



## KPU Report to the Board of Governors for the period June 6<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Alan Davis, President and Vice Chancellor

Following approval by the Board of Vision 2018 strategic plan in June, an internal launch was held at the first KPU Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 900 employees attended the event, which included a “state of the university” address, employee service recognition, and some fun.

During the summer, the President’s Diversity and Equity Committee met several times to explore in some depth various aspects of Diversity. It will be developing a work plan and specific activities for 2013-14.

With the appointment of Amrik Virk as Minister of Advanced Education, several meetings have been held, including a visit on July 23<sup>rd</sup> with Board Chair Gord Schoberg to Victoria to attend questions period and to meet with the Minister. I also met with James Gorman, Deputy Minister, but just this week he has announced his resignation and Sandra Carroll will be replacing him.

I attended an inaugural meeting in Ottawa in June of a new university group in Canada: the Alliance of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities. ACCRU brings together the vice-presidents, research, of the smaller comprehensive universities in Canada that have a strong commitment to research, and can lobby the federal government on several issues related to policies and the funding of research.

Also in June I attended the summer Board meeting of the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, and in July I was keynote at the e-Portfolio and Identity Conference.

Locally, I have participated in the Surrey of Board a trade initiative regarding the future of education, and have met with various community leaders across the region. I also joined a dinner meeting with Alice Wong, federal MP for Richmond and Minister for State (Seniors) to discuss Traditional Chinese Medicine.

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, I attend the SUCCESS walk for the Dragon in Stanley Park, which was huge success, and I was able to meet all the MLAs in our region and in Metro Vancouver.

In August, I visited several of the Ontario “polytechnics’ to gain some insight into their plans for the evolution of higher education in that province and to identify areas of cooperation, and our pending membership in Polytechnics Canada.

Late August saw the faculty welcomes, with many new hires, and the opportunity to introduce Dr. Sal Ferreras, who started as Provost on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. A major task will be to pick up the development of the Academic Plan, which has been on-going throughout the summer, and a draft of which is now ready

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for consultation. Systems for tracking activities across the university as they relate to our Vision 2018 goals are being explored.

The university's Accountability Plan and Report for 2012/13 was issued in July and is available at [http://www.kwantlen.ca/\\_shared/assets/KPU\\_IAP\\_2012-1326366.pdf](http://www.kwantlen.ca/_shared/assets/KPU_IAP_2012-1326366.pdf) .

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## Office of Research and Scholarship

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### *Research Chairs*

- Our nomination for a second Canada Research Chair (in Horticulture), is being prepared, and we believe it has a good chance of success.
- The CRC in Design: discussions are ongoing. Now that the building design is substantively complete it is hoped the functionality of the space, and therefore the persons occupying that space will be contemplated. This will influence the area(s) the Chair will be focusing on.
- Other opportunities have emerged in the following areas: *Scholarship of Teaching and Learning* and *Educational Policy: Political Factors*. We will continue to explore these areas in the event that Horticulture is unsuccessful, and/or Design declines to nominate a Chair.
- As Chair allocation is based on tri-agency (SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR) and NCE funding (which we do not have), generating more funds from these Federal sources is key to a) maintaining the existing Chairs and b) gaining new Chairs.

### *SSHRC Grants*

- KPU researchers have had a couple of tough years at SSHRC. Along with our colleagues at smaller institutions we have been hit hard by increased competition from the larger institutions. Large institutions have seen their Insight Grants success rates drop from ~33% to 24% in the past 2 years, mainly due to increased funding per project (SSHRC no longer cuts the budget arbitrarily as they used to). Small/medium institutions have seen their success rate fall to ~14%, with many, including us, receiving no new funds. We are dealing with additional factors here; there is clearly not enough funds at SSHRC to meet the increase in demand (both in number and size of applications) and it is also the consensus that smaller institutions are being covertly biased against, especially in situations where there are single applicants. This holds true for our emerging as well as “veteran” researchers; our CRC in Psychology has received a “we like the project but we don’t have the funds” ranking 3 years in a row. Each year he has addressed the feedback. We hope he is successful this year!
- To mitigate the problem ORS is encouraging our faculty to a) team up, b) better meet the priority areas of the agency and c) collaborate with an established researcher at another institution. This will allow them to build their reputation and be mentored by a peer in their area of interest. It is early stages in the approach, but so far it seems to be supported. We will see over the next few cycles of granting. We continue to have 4 external writers on contract to support applications as needed.
- The CURA funded project is coming to an end soon, in terms of its SSHRC funding. We are talking about the next step for the program, and whether the team wishes to continue, and is interested in applying for a SSHRC Partnership Grants. I am supporting their deliberations as needed.

