ENTR) gave a presentation on the intersection of open pedagogy and social justice at the Global OER Graduate Network Workshop at the University of the Highlands & Islands in Inverness, Scotland, UK on April 4. Additionally, she gave a presentation at the OTESSA Conference May 27 on a framework she developed for evaluating the creation and adaptation of open textbooks, and this work is also being published as a conference proceeding in the OTESSA journal.

Deirdre Maultsaid: Cases on Social Issues

Deirdre Maultsaid (CMNS), along with students from KPU and Douglas College in a variety of programs, and with the support of KPU Open have published an open book of cases for class discussion: Cases on Social Issues: For Class Discussion—<https://kpu.pressbooks.pub/social-issue-cases-2e/>

Tareq Mahbub: Encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FD) in Bangladesh's Power Sector

Tareq Mahbub (BGP) published "Encouraging Foreign Direct Investment (FD) in Bangladesh's Power Sector" in Springer – the world's most prestigious scientific publisher. It is purely based on empirical research of the highest quality, and comes with the KPU/Melville affiliation. <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-3-031-27990-4>.

Marcelo Machado: teaching in Germany

Marcelo Machado (OTM) taught a course in Germany- Regensburg, at KPU's partner university: Regensburg University of Applied Science - OTH. The course titled Innovation and Clean Technology Entrepreneurship ran from April to May.

Magdalena Mot: International Students as a Global Workforce

Work-Integrated Learning Coordinator Magdalena Mot recently had her article titled "International Students as a Global

Workforce” published in National Career Development Association’s Career Developments Spring 2023 edition. Her four-page article dove into hiring trends, improving processes, and creating pathways for International students in the Canadian workforce. NCDA members can find the article here: <https://lnkd.in/dwqXBPB>

CICan World Congress 2023: Collective Intelligence

John Grant (ENTR)’s proposal “How an ‘ungrading’ approach leads to more focus on learning than grades” was accepted as a presentation at CICan’s World Congress “Collective Intelligence” Conference. John presented the pre-recorded session at the Conference which took place April 23-25 in Montreal.

Lindsay Wood (CMNS) and Maryanne Eva (GBM) presented in-person at the Conference alongside Dr. Diane Purvey (KPU Provost and VP Academic) and Dr. Candy Ho (KPU Arts). Their presentation was titled “A united institutional approach towards the SDGs: The KPU story”. Lindsay and Maryanne were Faculty leads in the Spring semester for SDG Literacy involved with coordinating SDG Canada Week (March 6-10) and conducting the environmental scan.



Lindsay Wood: Anti-Racism Symposium

School of Business Instructor Lindsay Wood (CMNS) presented at KPU’s inaugural Anti-Racism Symposium on her project “Make the Invisible, Visible: conversations with KPU alumni about experiencing racism, microaggressions, inclusion, and belonging in the workplace”. The project was co-created with students and alumni. Lindsay has received a grant to develop a OER on Anti-Racism and EDI for KPU students and educators.

INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES

Melville Ideation Sessions

MSB has introduced an initiative to create time in faculty and staffing schedules to devote to working on our strategic goals called “Melville Ideation Sessions”.

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 – 10:00am, no MSB meetings or classes will be scheduled. Additionally, Dean’s office staff are free to participate in planned activities. The goal is to ensure everyone will have equal opportunity to bring our

strategic plan to life.

The first and last Wednesday of the month will be left open for working group meetings, i.e., the groups moving forward the prioritized initiatives. The second Wednesday of the month will give faculty and staff time to focus on decolonization, indigenization and reconciliation through a variety of scheduled activities. And we will devote the third Wednesday of the month to advancing our PRME commitments and accreditation goals.

Emerging Scholarship Series

The Melville School of Business Emerging Scholarship Series enables Melville faculty to present completed or work-in-progress scholarship to School colleagues and other interested parties at the University. The purpose is to bring out thought-provoking ideas associated with topics ranging from the pedagogy of business education to innovative business practice and analysis. The following presentations occurred from March-May:

- March: Jose Areekadan presented “a Guide to Working for the UN and NGOs”
- April: Marcelo Machado presented “Product Development Innovation and Circularity: Evidence from the Field”
- May: Alym Amlani and John Shepherd presented “Improving the Security and Quality of Online and Classroom-based Examinations”. We look forward to upcoming sessions with faculty speakers.

ALUMNI STORIES

Dilpreet Grewal: WorkSafe BC

Dilpreet Grewal graduated from Melville School of Business’ Accounting Program in May 2022. Dilpreet was successful in obtaining a permanent position at WorkSafeBC as an Accounts Payable clerk at the end of her Co-op term in August 2021 and thanks the Career Development team at KPU. Dilpreet has now begun the CPA program and her employer is supportive of her career development and goals. Worksafe also recently had a current KPU student, Amanda Cheung, join the team as a Co-op student!

STUDENT SUCCESS

Top 25 Under 25

The Melville School of Business was a Co-presenting sponsor on May 3 at Surrey’s Top 25 Under 25 awards. Associate Dean Valerie Warren produced opening remarks. Two KPU students were announced as winners; Armaan Dhillon (Criminology) and Ishant Goyal (Entrepreneurial Leadership).

Goyal arrived in Canada as an international student in 2017 and is now in his third year at KPU’s Melville School of Business. He is a student representative on KPU’s board of governors and on the KPU senate standing committee on appeals.

Melville School of Business cont'd

Goyal has also dedicated time to helping other students: as a student ambassador in the future students' office, as a peer tutor at the learning center, and as a mentor for new business students.

INFO 3150 Student Projects

INFO 3150 is an object-oriented software design and development course. The objective is to have students apply design knowledge to develop something that interests them for their course project. The expectation for this project is primarily design and some preliminary implementation (which may not be finished in the 3-month time frame). Two of Frank's students excelled in their projects:

The first group of students created the "Full Metal Akari game". This game was fully developed by the students from scratch, which means there was no external existing library or package used (not like other games, they can use existing software like unity, unreal etc). That is very impressive given that they were completed within about 3 months with game, video, art effect and audio.

The second one project done by a solo student, Gurkirat Kaur, who finished at least one-year worth of Master level work in under 3 months Gurkirat did a web scrapper that collects weather data from existing website and plot them on a map (since she is from India, she did an India map). The work can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pKAJqpXS_tZZwazBXknK-BsQwYZBYWu/view?usp=share_link

CapU Business Pitch Competition

A student team in an ENTR 4110 class submitted a business plan to CapU's business pitch competition and won third place (\$1000 cash prize).

Congratulations to: Binz Govind, Hriday Penumatcha, Mina Keddis, and Kyle Kennedy

CoMIS Case Competition

Over the week of March 28- April 1, a team of four KPU students (Kyle Kennedy, Gursimrat Gill, Ibrahim Elmassri, Henry Chang) and coach Duane Radcliffe attended the CoMIS Case Competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Students had a blast exploring the University of Minnesota campus where the competition took place – despite being delayed a day or two in the city due to mid-west blizzard warnings. The competition included a 24-hour case, as well as networking and speaker events.

WCBC Case Competition

Over the weekend of March 18th, a team of KPU Melville students (as part of KPU's case team) entered the simulation based Western Canadian Business Competition at Douglas College. It was another successful engagement by one of our case teams offering an experiential learning opportunity.

Highlights

1. Second overall in the competition
2. Second overall best Strategic Plan (submitted prior to the competition)
3. Two of the students received the second-best presenters' award (Ibrahim and Emylee)
4. The team presented their strategic plan to a panel of industry members as the team justified their decision-making process across several disciplines including Human Resources, Marketing, Finance and Operations.

Team members: Kyle Kennedy (ENTR), Ibrahim El Massri (ENTR) and Emylee Schumi (HRMT)

Coaches: Duane Radcliffe, Robert Wood and Carlos Calao

PROGRAMS/POLICIES/INITIATIVES

New Course: Introduction to Personal Finance (ACCT 1150)

The accounting department is excited to introduce a new course for Fall 2023, Introduction to Personal Finance. This undergraduate course overviews budgeting, saving, investing, and retirement planning with no pre-requisites required.



Office of Research, Innovation & Graduate Studies

WESTVAC and WESTVPR Conference 2023

- Deepak Gupta attended WestVAC and WestVPR Conference 2023 in Victoria, BC from March 1st to 3rd. Western Canada's VPs and AVPs for academics and research gathered to discuss hot topics, emerging issues, and collaborative opportunities.

Pan-Canadian University Collaboration through BCNET

- In collaboration with BCNET and ACCRU (Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities), Deepak Gupta is engaged to look at consortia-based approaches to securing various research software. As part of an initial effort, an RFI (Request for Information) has been collaboratively developed and launched to look at various enterprise electronic research administration software.

MITACS's Business Strategy Internship Program is Now Accepting Applications for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year

- Business Strategy Internship (BSI) is an innovation initiative that provides an internship grant for projects that involve a student intern and a faculty supervisor. Based on previous years' usage, KPU will have access to 55 BSIs for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, 50 of which have been set aside for the Melville School of Business. The program provides critical support to business students and the businesses of our community.

KPU Publishes its First Institutional Research Data Management Strategy

- KPU has published the first official version of our institutional Research Data Management Strategy, in compliance with Section 3.1 of the Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy. Readers can find the KPU RDM Strategy [here](#). The RDM Working Group led the development of the RDM strategy.

Research Administration Retreat Spring 2023

- The Office of AVPRIGS hosted the annual Research Administration Retreat at Stanley Park on April 27, 2023. The retreat began with an Indigenous walking tour (offered by Talaysay Tour) that focused on learning about the history of Vancouver and Stanley Park Through Indigenous eyes and Indigenous ways of knowing. In the afternoon, there were presentations and discussions on improving research administration processes in order to address Vision 2026 goals.

CANARIE Board of Directors Dinner

- Dr. Gupta attended and represented KPU at the CANARIE Board of Directors Dinner on April 27, 2023. This event provided an opportunity for members of the Board to interact with leaders from the communities CANARIE serves, and to gain insight into their evolving needs.