- Data on the number of applications to the SSHRC Insight program from KPU researchers will be available September 3. ORS believes that 3+ submissions are in progress.

#### *Internal Funding Programs*

- The *Katalyst Grants Program*, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year of funding, is proving to be a success. The premise for the changes that were made was that KPU was not competing effectively on the national and global stage for funding. Having a larger amount of funding, with Release Time (totaling \$40 000 over 2 years) would allow the research team to develop a strong program of research. From the first round of funded projects (which are now closing out) we have already seen 2 of the 4 receive direct external funding (charitable organization and Federal Ministry), one is in discussion with a Provincial Crown Corporation for significant funding (as well as looking as NSERC opportunities), and the 4<sup>th</sup> is contributing, as a core technology, to a multiple Municipality and City funded Sustainable Agriculture and Food Security project. It is hoped the 2012 and 2013 recipients will have similar success, and sustainable external funding will come more easily to these researchers, thus allowing the modest internal funds to be allocated to the next generation of emerging ideas.
- Out of the last round of Collective Bargaining, KPU provided ORS with a seed fund of \$50 000 to be used a Release Time fund in support external funding applications. These funds, though limited this year (3 sections of release), will strengthen applications to agencies such as SSHRC, where they will help overcome the misconception that KPU is not supportive of research. ORS is currently establishing criteria for allocation based on peer review. ORS's budget request for 2014 will focus on enhancing this fund and supporting more applications to external agencies (Federal and philanthropic alike).

#### *Other Sources of Funding*

- As the traditional funding become more competitive, and less appropriate for the types of research our faculty engage in, we need to look to other sources. An emerging one, and one that we have been in discussions with a few faculty about, is Crowdsourcing. We are exploring options such as Indiegogo and Causes.

#### *Kwantlen Innovation Incubator*

- Western Economic Diversification (WD) has "amber-lighted" our proposal; they like it in principle, but modifications are needed to fit into their [current] framework. The process has been stalled many times by the Federal Government changing WD's priorities, which has trickled down to make our application less relevant at times. We are at a confluence now where a workable program can be developed. I anticipate completion, and funding, late October 2013.
- This funding will allow the establishment and multi-year support of an "Industrial Liaison Office", which will act in a similar model to *ResearchImpact*, brokering relationships between local companies and KPU researchers to enhance the company's IP and economic output. It has

the added advantage that cash funds will be available to support the project, in a matching manner. We will also be able to use these funds to leverage further Federal dollars (e.g. NSERC-ARD grants)

### *ResearchImpact (RIR)*

- ORS has been working with Steve Dooley (Director, Community Engagement) over the summer to establish the roles and responsibilities of a to-be-hired Knowledge Mobilization Officer. We hope to have the position evaluated by JJEC soon, and posted this Fall.
- The lead institution, York U., is hosting a meeting of VPRs and Directors this September. It will be the first gathering of the newly expanded group, and will be a strategy planning session. One priority has been a "*The Social Innovation Opportunity: extending the impact of investments in research*", a \$15 million, 5 year fund to support Community-Engaged research and knowledge mobilization. This initiative has the support of The Honourable Kelvin K. Ogilvie, Senator. He is convening a meeting of the Conservative Caucus on Social Innovation in November, where KPU and other RIR members (along with SSHRC and the Federation of the Humanities) will have the opportunity to present on the Hill in Ottawa.

### 1st Annual Research & Knowledge Mobilization Day

- This is actually KPU's 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration of research.
- For this event we have combined forces with Sociology, Criminology and our Knowledge Mobilization initiative ResearchImpact.
- A full day event, on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- More info can be found here: <http://www.kpu.ca/arts/sociology/cgme/arsdk/1arkmd.html>

### *BCARIN*

- The first *British Columbia Applied Research and Innovation Network* meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup>. I will be attending. We are looking forward to substantive collaborations with our College neighbours.