CAUBO 2023 Annual Conference

- Dr. Gupta and Dr. Amit Shukla attended the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) 2023 Annual Conference in Toronto, Ontario, from May 8, 2023, to May 10, 2023. The conference brought together Canadian university administrators working in a variety of functional areas, including finance, human resources, treasury, procurement, facilities, internal audit, risk management and IT. Conference sessions focused on trends and hot topics in higher education administration in order to provide delegates with best practices and information they can put to use immediately. In addition, Deepak Gupta also visited Humber College and Centennial College to visit research and innovation spaces, and understand current trends and investments in these Ontario colleges.

Applied Genomics Centre Opening Ceremony

- Applied Genomics Centre hosted a formal opening ceremony on Thursday, May 25, 2023. Andrew Mercier, B.C. Minister of State for Workforce Development, and Sukh Dhaliwal, MP for Surrey-Newton, joined KPU President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Alan Davis to officially open a second lab space, effectively doubling the AGC in size and ushering in a new phase of highly-specialized genetics research relied on by the B.C. agricultural sector.



Student Research and Innovation Grant Featured in SDG Mapping Project Report

- The SDG Mapping Project was undertaken to map all initiatives at KPU that support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In their interim report, the Student Research and Innovation Grant (SRIG) has been identified as a notable practice as the application process asks applicants to identify which SDG their proposed project contributes to. The final report will be available shortly.

Strengthening Collaboration and Awareness in BC of Research at Teaching Institutions

- A collaboration across BCAIU heads of research is underway of a series of initiatives to strengthen collaboration and improve awareness of research at teaching universities and institutes in BC. Dr. Gupta was invited to discuss and present these ideas to a meeting of BCAIU Provosts. It is anticipated that after further input and refinement, these ideas for collaboration and awareness will be shared amongst BCAIU Presidents in the coming months.

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Visioning Graduate Studies at KPU: A Faculty of Science and Horticulture Forum

- Deepak Gupta, Dianne Symonds and Mariana Gatzeva presented at the Faculty of Science and Horticulture Forum on February 22, 2023.

OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES

Updates on Pedagogical Merit Review

- As per the RS6 policy, ORS has completed the first pedagogical merit review for 8 courses that involve use of animals. Based on comments from 2 reviewers, six courses have received approval and another two are in the process of working through revisions.

International Trade Delegation Campus Visit

- On February 28, 2023, Amit Shukla, Brett Favaro, Paul Adams, Layne Myhre and Mathias Schuetz presented promotional information at a KPU-hosted Government Relations event that included International trade representatives from 7 countries; colleagues from the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation; and members from the City of Surrey. The presentation included tours of the AGC and the Zebra Fish labs.

Office of Research Services Virtual Retreat

- The Office of Research Services held a virtual retreat on March 30, 2023. The agenda included developing vision/mission/values statements for the unit, revising/updating workflow processes for the pre- and post-award grant administration and research agreement review/vetting procedure, and updating other ORS functions.

Canada Research Chairs EDI Stipend

- KPU has been awarded the Canada Research Chairs Program Stipend for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for 2023-24. The grant, in the amount of \$50,000, will allow us to continue our efforts to offer EDID and anti-racism training for KPU researchers, and acquire related library

materials. The grant period began on March 1, 2023 and continues through March 31, 2024.

Updates on Scientific Merit Review

- Currently, one scientific research protocol is undergoing the review process. This process will ensure that both Pedagogical and Scientific Merit review processes are in place before the Good Animal Practice (GAP) certification application to be submitted to the Canadian Council for Animal Care (CCAC).

Dr. Jennifer Hardwick Receives SSHRC Insight Grant

- Dr. Jennifer Hardwick, English Dept. received a SSHRC Insight grant for a project titled: "Curves Spilling Stories": Embodiment, Intersectionality, and Resistance in the Work of Virago Nation. Dr. Hardwick's work will 'examines resistance, solidarity, and inclusion in the face of settler colonialism, white supremacy, heteropatriarchy, ableism, and anti-2SLGBTQIA+ violence, but enacts it through collaborative creation.'

Indigenous Research Support

- Dr. Taranum Sultana, Charlene Seward, and Payal Batra have been working on conceptualizing and creating a framework to develop a handbook for an Indigenous Research Support Initiative at KPU. The inspiration for this is the version at UBC. <https://irsi.ubc.ca/>. An initial discussion was held with Gayle Bedard, AVP, Indigenous Leadership, Innovation, and Partnership, and there are plans to engage all host nations as well as urban Indigenous community members in developing this further.

THE RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD (REB)

Dr. Tara Lyons Re-Appointed to The Research Ethics Board Chair

- The Research Ethics Board unanimously voted Dr. Tara Lyons for the REB chair for 2023-2024 academic year. Congratulations Tara!

Research Ethics Board Reappointment

- After an open call to the KPU community, Dr. Zahia Marzouk is being appointed to the Research Ethics Board for another 2-year term from September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2025.

ANIMAL CARE COMMITTEE

Updates on Good Animal Practice Certification Application

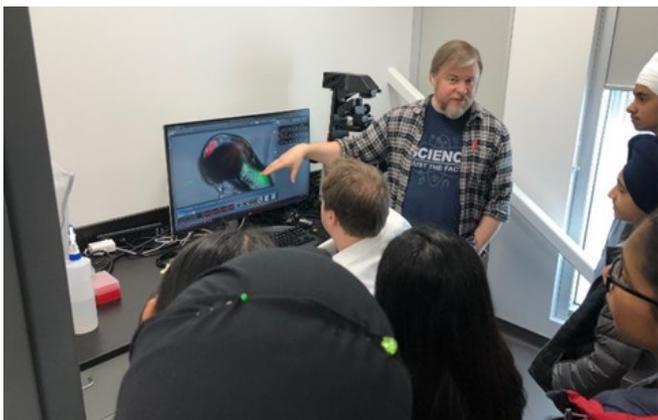
- The Animal Care Committee continues to work towards submission of their Good Animal Practice Certification application. As part of this application, processes are being

developed around occupational health and safety and crisis management in relation to animal use in research and teaching. In addition, a Moodle course addressing ethics and safety for animal users is currently under development.

RESEARCH LABORATORIES, CENTRES, AND INSTITUTES

Applied Genomics Centre – Lab Tour

- March 6, 2023 - the Applied Genomics Centre hosted a lab tour for an industry partner, Van Belle Nursery.
- March 15, 2023 - Tars Cheema, editor for BC Holstein News, visited the AGC for a tour.
- March 21, 2023 – Drs. Ellen Boyd and Paul Adams gave a presentation for the BC Ministry of Agriculture at the WestGen Board of Directors meeting.
- April 14, 2023 –High School Science Fair (photos below)
- April 20, 2023 – Delegates Tour
- April 25, 2023 – After-School Science, Research Day – high school students participated in a DNA extraction lab activity
- April 28, 2023 - KPU Day – the AGC hosted 12 lab tours from 9 am-12 pm



Applied Genomics Centre – Staffing Updates

- The AGC welcomed a new Computational Biologist Patrick Taylor on March 1, 2023.
- On March 1, 2023, the AGC also welcomed Research Technician Jermaine Walcott.
- Erick Samera was appointed as an AGC Junior Bioinformatician on April 1, 2023.
- On May 3, 2023, the AGC welcomed five new student research assistants: Emma Bulowski, Katie Heron, Tamryn Kennedy, Sharmin Malik, Anureet Samra. These students support the research goals of the AGC under an NSERC Build IE Program and benefit from experiential learning and practical training opportunities while studying at KPU.

Applied Genomics Centre – Increased Student Engagement at AGC

- Paul Adams visited KPU science students in their classrooms to inform them of the hands-on learning opportunities provided by the AGC. His presentation tour included eight science classes. His efforts proved to be beneficial – the AGC received 61 applications for the Student Research Assistant position that closed on March 31, 2023.

Applied Genomics Centre – New Community and Industry Partnerships

- The Applied Genomics Centre formed a partnership with the Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Agassiz Research and Development Centre to work on a research project that will run from March 31, 2023 to March 31, 2024.
- The AGC formed a new industry partnership with the BC Blueberry Council, Raspberry Industry Development Council, BC Strawberry Growers' Association.

Applied Genomics Centre – VanBUG Meeting

- On April 20, 2023, Paul Adams attended the VanBUG meeting at St. Paul's Hospital. VanBUG (Vancouver Bioinformatics Users Group) is an association of researchers, other professionals and students in the B.C. Lower Mainland who meet monthly from September through April. Research presentations by bioinformatics leaders, students and industry representatives are followed by networking over pizza and refreshments.

Institute for Sustainable Food Systems - Presentations

- Jenn Cline presented a workshop on Soil Health and another workshop on Composting to indigenous participants across BC for the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC) in the event "ISPARC Provincial Food Systems Gathering" on Feb 28 and Mar 1, 2023.

- Jenn Cline, Payal Batra and Charlene Seward will give a project presentation to the Bridge River Indian Band (an Indigenous community), for the Xwisten research project during April 12 – 14, 2023.
- Charlene Seward and Jenn attended Xwisten's Earth Day Community Event for indigenous community engagement and data collection on information pertaining to the agriculture revitalization project on April 23, 2023.
- Wallapak Polasub organized a round table discussion at KPU Civic Plaza for the Newcomers, Food Insecurity and Pathways Forward project on April 26, 2023.
- Kristi Tatebe completed the North Okanagan Market Opportunity Study Summary Presentation to FeedBC staff in the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Food on May 4, 2023.

Institute for Sustainable Food Systems – Staffing Updates

- Dr. Wallapak Polasub was appointed as the Research and Extension Program Manager effective April 3, 2023.
- Yoko MacLennan, joined ISFS as Extension Assistant - Farm Incubator Program Mentor on March 20, 2023.
- Clifford Capezzuto and Eric Fowler joined ISFS as Field Staff for crop production in Sik-E-Dakh Farm School on March 20, 2023.
- Amanda Wesley, Donovan McLeod, and Nelson Azac joined ISFS as Field Staff for livestock production in Sik-E-Dakh Farm School on April 3, 2023.

Institute for Sustainable Food Systems - Publications

- E. Hansen, K. Tatebe, N. Robert, K. Watson, and K. Mullinix. "Planning for Sustainable Food Systems in Canada – Findings from a Survey of Canadian Planners and Practitioners." Plan Canada, Summer 2023.

Institute for Sustainable Food Systems – Outreach Videos on The KPU Farm Schools Program

- ISFS completed three outreach videos about the KPU Farm Schools program. Video links attached:
 - * [Community Supported Agriculture at the KPU Farm Schools](#) (7 minutes)
 - * [Newcomers and new entrant farmers, featuring the Pacific Immigrant Resources Society](#) (5:40 minutes)
 - * [Richmond Farm School and community connections: featuring the Pathways Club House](#) (3 minutes)

Institute for Sustainable Horticulture – Funding Advancement

- TerraBiogen Technologies Ltd. and MITACS (\$15,000). Mode of action of organic plant-growth stimulants in tomato.
- Sfaira Foundation ROBA Kindergarten Pilot Project in April 2023. \$25,000 (and matching funds donated through the KPU Foundation). This will establish a community-supported kindergarten in the rural highlands of Ethiopia where none has ever existed, strengthening both the Oromo Gadaa UNESCO heritage culture and literacy. It will also help prevent drop out at grade 1 (the highest dropout year for rural children).

Institute for Sustainable Horticulture – Trainings for Research Lab

- Cannanavigators provided two training sessions on cannabis research compliance in March 2023. Cannabis Responsible Person training was presented for the ISH Director and ORS who oversee cannabis research. Cannabis Security and Chain of Custody training was provided for ISH staff, and Langley Facilities and Security staff in preparation for carrying out cannabis research.
- Since January 2023, six ISH staff members have participated in training to prepare and submit Global Biopesticide Registration data packages. This will be one more way to assist our current partners in developing new biological pest and disease management products. Already it has resulted in two new international partnerships (UK and Spain) to collaborate on the development of new bio-products. The provider of the training is an international consultant in registration, located in Germany, with direct experience as a registrant and regulator in Canada.

Institute for Sustainable Horticulture – Dr. Deborah Henderson Appointed as Advisor for the World Bioprotection Forum

- Deborah Henderson has become an Advisor for the World Bioprotection Forum (WBF), an international non-profit organization that encourages collaboration between the biocontrol industry and academia in the AgriTech sector.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Teaching and Learning

EVENTS & UPDATES

- Consultation is complete around the development of an updated strategic plan and operational goals for Teaching and Learning. Our areas of focus include high impact practices such as use of ePortfolios, learning environments, course design and renewal, the scholarship of teaching and learning, open education, and inclusion. For details of the strategic priorities [review presentation here](#). Feedback is welcome, contact leann.waddington@kpu.ca
- The latest editions of the [T&L Commons Newsletter](#) have been published:
 - * [March](#)
 - * [April](#)
 - * [May](#)

WORKSHOPS

- 50 Participants attended the Generative AI for Teaching & Learning Think Tank session to partner with KPU faculty to develop safe, effective uses for generative AI in KPU learning environments. We will be joined by guest speaker, Dr. George Veletsiano shared his perspective on generative AI technology and guided us through activities to collectively brainstorm more ways to innovate teaching and learning through use of generative AI.
- The second Partner Spotlight was held March 16th. [To view the session, click here](#).
 - * Open Education Week took place March 6-10
 - * Engaging Students in OER Projects: 15 attendees
 - * Engaging Students in UN SDGs through Open Pedagogy: 8 attendees
 - * Bringing Open Pedagogy to Life with guest speaker Karen Cangialosi: 21 attendees
 - * Intro to Crim Book Launch: 16 attendees
- An Open Education Resource Book Fair is being held on May 31. [Click here for more information](#).
- Visit our newly improved [Teaching & Learning Events page](#) for our full slate of learning opportunities

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES

- The Learning Technologies team resolved 2,369 support tickets and our faculty Educational Consultants completed 66 pedagogical consultations.
- Padlet software has been launched and 282 faculty and student users are now in place.

- Plans are underway for the development of 4 additional lecture capture/Hyflex classrooms with FY24 capital funding.
- Procurement is underway for the draft coach component of Turnitin expected launch has moved to Fall 2023.

OPEN EDUCATION

- ZTC course marking for Fall 2023 begins this week.
- Our [ZTC Data Dashboard has been updated](#) with Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 data. We have reached cumulative student savings of \$9 million, and are saving students an average of \$1.75 million each academic year.

PERSONNEL UPDATES

- Nishan Perera has accepted the position of Director Learning Technologies & Educational Development
- Sunaina Paudel has joined the team as a Learning Technologies Junior Analyst
- The Learning Technology team has hired a co-op student: Rajmale Kaur

TEAM DEVELOPMENT

- In March the commons team completed the Clifton Strengths inventory and participated in a PD session on how to implement strength-based collaboration. Leadership and TL strategists attended the Online Learning Consortium Conference in April for learning and team building..
- Leadership attended Colleges and Institutes Canada World Congress in April.
- Representatives of the Learning Technology team attended BCNET Connect conference in April.



University Library

SPACES

Library mural

- KPU Library Surrey is home to a new mural that stands around 25 feet tall and 10 feet. This mural was designed and created by KPU Arts Indigenous Artist-in-Residence Brandon Gabriel, Chicago-born aerosol artist Desi Mundo, and Chilean studio artist Pancho Pescador. The colourful mural celebrates activist Kat Norris and features landscapes and symbols such as a drum, a feather, and the peaks of the Ch'ich'iyúy Elxwíkn, also known as the two sisters in the Squamish language Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh sníchim), or the Lions. Themes of the mural include activism, environmentalism, and social justice for Indigenous peoples.

KPU Library Space refresh

- KPU Library spaces, both public and staff, received refreshes. In Cloverdale, Richmond, and Langley staff and librarian offices have been updated with new furniture and paint. The Langley Workroom is receiving new furniture and desks.
- At Surrey, the 1st floor common area and 3rd floor silent study area received brand new furniture and new pieces of artwork. On the 3rd floor, new study dividers will help students concentrate on their work in privacy. On the 1st floor, new lounge seating creates a comfortable and welcoming space for library users. The new furniture allows for more user comfort without losing any seating capacity in the library.
- At Cloverdale and Langley, computer labs and study rooms received a paint refresh. A new decal wall at Langley adds brightness and colour to the Library Service Counter. Cloverdale's $\chi^w\alpha\chi^w\acute{e}\acute{y}\grave{a}m$ space is now complete and Cloverdale now has additional lounge seating in the library.



drop-in Math, Business, and Science Tutoring and the KSA hosted a pop-up booth highlighting wellness resources.

- Upon arriving, students filled out ballots to enter hourly prize draws and filled out goal sheets outlining what assignments they were aiming to complete at the event. These goal sheets were placed on a pin board so all students could become motivated.



Surrey 3rd floor new furniture.

EVENTS / ACTIVITIES / INITIATIVES

Long Night Against Procrastination

- This March, KPU Library hosted its first ever Long Night Against Procrastination (LNAP), partnering with the KSA and Learning Centre. At LNAP, KPU Library provided a safe space for studying, working on final assignments, and stress relief. Learning Centre tutors were on site providing



University Library cont'd

- Stress relief activities included a visit from four very popular therapy dogs, colouring activities, and a station set up by the KPU Gaming Guild. Activities throughout the night included workshops from the Learning Centre and a KPU Library Star Wars escape room. Free snacks, including tea, coffee, and pizza proved to be very popular.
- The event was a success, with over 200 students attending. KPU Library looks forward to hosting this event again in the future!

Archives Showcase at KPU Day

- The Archives, located on the third floor of Surrey Campus library, hosted a well-attended open house during KPU Day 2023. Archivist Denise Dale curated a collection of artifacts and items to display, and Library Documentation Technician Teresa Cjirzak created a series of posters called "Celebrating with a look back at Employee Long Service 1988-2008" for the awards ceremony portion of the day.



Ask us about ChatGPT and Academic Integrity Pop-up table

- In April, Librarian Ulrike Kestler, along with Anna Robinson and Susan Xia from the Academic Integrity team, hosted a pop-up Academic Integrity and ChatGPT table in Surrey Library. The table's purpose was to encourage students to



think about the implications of artificial intelligence tools on academic integrity. At the table, students answered quiz questions about academic integrity and discussed emerging academic integrity concerns about artificial intelligence tools like ChatGPT.

COLLECTIONS

New Guide to Artificial Intelligence

- KPU Library's new [Artificial Intelligence Guide](#) aims to help students navigate and use AI technology responsibly and ethically. In the guide, students can learn about artificial intelligence, including ChatGPT, and learn how AI can be used in a way that enhances learning and encourages critical thinking without compromising academic integrity.
- This guide, created by Librarian Ulrike Kestler, also overviews methods of critically evaluating content created by generative AI, outlines appropriate and inappropriate uses of AI, and demonstrates methods of citing and acknowledging the use of AI generated content.

New Library subscriptions

- The Library recently started new subscriptions that fill gaps in the Library's e-resource offerings.
 - * Mergent Online is a key business database that is best known for its extensive company information, including detailed histories, news, executive information, financials, and more. It also includes business environment and risk reports for many countries worldwide, industry reports for many sectors in several world regions, and extensive American economic indicators.
 - * UpToDate is an industry-standard point-of-care tool for healthcare professionals. Used extensively in the BC medical and healthcare sector, it provides current information on health conditions and medications, for use in understanding and making decisions on patient care at the point of need.
 - * In addition, the Library's IBISWorld subscription was upgraded to include business environment profiles, risk rating reports, and iExpert Summaries (concise reports of industry facts, trends, and insights).

Board and Card Game collection at Richmond Library

Richmond Library now has a board and card game collection available. The aim of this collection is to provide students and other library users with the opportunity to check out games to use throughout the semester for stress relief and socialization. The games can be searched for in the library catalogue and

Wilson School of Design

EVENTS

Open Doors, Open Minds

Erika Balcombe (faculty, Interior Design) and Susan Ju (faculty, Foundations in Design, Product Design), recently participated in KPU's Open Doors, Open Minds event for Indigenous high school students within the local region. This special event welcomed indigenous students to the Surrey campus for a full day of activities with current students and instructors. Erika and Susan participated in this event by providing a workshop on design and design thinking process to participating youth. This workshop was well attended and well received by students.



2023 WSD Grad Show

This year, to celebrate our graduating students and showcase the depth and breadth of our programs, we held three distinct events as part of our 2023 Grad Show. Planning for these events took many months, and involved students, faculty and staff. The 4th year Graphic Design for Marketing class produced a comprehensive campaign and supporting materials to promote the Grad Show events, as part of their final class projects. Each student presented three concepts for the campaign, and the winning student's design was chosen by their faculty and peers. Once the creative direction was determined, the class developed all support materials including campaign posters, emails, signage, wayfinding and more. Graduating students from all our programs showcased themselves with innovative displays, prototypes, capstone projects and portfolios. Students were presented in an exhibition-style format throughout the first two floors of our campus. An exciting energy underscored the ambiance of the event where many connections and student leadership emerged.

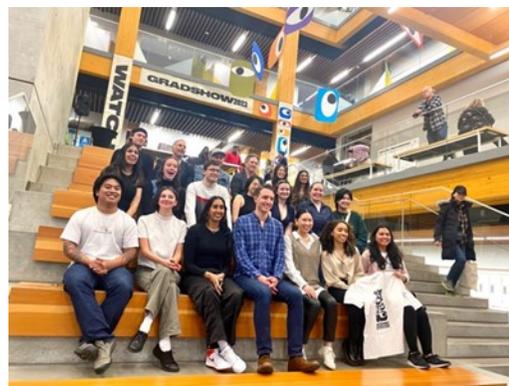


Industry Night

On April 20, we kicked off with Industry Night, from 5pm to 9pm. This dynamic after-work event focussed on a curated guest list of local industry, business leaders, community partners, alumni, donors and media. 478 guests registered from over 100 local companies such as Arc'teryx, Science World, Sony Pictures, Native Shoes and Zeidler Architecture. Guests enjoyed the unique opportunity to connect one-on-one with our career-ready grads. We received numerous accolades and feedback from industry, and over a third of the attendees expressed an interest in further collaboration with the School of Design (guest speaking, practicums, critiques, project-based).

School Tours

On April 21, with the support of the Future Students' Office, we held numerous tours and hands-on activities for high school classes from across the Lower Mainland. FSO and Design provided subsidies for school buses, with over 350 students registered. Students toured the campus, explored grad displays and presentations, attended information sessions and viewed demonstrations of our studios and labs.



Family & Friends Night

Our Grad Show 2023 concluded with Family & Friends night, with over 700 people registered.

Students presented their displays and final projects with pride to their family, friends and the KPU community. The energy was palpable and a sense of relief and celebration was evident for all students.

PUBLICATIONS/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Instructor Designs the 2023 Canada Games Cauldron

Athletes and spectators of the 2023 Canada Winter Games were greeted with a stunning piece of visual art designed by our Product Design instructor, Sholto Scruton. Sholto is the designer behind a new cauldron that kept a symbolic flame alive during the multisport event hosted by Prince Edward Island. The circular design of the cauldron's mobius ring is intended to evoke the idea of perpetual inspiration, while the gold texture of the cauldron's flora elements aims to connect diverse identities by integrating plants unique to regions across Canada. Scruton's Sholto Design Studio designed the concept for the three-metre tall cauldron with support from Indigenous artist Randall Bear Barnetson and marketing firm Will Creative. Charlottetown Metal Products completed the fabrication in PEI using stainless steel. The cauldron was set ablaze at a ceremony on Feb. 19 and remained on display throughout the



Games.

John Belisle – Canada Post Stamp

John Belisle, Graphic Design for Marketing instructor, has designed the 2023 Canada Post Community Foundation stamp, featuring an owl, a fox, and a bear reading together in the moonlight. “The theme of this stamp issue is the way in which stories and storytelling enhance the lives of children and youth,” says Belisle. “The illustration depicts a diverse group of animals gathering around a fire in the forest to read a story together. It reminds us of the joy that stories and storytelling bring, as well as the creativity and curiosity they inspire.” The stamp issue is part of the foundation's annual campaign to raise money for grants to support Canadian charities, schools and organizations that benefit children and youth. Canada Post retail employees selected the design from Belisle, who is no stranger to the art of creating postage stamps. Belisle has been designing stamps for 15 years, including 25 stamps for Canada Post. His postage designs include themes of the 2010 Winter Games and Star Trek, to Canadians in Hollywood and mental health awareness.



INITIATIVES/ACTIVITIES

Upcycled Design Competition

This year marks the 4th consecutive design competition developed in partnership with Our Social Fabric and the Wilson School of Design at KPU. The competition seeks to combine reclaimed materials with the skill and expertise of KPU's design students to demonstrate the viability of transforming fabric/material waste into upcycled design concepts. Our goal is to create awareness of Our Social Fabric's efforts and inspire the many talented, emerging designers at the Wilson School of Design.



In the spirit of this year's theme “Protopia”, participants created a 3-dimensional design using recycled textiles and found objects. The term Protopia commits to a better world. We know that Utopia is perfect (and therefore impossible to attain) and Dystopia is an intolerable concept. Protopia is about making today better than yesterday. The criteria was simple. Transform fabric/material waste into an upcycled de-

sign that expresses an idea of how to make the world a better place. Protopia looks to achievable, incremental changes that can improve our world. On May 4, we hosted the Winners Announcement event with student finalists, guests and donors. View all finalist and winners' submissions at <https://www.kpu.ca/upcycled>

Colombia Design Field School 2023

Led by faculty members Marlis Joller and Lucie Gagné, the Design Field School departed Vancouver for Bogota, Colombia on April 21, 2023. Over the two weeks in Colombia, students visited cultural locations and design projects such as the Gold museum in Bogota historic center, the modern city of Medellin, examples of vibrant contemporary Colombian design, bamboo architecture of the coffee region, and the historic walled city by the sea, Cartagena. Through these excursions and guest lectures, students gained important insight into the history and culture of the region as well personal and global issues related to design.



Amazon Interdisciplinary Amazon Field School

KPU's Interdisciplinary Amazon Field School, in partnership with the Calanoa National Reserve, started their adventure in Bogota on May 5, 2023. Led by WSD Faculty members Lucie Gagné and Marlis Joller, the group started in Bogota where they experienced local culture and architecture (like the Catedral Primada de Bogota) and local nature (the Andes at a breath-taking 3,500m altitude). Later in May participants made their way to Leticia and then down the Amazon river to the Calanoa National Reserve in the heart of the Amazon rainforest.



ALUMNI STORIES

Jeremy Senko: 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award

KPU Alumni Association's Tribute committee met recently to adjudicate this year's KPU Distinguished Alumni awards – WSD and Interior Design degree grad, Jeremy Senko, is one of our distinguished alumni who will receive the award this year. Jeremy's rise within and work with local firm BYU (a firm created by two KPU alumni) as well as his ground-breaking work with the ASID COVID – 19 IMPACT Review Task Force has earned Jeremy these KPU accolades.

Fashion & Technology Alumni - Sasha Diamond-Belle Event

Fashion and Technology alumni, Sasha Diamond-Belle (Schaepe) (2019) hosted an experimental mix-media, immersive, fashion event, FOR: ZE on March 17-24. Angelo Massot,

Wilson School of Design cont'd

alumni of the Fashion Marketing program has supported the marketing and PR of the event and current Fashion and Technology 3rd year student Paula Burrows wrote an article about the event in West Coast Curated. Faculty, Sharon Greeno and Heather Clark visited the event with great pride.

Fashion & Technology – Alumni Class Visits

On March 15th the 4th year Fashion and Technology class welcomed multiple alumni guests. Krista Knight is currently a Quality Development Technician with lululemon and she provided an overview of her role, and shared some samples with students. It was a wonderful and insightful visit about a crucial role in the production process to assess what can be achieved in manufacturing, textile development, and more. Astha Sachdeva (2018), Israa Dief (2020), and Lexi Chang (2021) then joined the class to talk about their career paths and shared advice for thinking about post graduation. They answered numerous questions including tasks in each role, salary ranges, negotiating advice, interviewing and much more.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Graphic Design DesCan Awards

A number of Graphic Design for Marketing students were recognized at DesCan's Salazar Awards on May 18th. 111 entries were received from 13 schools and students of the Wilson School of Design won 3 out of the 4 major categories (\$500 prize each), with many others recognized as Honourable Mentions in various categories.



Winners:

- * Bella Sanchez - Lost in the Depths (Category: Interactive / UX/UI)
- * Bella Sanchez - Frozen Child (Category: Print)
- * Matteo Ferralasco - Skyfall: The Series (Category: Video & Motion)

Honourable Mentions:

- * Manesha Dulay - Norcos Bikes Rebrand (Category: Branding); Personal Portfolio Annual (Category: Print)
- * Rachel de Freitas - Gestures Cofeehouse (Category: Branding)
- * Cali Martin - For the Children (Category: Interactive / UX/UI)
- * Ellie Kim - To Right a Wrong (Category: Interactive / UX/UI); Brewed in Tune (Category: Print)
- * Julian Doerschlag - Vivo (Category: Interactive / UX/UI)
- * Priya Sahota - Ghosts: A Guide to Residential Schools (Category: Print)
- * Elias Lemke - Tales from the Forgotten (Category: Print)
- * Cherlin Eggenfellner - Fentanyl Overdose Response for ER Staff (Category: Print)

- * Matteo Ferralasco - Uncovering the Truth (Category: Video & Motion)

Interior Design NEWH Awards

Hailey Bassiri

Third year Interior Design degree student, Hailey Bassiri, was recently named one of NEWH's Emerging Talents. NEWH shared a profile of Hailey on their social media pages and in print. Hailey completed several fantastic projects in her third year and will soon be taking part in the inaugural Honours degree stream for Interior Design.



Paulina Jaszcaewska

Paulina has recently completed her second year of the Bachelor of Interior Design Program. She's a NEWH Vancouver student member, and has been volunteering with NEWH for close to one year! Paulina has worked as an Office Administrator at Inside Design Studio throughout the school year, and will be their Design Intern for the summer.



PROGRAM/POLICIES/INITIATIVES

Fashion Marketing – Packaging Designer

On March 14th, the 1st year Fashion Marketing class had a visit from award winning packaging designer Andrew Zo. The students appreciated his openness and his passion for his field.

Interior Design – Hycroft Field Trip

In April, 1st & 2nd Year Interior Design students had the opportunity to tour Hycroft Manor - University Women's Club. They spent the morning learning about design history in Vancouver, Italian architecture, interior design and furniture styles (Georgian, Edwardian and Tudor) of the late 19th/20th century. The field trip was an opportunity to discuss the importance of local heritage conservation.

Interior Design – Belkin Gallery

In April, 2nd Year Interior Design students visited UBC's Belkin Art Gallery. The Ecologies and Economies tour highlighted art throughout UBC campus that reflects the topics of social responsibility, climate change and the relationship of people with the natural and built environment.

Graphic Design Guest Speaker

GDMA 1220: Graphic Design Software App 2, hosted a special presentation from Reg Dick of Dossier Creative. He spoke about graphic design production for packaging and specialty print. The students really enjoyed his talk and had the chance to see the course learnings applied in real-life projects. Reg was kind enough to bring pre-production samples and assets from the projects done at Dossier to clarify any questions the students might have.

Office of the Vice President, Students

The following activities and programs are underway across Student Services in alignment with the University's strategic vision and goals.

OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, STUDENTS (OVPS)

Together, all of us in Student Services serve as champions for the issues students face, and provide the services they so deserve. The OVPS oversees the following area that provide supports for all KPU students:

- Student Affairs
- Office of the Registrar
- KPU International

Appointment of Vice President, Students

Zena Mitchell was appointed as KPU's Vice President Students, effective April 3, 2023. Nadia Henwood, Associate Registrar, Recruitment and Admissions, has been appointed interim AVP Enrolment Services and Registrar while a search is conducted for the permanent AVP Enrolment Services and Registrar



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STUDENT AFFAIRS

Continued Growth in the Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre shows 700 new students registered on KPU's student job board, *Career Connection*, along with 132 new employers. A remarkable 1,129 employment opportunities were posted, with students assisted through 102 career advising appointments and 221 resume reviews.

Co-operative education saw 368 Summer postings with 79 student placements.

Assessment & Testing Services (ATS)

ATS supported access students through an extremely busy final exam stretch in April at the Surrey campus, reaching capacity in the test centre with 2-3 seat turnovers per day for several of the exam days. The ATS team maintained a calm and efficient test centre throughout, ensuring a supportive environment for these students.

"Safer Campuses for Everyone" Training Launched

The Student Rights & Responsibilities Office (SRRO) is excited to announce that the *Safer Campuses for Everyone Training* modules are now live! This 75-minute online, self-paced, non-facilitated training course in Moodle is recommended for all members of the KPU campus community including students, faculty, administrators, and staff.

In the course, learners have the opportunity to increase their knowledge about the types and impacts of sexualized violence, examining some of the reasons why sexualized violence occurs. They learn about the importance of consent in all relationships and how to safely intervene to prevent sexualized violence. As well, they learn about ways to find support for themselves or how to support someone else who has experienced sexualized violence.

The Safer Campuses for Everyone training was created by BCcampus as a result of consultation and collaboration with students, staff, and faculty in the B.C. post-secondary sector over the past several years. This has been adapted by the SRRO team to include information specific to KPU, such as how to access support for sexualized violence at KPU.

You can access the modules [here](#).

Ellucian Advise in Academic Advising

Student Affairs received budget approval for Ellucian Advise, a Banner plug-in with CRM capabilities, and project work has begun on developing a phased implementation plan. Ellucian Advise will support the effectiveness and efficiency of KPU academic advising by empowering both advisors and students with data-informed insights and tools to strengthen student success and retention strategies with more personalized student communication, proactive student outreach, and holistic student care.

Peer Resilience Workshops

Student Health Promotion hosted a series of Peer Resilience workshops on the Surrey campus over the spring. The Peer Resilience Program aims to build resilience skills and increase social connections among KPU students. The program content was developed by a KPU faculty member and the workshops are designed to be entirely peer-led.

Sport & Recreation

Sport & Recreation recently hosted a dodgeball tournament in the Surrey gymnasium. The tournament was a success with 22 participants and a large group of students showing up to support the competitors. Several students had never heard of dodgeball and were excited to learn and play a new sport.

Sport & Recreation also began offering kickboxing as a specialty fitness class. The class is seeing such high enrolment that a second weekly class has now been introduced to accommodate the number of participants.

Stress Busters in the Multi-Faith Centre

Multi-Faith Centre Chaplains hosted Stress Buster sessions at the Surrey and Richmond campuses to support students during their spring exam period. Students were encouraged to stop by to participate in activities and enjoy refreshments while getting to know the Chaplains.

SAFA Supports Students in Need

The Student Awards & Financial Assistance (SAFA) department awarded a total of \$870,171 to 370 students in high financial need this spring. The department received 875 applications for term bursaries, demonstrating a total need of close to \$2 million.

SAFA also celebrated students' achievements through the distribution of over \$175,000 in scholarships and awards to more than 180 students. Over the summer months, 270 completed applications for Fall Entrance Awards and over 500 completed applications for the General Awards program will be adjudicated.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Recruitment Events in the Future Students' Office

The Future Students' Office (FSO) has had a very busy recruitment period! Below is a snapshot of a few recruitment activities including:

- JABC TechWorks event on the Surrey campus was a full-day, tech career exploration conference for over 450 high school students, with exciting speakers, music, demos and breakout sessions. Future students learned about career paths, and educational requirements, and were able to participate in hands-on activities. KPU was given an exclusive opportunity to promote the new Entertainment Arts (ENTA) programs at this event.
- Mission School District tour at KPU Richmond with Wilson School of Design, featuring workshops for future students.
- More than 25 individual high school presentations throughout March.
- KPU Dual Credit STRIVE Wrap-up Party at Surrey Campus for students finishing POST 1200 in the spring term.
- Skills Richmond worked with SkillsBC to facilitate a multi-skills competition event. An FSO table was set up for any students who had questions about programs. Over 200 students on campus attended from grades 7-12.
- Career Life Exploration for Grade 10 students at Seabird Island Community School with a focus on KPU programs



and services.

- Rural E-Mentoring online event for the Faculty of Science and Horticulture and the Faculty of Health which allowed students to join from home.
- SkillsBC provincials to spotlight programs such as Horticulture, Trades, and Entertainment Arts. FSO staff brought hands-on activities and engaged with more than 1,000 students throughout the day.
- After School Science Lab Tour saw over 44 students partake in a series of tours through KPU's Applied Genomics Centre, Health Science, Biology, and Physics labs. Faculty provided demonstrations while the students toured the Surrey campus.
- National Association for College Admission Counselling Education Fair to promote KPU's 140+ programs.



Spring Senate Election

The 2023 Spring Senate elections resulted in the following seats being filled with varying terms:

- Diane Van der Gucht – Academic & Career Preparation
- Cherylynn Bassani – Faculty of Arts
- Catherine Schwichtenberg – Faculty of Health
- Donna Danielson – Faculty of Health
- Syeda Hafsa – Student
- Navleen Kaur – Student
- Zahra Khan – Student
- Guntas Kochar - Student

Zoom to Student Enrolment Services!

Student Enrolment Services (SES) has launched virtual front counter services via Zoom. Students can visit the SES webpage, or, scan a QR code to join the waiting room where the next available SES officer will assist them on a video call. Feedback from students who have used the service has been positive and valuable for screen sharing and receiving guidance using Online Self-Service.

We're excited to broaden our services to students and to improve the expediency of troubleshooting issues with students.



Domestic Recruitment Billboards

Domestic Recruitment worked with a specialist communications company to have billboard-style posters located in 40 identified high schools throughout BC.

The posters are eye-catching and posted in high-traffic areas in schools.

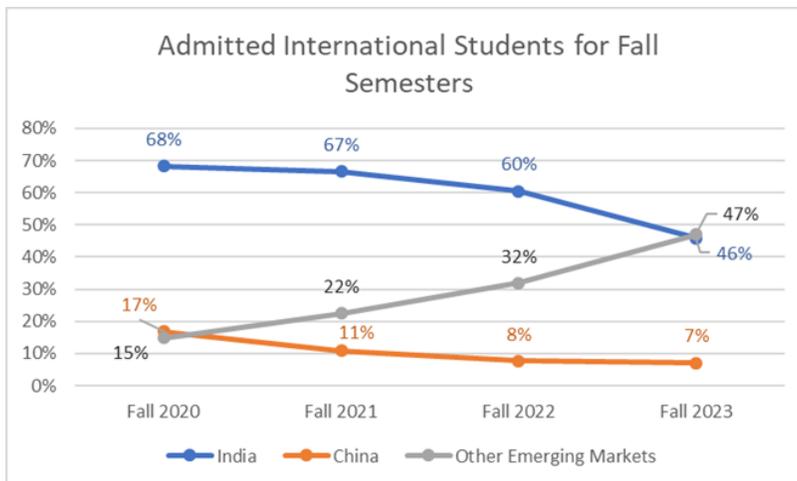
Hope Secondary School



KPU INTERNATIONAL

Progress in International Student Diversity

As the international recruitment team is wrapping up recruitment efforts for the Fall semester, KPU International is pleased to report that positive progress is being made in increasing student diversity. A much more diverse student population was recruited and admitted to the Fall 2023 semester, marking a 140% growth from emerging markets over three years. The graph below shows the trend of the percentage of students admitted from different markets as of May 2023.



International Recruitment and Events

Overseas

This spring, KPU International has been working tirelessly in the overseas market. In-person and virtual appearances were made in key markets such as Nepal, Peru, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Hong Kong.

On the Homefront

In addition to overseas recruitment, KPU International has also actively hosted and participated in local events, such as the ICEF Vancouver, Agent Familiarization Tours held at the Richmond campus, local school district and international high school visits, and language school partner events.

Advising & Student Life

The Global Engagement team has continued to offer on and off-campus experiences for students to admit to student life in Canada. Here are some highlighted events that were run over the past few months:

Valentine's Day Giveaway 2023 – Richmond Campus

Students wrote postcards to their loved ones near and far for Valentine's Day while enjoying festive treats, hot chocolate with toppings, and a photo booth! Students that participated in the postcard writing were also provided stamps for domestic or international destinations.



Office of the Vice President, Students cont'd

Outdoor Paintball

Students released some steam at the end of the Spring 2023 term with some fun and games at an outdoor Paintball event. The students that participated enjoyed a sunny day out with friends.



KPU Welcomes You Spring Info Fair – Surrey and Richmond Campus

Featured information about campus life, events, and student supports. Students won swag and treats and learned about the different events and programs the student life and transitions team overseas.



First Term Welcome

This event is hosted every semester to welcome new students and introduce them to the International Peer Mentorship Program. Mentors and mentees get to meet each other and engage through games, human bingo, and light snacks



Social Media Awareness Posts

In addition to hosting events, the global engagement team used social media to feature content highlighting other cultural events and occurrences, as well as creating awareness for things such as Pink Shirt Day and daylight savings.

International Peer Mentorship Socials

These events are run by International Student Peer Mentors with the support of the Student Life Coordinators. Over the spring, four socials took place both on and off campus. These socials included but were not limited to, bowling, cycling, a board game afternoon, and a pizza party.

Intercultural Communication Training for International Peer Mentors

As a part of training and onboarding, the International Peer Mentors took part in a workshop on intercultural communication to help them understand how to communicate effectively with their mentees from around the world.

International Advising Unit

The International Advising team recently released an updated video providing clear instructions on [how to apply for graduation](#), as there have been recent changes to the process.



This video offers a comprehensive overview of the graduation application process and includes step-by-step guidance on how to successfully apply for graduation.

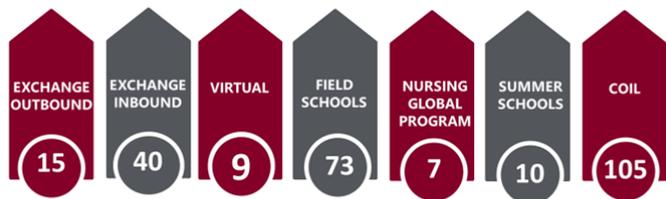
The Advising team also developed a webpage specifically designed to offer clear information about which undergraduate programs necessitate high school math as a prerequisite. The "[High School Math Requirements](#)" is a user-friendly resource for both current and prospective students, enabling them to gain an understanding of math prerequisites so they can effectively plan their academic endeavours.

Additionally, the team conducted two interactive workshops on the Post-Graduation Work Permit (PGWP) program in January and February. These workshops provided detailed information on the policies established by Immigration Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) regarding the PGWP program, along with step-by-step instructions on how to apply. The workshops covered immigration laws, IRCC regulations, and policies relevant to the application process. Due to their success, the advising unit will be organizing these workshops once again in May and June.

Global Partnerships & Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Unit played a crucial role in supporting students' pursuit of global learning experiences. This dedicated office provided invaluable assistance and guidance to students

Global Learning Experiences



A total of \$210,625 were given out in student scholarships to participate in some form of global learning experience



interested in participating in various international programs, whether it's studying abroad, engaging in cultural exchanges, or pursuing internship opportunities, to name a few.

Moreover, the office recognizes the financial challenges that students may face when considering global learning opportunities. To address this, the Study Abroad Office works closely with students, assisting them to apply for a wide range of scholarships available to fund their partial or complete experiences abroad. These scholarships serve as a vital resource that helps students overcome financial barriers and enables them to take full advantage of the transformative experiences that studying abroad can offer. A total of \$210,625 in student scholarships has been disbursed this year!

Field Schools

KPU International supports the administration of field schools in support of leading faculty. Field schools are excellent opportunities involving students travelling with leading faculty to another country and studying a topic in depth.

This year there was a record number of field schools offered to students including Fine Arts in Paris, Fashions in New York, Design in Columbia, and an Interdisciplinary Field School in the Columbia Amazon Rainforest.



Faculty Mobility

The Global Development Unit offers KPU faculty a grant opportunity through our guard.me faculty mobility fund for faculty who wish to engage in internationalization activities, like research, teaching abroad, field schools, curriculum & course development, etc. A total of nine faculty members applied to the guard.me Faculty Mobility Fund and a total of \$26,952 was issued to various internationalization initiatives.

University College Network (UCN) President's Summit

On April 19, a delegation of 11 Korean college presidents and the Canadian Trade Commissioner in Korea visited KPU as part of the UCN President's Summit, an annual initiative of the Korean University Newspaper.

The objective of this visit was to learn about Canada's post-secondary education sector with a particular interest in vocational training programs, including Canada's co-op programs and academic-industry collaboration, and establish a network with B.C. post-secondary institutions to explore academic partnerships.

During their visit to KPU, the delegation was provided with an overview of how KPU programs emphasize hands-on skills through work-integrated learning and how KPU works with community, government, and industry specialists to help prepare students for the job market.



Office of the Vice President, External Affairs

This report highlights the work of the Vice President External Affairs division, including Advancement, Alumni, KPU Foundation, and Government Relations.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

MUNICIPAL

President Davis and the government relations team met with Langley Township Mayor Eric Woodward, along with Councillors Michael Pratt, Tim Baillie, and Steve Ferguson. During this meeting we toured KPU Langley, discussed KPU 2050 and our mutual interests in the greater Langley community.



Members of the KPU Community also contributed to a Langley community promotional video organized through the City of Langley Communications department. It was played at the Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce May Dinner Meeting – The State of the Langleys.

Mayor Malcolm Brodie attended KPU Community Day (photo) to accept KPU's Community Impact Award on behalf of the Richmond Parks division. Also, in attendance at KPU Community Day was MP Parm Bains, MLA Aman Singh, and MLA Teresa Wat.

PROVINCIAL

KPU welcomed MLA Mable Elmore, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives, to our first Anti-Racism Symposium where she delivered remarks on behalf of the provincial government in support of KPU's work on Anti-Racism. We also saw representation from MLA Harry Bains, MLA Jinny Sims, and MLA Garry Begg.

The government relations team, in collaboration with Campus Planning, facilitated a multi-campus tour for members of Post-Secondary and Future Skills: Jason Butler, ADM Finance, Technology and Management Services; Melanie Nielsen, Executive Director, Post-Secondary Programs Branch; and Phil Hancyk, Executive Director, Post-Secondary Finance Branch. The group visited KPU Surrey where they met with President Davis and VP External, Randall Heidt; KPU Tech where they met with Provost Diane Purvey, Dean Sharmen Lee and Dean Laura McDonald; and KPU Langley where they met with CFO Chervahun Emilien.

They concluded the day-long tour at UBC where they met with VP Admin, Peter Smailes. Topics of discussion were focused around future development plans/opportunities and KPU2050.

KPU was joined by Hon. Andrew Mercier, Minister of State for Workforce Development, MLA Garry Begg and MLA Mike Starchuk to officially open the Applied Genomics Centre (photo) and thank our government partners for their financial contributions. Also attending this event was MP Sukh Dhaliwal, MP John Aldag, MP Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Councillor Mike Bose (City of Surrey) and Councillor Rosemary Wallace (Langley City).



FEDERAL

Minister Harjit Sajjan visited KPU Langley to engage with nursing students and highlight federal investments into B.C. healthcare following the federal budget announcement. Along with President Davis and VP External Affairs, Randall Heidt, Minister Sajjan participating in a highly engaging tour of KPU's nursing labs, which included a demonstration of a high fidelity mannikin in action.

KPU was invited to participate in a Townhall with Foreign Affairs Minister, Melanie Joly, on the topic of Canada's Feminist Foreign Policy and barriers faced by women and girls. Those who attended on behalf of KPU included Dr. Asma Sayed, VP Anti-Racism, and Alexandra Taylor, Political Science student.

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

KPU Legacy Gala

Thanks to our generous sponsors and donors, KPU's Legacy Gala raised a total of \$162,527 to support students. The event was also very successful as a friend-raiser, with many positive comments received during and after the event. Special thanks to all of the board members who attended the event and donated to help students. More than 310 guests enjoyed the special evening, which celebrated KPU's first 42 years, while also looking forward to the next 42 years.

Fundraising Activity

The Office of Advancement and the KPU Foundation have raised \$8,119,513 since the last report to the Board of Governors in February. This includes \$7 million donated to the KPU Foundation by KPU at fiscal year-end. Total fundraising for the fiscal year-ended March 31, 2023 was \$9,511,317. New major gifts (over \$10,000) since the last report follow:

New Major Gifts (over \$10,000)

Donor	Amount	Purpose
KPU	4,000,000	KPU Research Initiatives Endowed Fund
KPU	2,000,000	Reduction of Student Financial Barriers Fund
KPU	1,000,000	KPU Student Food Security Endowment
TD Friends of the Environment Foundation	300,000	Sustainable Agriculture
Aggressive Pump & Supply Inc	126,326	Gift In-kind (Trades)
Canada Ticket	25,000	Canada Ticket Award
Association of Women in Finance	17,500	Association of Women in Finance Scholarship
IATSE Local 891	10,000	Motion Picture Studio Bursary
Gary and Gail Grelish Foundation	10,000	Legacy Gala 2023

ALUMNI AFFAIRS

KPU Distinguished Alumni Awards

KPU Alumni Awards adjudication committee comprised of staff, faculty and alumni recommended the Distinguished Alumni Awards be conferred upon two deserving individuals this year:

- Amy Robinson, Diploma Environmental Protection Technology '98
- Jeremy Senko, Bachelor of Applied Design, Interior Design, '13
- Tate Tham, BBA Marketing Management '20, will receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. All three awards will be conferred at the June 2023 convocation ceremonies.

KPU Alumni Magazine

The 7th issue of the KPU Alumni magazine (photo) was deployed by mail to 20,000 KPU alumni in April. A digital version was emailed to over 35,000 KPU alumni. The issue features 12 of our outstanding alumni including Chancellor Kim Baird. A digital issue can be enjoyed here: alumni.kpu.ca/magazine

KPU Alumni Advertising Campaign

The annual advertising campaign was deployed digitally through KPU and KPU Alumni social media channels. The ad (photo) was designed to engage alumni through story telling.



Office of the Vice President, Administration

FACILITIES SERVICES

UNIVERSITY SPACE, DESIGN & CAPITAL PROJECTS

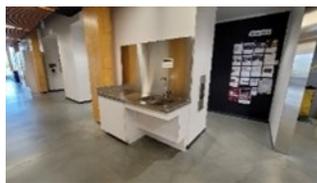
Richmond Main Building Second and Third Floor Renovation:

This renovation is being conducted to accommodate the Entertainment Arts program and future technology-based programs. The demolition of the southeast portion of the second floor is in progress. An in-house team is doing some of the electrical enabling work to fast-track the project's schedule. The project's Working Group and Steering Committee are reviewing value engineering options to be within budget and on schedule.



Wilson School of Design – Accessibility Improvements:

To further enhance the accessibility of the Wilson School of Design building, various improvements were added. These improvements include modification to existing kitchenettes to better suit wheelchair users, the addition of colour-contrasting elements on stairs for users with visual impairments, implementation of fire alarm horn and strobe, and modification of handrails.



Richmond Employee Lounge:

The entire Employee Lounge 1900 received new furniture.

Richmond Student Commons:

2nd and 3rd floor vestibules were furnished with new lounge furniture, and the 2nd and 3rd floor study areas were refreshed with new carpet and lounge furniture.



Surrey Spruce Room R126:

This research project funding was awarded to Dr. Paul Adams by the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and the BC Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF) to extend his research by creating a Level-2 containment biosafety Genomic Research Lab in Spruce room 126. The research renovation project has achieved substantial completion. The construction team is waiting to obtain the building occupancy approval from the City of Surrey by the end of May 2023.

Melville School of Business Office Renovation:

The renovation to create a new entrance and reception area for the Melville School of Business Dean's Office is complete. The result is an open and professional space to welcome students, guests and employees.

Surrey Library – Common Areas:

The entire 3rd floor Silent Zone was refreshed with a variety of

solo encouraged study cocoons by introducing curvilinear acoustical dividing panels, solo desks shielded with acoustic dividers, and some lounge seating throughout. In addition, the computer stations were upgraded with new furniture. The common areas by the library entrance and public elevator were refreshed with new lounge furniture.



Carpet Refresh:

Surrey Library public elevator, 2nd and 3rd floor walkways, 2nd floor mezzanine, and Surrey Main 2nd floor lobby area were refreshed with new carpet. Hallway 214 received new lounge furniture.

Langley Library Office:

The 190m² Langley Library employee office located in the West building needed a major furniture refresh. The Facilities' Interior Design team provided a number of test fit layouts prior to landing on the final layout, which improves overall function and adjacencies. The new layout accommodates eight new workstations, four private office desks, a computer imaging counter, a mail counter, new kitchen millwork, storage, and new seating throughout. The renovation also included updates to existing communication and data cables, electrical, flooring repairs/cleaning, and fresh paint.



Cloverdale Library Office:

The 124m² Cloverdale Library employee office located in the Main building needed a major furniture refresh. The Facilities' Interior Design team provided a number of test fit layouts prior to landing on the final layout which improves overall function and adjacencies. The new layout accommodates six new workstations, two private office desks, a mail counter, kitchen millwork, storage, and new seating throughout. The renovation also included demolishing a pony wall to open the floor plan, updates to existing communication, data cables, electrical, flooring repairs/cleaning, and fresh paint.



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

Interior Painting:

Interior painting in Surrey, Langley, Cloverdale, and Richmond. Areas to note: Surrey Bookstore, Cedar bldg., first and second-floor hallways, Cloverdale and Langley libraries, and Richmond Staircases 6 and 7.



Surrey Sidewalk Upgrade:

To improve campus accessibility, Facilities extended and flared a sidewalk on the East side of the Surrey Main bldg.

Landscaping Startup:

Seasonal landscaping services have started up on campuses, including spring cleanup, the addition of bark mulch to garden beds, parking lot sweeps, and lawn cutting.



Hot Water Dispensers:

With the closure of Surrey, Langley, and Richmond Cafés, hot water on-demand dispensers have been installed on campus to allow students to use them as needed. They are located in the Surrey, Richmond, and Langley Cafeteria seating areas. Note: Cloverdale already has one in the Main Atrium across from the cafeteria.

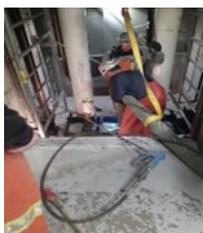
Aggressive Geese:

Facilities developed an aggressive geese response plan and initiated a communication plan which went to the KPU community via Today@. The mitigation plan implemented signage and barrier strategies to protect campus students and employees from aggressive geese.



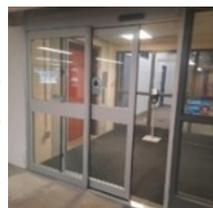
Surrey KPU Campus Arbutus Service Elevator Modernisation Project

The Arbutus library service elevator was a completed full modernization project, including a new accessibility auxiliary control panel, hearing loops, hydraulic cylinder replacement, lighting and stainless steel cab interiors and illuminated detection strips for car doors.



Richmond KPU Campus Automated Door System and Steel Door Replacements:

The automatic doors project continues with the first one at Richmond in the East elevator lobby of the Main building. This new slider door system provides touchless access for users. The Richmond underground parkade had steel door replacements performed. These new steel doors had code updates and a double window design to increase user visibility. The KPU Locksmith assisted in re-keying all of these new doors.



Richmond Chiller Overhaul:

As part of KPU's capital renewal program, the Richmond chiller had a complete teardown and was rebuilt to extend its useful life.



Richmond Main Roof Replacement:

Final deficiencies and completion for the end-of-life entire roof replacement, including mechanical room roofs, have been completed. This was a two-year project worth \$1.2 million. New design construction included concrete tile insulation.



Trades Support, ENTA Project, Richmond:

KPU's Tradespersons have built two electrical rooms in the NW wing 2nd and 3rd floors of Richmond's main campus with sound abatement and fire containment to support the installation of upgraded electrical supply for the \$6 million ENTA project.



ANCILLARY SERVICES

Bookstore:

The plexiglass shields have been removed from the Surrey location. The other locations will be completed by the end of May. The transition to the new Website host is complete, but some fine-tuning is still required. Surrey Bookstore stationery shelving was revamped to allow for easier access to products and consolidate products to reflect actual sales. We have more new products, both crested and uncrested arriving daily.

A Coffee bar with Keurig and hot water dispenser have been installed in the Langley Bookstore, allowing for the sale of coffee, tea and hot chocolate. Peqish sandwiches and salads are also available for sale at the Langley Bookstore to ensure food/drink items are available at the Langley campus. Ice cream has been brought back for sale at the Surrey and Langley bookstores. Initial sales on all items have been good.



Fleet:

Ancillary Services is purchasing a 2023 Tacoma truck for our fleet in July. EV and Hybrid options were explored, however, the wait times were too long and would carry over into the next fiscal. We will need to look at a multi-year financial plan in order to begin electrification of our fleet.

Vending:

Currently exploring the possibility of selling Wilson School of Design materials through a vending machine. Sample items have been provided to Ryan Vending for evaluation

IT INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Entertainment Arts Program

Support continues for the Entertainment Arts Program at the Richmond Campus with the first phase of the renovation to be completed by September 2023. Provided AV and network budgetary estimates for the optional rooms within the project (multipurpose, gaming and green rooms). Various video wall options are currently being established and will be presented to the steering committee.

Tenant Merger Project

All active students have been migrated into the same tenant as faculty and staff. Address book policies have been implemented to comply with privacy and security requirements. A new version of Microsoft's information barrier is being assessed for implementation.

AV and Digital Classrooms

- HyFlex classroom upgrades with T&L in progress
- Replacement of End of Life (EOL) projectors and controllers planned for current year's budget in progress
- Installation of new Kramer VIA Connect2 in classrooms and meeting rooms in progress
- Langley 1804-1805, Cloverdale 1521-1522, and Langley 1122 room upgrades in progress
- Conference center AV hardware planned for summer 2023.

IT APPLICATION SERVICES

The Curriculum Information Management System Project

The project team continues with the Curriculum Information Management project for Program development, but due to conflicts in project resources and planning to upgrade in the fall the anticipated go-live has been delayed to Spring 2024.

BANNER Cloud Migration Project

The project to migrate the BANNER ecosystem to the cloud is underway with User Acceptance Testing. The targeted go-live is July 31, 2023. The project teams continue on the transition and testing of integrations into the cloud with more stakeholder user acceptance testing involvement through to a final go-live decision in June 16 of 2023. There are still risks on resources from both the KPU teams and Ellucian teams to ensure we meet the June 16th milestone.

BANNER Initiatives

The current BANNER team has started 2 new initiatives:

- BANNER Experience: a new student portal to replace the out of date Online Student Self (OSS) portal product to leverage current web technologies including a new mobile application for student services.

- BANNER Advise: Student Awards & Financial Assistance (SAFA) and IT have begun a project to procure and implement a new Advising solution for KPU. This project is in its initiation phase to procure a contract with Ellucian and identify the project charter and resources. Targeted go-live in 2024.

Other Projects

- Identity Management Updates: As part of a more Unified Login initiative, we are eliminating the Employee/Student ID from the single sign-on strategy to use a single source login id (EMAIL). Therefore, eliminating the confusion of having 2 sign-on ID's at KPU. This also gives the ability for KPU to leverage Multifactor Authentication on all applications moving forward. The targeted go-live for this initiative is June 3, 2023.
- Bookstore Point of Sale Cloud Migration: Bookstore Point of Sale cloud migration project has been delayed until a merchant contract can be established with a vendor that the PRISMRBS works with.
- KPU Website migration to cloud: This project is underway with the Marketing team.

INFORMATION SECURITY SERVICES

Endpoint Detection and Response: CrowdStrike and Microsoft Advanced Threat Protection

Project completed and in operation. All KPU managed devices are continuously monitored to detect and respond to cyber threats like ransomware and malware.

Multifactor Authentication (MFA) Expansion

Project to be completed for the Banner managed service second quarter 2023. Presently working on an additional project to implement MFA for all KPU active students.

Integrated Threat Protection with Microsoft Sentinel

This project is completed and in operation. All security alerts are consolidated into one dashboard for operational efficiency and synced to the BCNET managed security services for additional analysis and incident response.

Cyber Incident Response Training

The first cyber incident response training has been completed with key KPU stakeholder departments. Integration into KPU Emergency Operations center is in development with Campus Safety and Security.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY PLANNING (“CCP”)

KPU Surrey Childcare Facility

In February 2023, the Ministry of Education and Child Care (“MECC”) reached out to KPU to express their support for potentially providing additional funding through its New Spaces Fund for the KPU Surrey Childcare and Early Childhood Education project. In response to this, CCP provided the MECC with detailed information outlining the project’s budget, and the efforts which have been taken to-date to mitigate cost increases associated with the unique nature of our dual-programmed project. On March 30th 2023, the MECC confirmed the approval of \$3,100,000.00 in additional funding to support the KPU Surrey Childcare Facility project, bringing the MECC’s total contribution to \$6,100,000.00.

Sustainability Monitoring and Reporting

At the most recent meetings of the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the President’s Diversity and Equity Committee in April and May, CCP’s Sustainability Team launched a process to determine KPU’s approach to sustainability monitoring and reporting. After cross-referencing several sustainability plans and initiatives at KPU, the team created a draft list of approximately 20 indicators to inform the monitoring and reporting process. Presently, the indicators fall under 8 broader categories including: 1) Reconciliation and Decolonization 2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, 3) Education and Outreach, 4) Climate Action, 5) Mobility and Accessibility, 6) Natural Environment 7) Waste and 8) Mobilize and Lead.

In addition, and to highlight both qualitative projects and initiatives in their early stages of implementation, CCP also proposed to include “Project Stories” to capture KPU’s sustainability efforts that are not easily measured quantitatively. Project Stories will help to acknowledge work that is underway and will underscore the ongoing progress being made towards a more sustainable KPU. Over time, the intention is that these project stories will become well-established and evolve into quantifiable indicators that can contribute to the established set of proposed indicators. CCP proposes Spring 2024 for the first annual sustainability monitoring and reporting assessment.

Sustainable Development Goals (“SDG”)

Following the direction of the President, CCP and the Provost’s Office launched a project in Fall 2022, to map KPU’s pedagogical and administrative ecosystems in order to illustrate the leadership being undertaken at KPU in advancing the United Nation’s 17 Sustainable Development Goals (“SDG”). The project highlights areas of strength that might be offered as best practice examples and/or potential opportunities for collaboration with other post-secondary institutions informing ongoing reporting efforts, and the monitoring of KPU’s overall support of the SDGs. This latter objective will be increasingly important as KPU signed the SDG Accord in June 2022, a global commit-

ment by learning institutions to accelerate the delivery of the SDGs and to annually report on the progress of each institution. Dr. Candy Ho led the project through a faculty time-release, and was supported by two Faculty Consultants and two KPU student research interns, with partial funding for the internships being provided through the Colleges and Institutes Canada Impact Career Launcher program. The final report includes recommendations for next steps, and the team will be seeking feedback from the President’s Circle, Senate, and Board of Governors this quarter.

KPU Surrey Learning Gardens and Welcome Plaza

The schematic designs for the KPU Surrey Learning Gardens and Welcome Plaza projects have now been finalized, and both projects will now move toward detailed design. The design work, along with detailed project costing, will be advanced through to completion of the construction drawings, to help inform future discussions related to capital planning and funding. Meetings continue to be held monthly with the Working Group, which comprises of representatives from the academic faculties, administrative departments, as well as our Resident Elder Lekeyten and Elder Cheryl Gabriel of the Kwantlen First Nation.

KPU Civic Plaza Visioning and Space Programming

To help understand the future growth of the Faculties currently present at KPU Civic Plaza, and in the interests of exploring the possible introduction of additional faculties and administrative departments to the campus, CCP is leading an engagement process to help craft a compelling future vision for KPU Civic Plaza. The vision will encompass the many anticipated existing and future program needs and will be illustrated through a programmatic concept and defined further through a high-level cost estimate. Engagement with various Faculties and groups across KPU will begin in June 2023.

MARKETING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Engagement & Major Events

Community Engagement and Major Events has been keeping busy with spring events, the most major of those being the KPU Legacy Gala. We wrapped up the final two of our Virtual Faculty Showcase events and passed the associated video and web assets over to Marketing and the respective faculties to utilize and manage moving forward. April brought the first in a busy season of activations at community events with the City of Surrey’s annual Party for the Planet celebrations. We look forward to a bustling season representing the university at events across the KPU region.

Supporting the Government Relations area has been a priority for our team with announcements such as the MCBC event as well as the celebration of International Women’s Day. The inaugural Anti-Racism Symposium was well received in the KPU community and ran at capacity numbers.

Office of the Vice President, Administration cont'd

February to April events recap:

February 17 – Metis Nation British Columbia Announcement, Surrey Campus

February 13 - 16 - Convocation support

February 22 – Pink Shirt Day On-Campus Engagement

February 23 – Melville School of Business Virtual Showcase

March 2 – Faculty of Trades & Technology Virtual Showcase

Mar 3 – International Women’s Day

March 21 – Anti-Racism Symposium

March 31 - April 2 – Food Truck Wars

April 29 – KPU Legacy Gala

April 29 – City of Surrey Party for the Planet



Pink Shirt Day



International Women’s Day

Marketing

Faculty Campaigns

The majority of campaigns to promote our seven faculties completed at the end of March. These included digital campaigns and out-of-home advertising.

Entertainment Arts had promotions in the movie theatres and featured an exciting 15-second movie theatre ad playing at select Cineplex theatres as well as Landmark Cinemas to promote the ENTA programs. This campaign reached approxi-

mately 368,242 viewers.

In April, our out-of-home advertising continued with the Melville School of Business:

- 68 ft wall mural at the Granville Skytrain station (approx. 1,104,683 impressions/month)
- 8ft wall mural at the King George Skytrain Station (approx. 787,034 impressions/month)
- Cover feature in the March/April 2023 issue of BC Business with a double page story on successful KPU grad Marwan Abdul Rahman (20,000+ readers of print edition)
- The Legal Administrative Assistant Program was featured on [SanjhaTV](#) in March where instructor Alia Somji enthusiastically talked about the program and its benefits
- Transit Shelter Ads totaled 9,660,690 local impressions near our campuses

There was also a big push in external advertising which included advertisements in both print and digital mediums in the following publications:

- BC School Counsellor’s Association
- City of Surrey Recreation Guide
- Cloverdale Reporter
- CPHR – People Talk
- Darpan Magazine’s Power Women of Influence Gala
- Darpan Magazine – Vaisakhi edition
- Drishti Magazine – Vaisakhi edition
- Langley Times
- SBOT – Surrey Economic Development Magazine
- Vancouver is Awesome

KPU Brand Awareness

KPU brand awareness campaigns continued throughout this reporting period to build brand recognition:

- Digital billboards (10,113,633 impressions)
- Skytrain placements - posters, interior ads and digital kiosks (10,000,000+ impressions/month)
- TV campaign on the Global TV networks from Feb 20- Mar 26 which aired 179 times with approx. 12,388,200 impressions.

In addition, we created a variety of ads to support external affairs initiatives and partnerships including the Pat Dooley Golf Tournament, Surrey Board of Trade Women in Business Awards, City of Surrey SASSY Awards and the Langley Chamber of Commerce Women’s Leadership Lunch.

Office of the Vice President, Administration cont'd

There were also a number of large projects that required multiple sets of creative assets including KDocs: A social Justice Film Festival, the SDG Report and SDG Week, the KPU Legacy Gala and the inaugural February Convocation ceremonies.

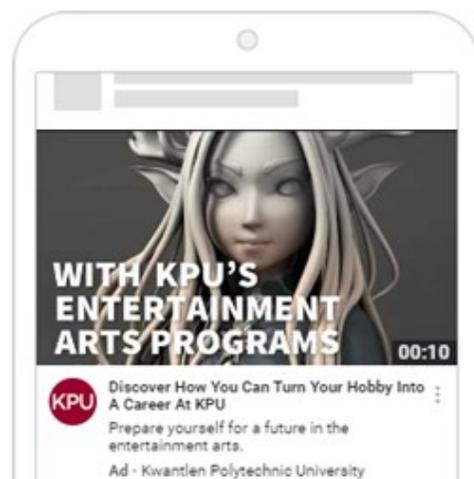
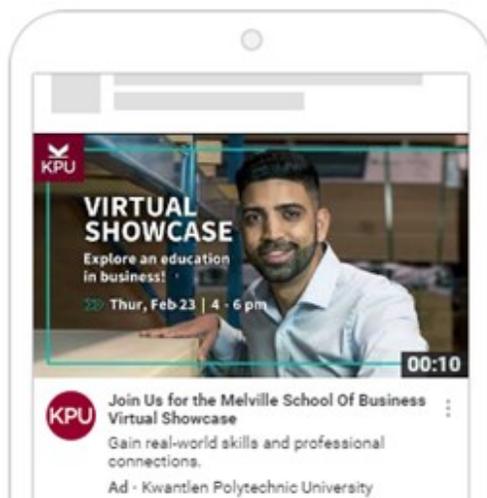
Digital Marketing

The Digital Marketing team worked in collaboration with an external vendor and the Faculty of Health to create two new videos promoting Nursing (BPN and BSN) which can be viewed here: <https://www.kpu.ca/nursing-at-kpu> . A digital campaign promoting both videos was launched. We also worked directly with Alia Somji, KPU LGLA instructor to create a new piece of content to promote the Legal Admin program: <https://www.kpu.ca/business/legal-admin>.

Our Facebook impressions grew to 7.3 million throughout the period (up 68% period vs period) and we saw an increase of 380% period over period in Facebook engagements (Facebook users commenting, liking, sharing, and messaging the primary

KPU account). We had a net gain of 5% in Instagram followers and our LinkedIn account saw an increase of 24% period over period in engagement with 9,046 engagements on our content.

The KPU website had 3,741,925 page views, 803,700 unique visitors and 767,781 of those users were “new users” who had not visited the website in over 3 months. The primary city website visitors were from Surrey, Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, Abbotsford, Coquitlam and Langley. (in that order)



Social Media Ads