### *ACCRU*

- KPU is represented on the Board of the *Association of Canadian Comprehensive Research Universities*.
- The President attended the Ottawa meeting in June; sadly parliament rose the night we arrived and as such we had many of our meetings with MPs cancelled. ACCRU will continue to act in Ottawa for institutions who are not members of the U15.

### *Revenue to date for FY13-14*

- To date for the 13/14 Fiscal year we have generated **\$614,456.80** in externally funded projects.

### *Emerging Projects*

We have been in discussion with two researchers about potential new large projects:

- “Centre for Apprenticeship and Vocational Education Research”, a SSHRC Partnership Development Grant proposal. Deanne Rexe, a PhD Candidate at SFU has been studying political influences on educational policy for a number of years. Of note she recently led a study for Presidents of Colleges and Universities in BC looking at barriers to Trade Apprenticeships entry, retention and completion. While the report remains compartmentalized in the hands of the Presidents, the methodologies and linkages have been retained. She wishes to join KPU as PI/Director of this application. It is supported by Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, with strong interest from the Trades Training Consortium of BC, Trades Training Consortium of BC, National Council of Deans of Trades and Apprenticeship, and the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario. This project has the potential to cut across a number of faculties, affect pedagogy and advance the Trades program competitiveness. We are looking at a November submission. ORS will be assisting with the writing of the project and budget development.
- Fred Ribkoff (English) and Dr. Mark Olyan (from the Living Testimonies Project, McGill University) are interested in setting up a project, based at KPU, to capture and make more accessible the recollections of Holocaust survivors, and the thoughts their descendants may have. Metro Vancouver has a large, but obviously diminishing, survivor community (working with the **Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre**), with many of their recollections being kept in written and recorded archive. This archive is NOT fully accessible at this time, and the archivists to not have the experience to make it so. Citizenship and Immigration Canada may also be a sponsor, as they appear to have an interest in maintaining access to important piece of history. This would be a major project for KPU. We are in early stage discussions, but looking at a possible *Katalyst* application in 2014, leading to a SSHRC Partnership Grant later that year.

### *Research Ethics Board*

- The Board continues to work well under the leadership of Kyle Matsuba as Chair. He is looking forward to having a dedicated Admin Assistant.

### *Office Issues*

- Our Contracts Manager recently left KPU, and until the WD application is approved I will not be filling the position. The volume of contract work has actually diminished over the past year (some researchers are arranging for the funds to come in as donations through the Advancement Office, which then becomes the granting agency).
- The Spring posting for a REB Administrative Assistant did not yield a satisfactory candidate. We have been working over the summer to revise the Job Description. This will be going to JJEC and hopefully be ranked higher on the pay scale to attract better candidates (this was based on feedback received from a number of candidates, including one who turned down our offer).



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## Office of the Vice Provost Teaching and Learning (VPTL)

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### **Naming of the Institute for Innovation in Teaching and Learning, (IISiTL)**

Upon consultation of the VPTL with the President and the KPU executive, it was decided to name the unit for academic development, directed by the VPTL the *Institute for Innovation in Teaching and Learning* (IISiTL). The name was announced by the President on KPU day, June 7, 2013.

### **ACTIVITIES**

#### **Consultations**

##### *A. Report on Technology at KPU*

During April and May of 2013, Dr. Tony Bates consulted with the VPTL and conducted interviews with the KPU community to assess the current role that technology is playing in teaching and learning at KPU and to subsequently prepare a report for the Vice Provost, Teaching and Learning. The report was presented by Tony Bates to the President, VPTL, Provost and Deputy Provost in June. The goal was to help us develop a plan for moving forward with pedagogically sound use of technology at KPU to enhance teaching and learning. The VPTL prepared a summary of the report and a number of recommendations were made arising from the report. During July and August information was disseminated to the KPU community about the reports and next steps. Recommendations included: the need for a high level 'Technology Committee' with the responsibility for decision making on university wide initiatives requiring resources. It was recommended that this committee be formed by the President and the Executive. In addition a recommendation for a 'Task Force on Teaching and Learning' (TFTL) with a mandate: 'To engage in strategic thinking about the type of teaching methods and subsequently the type of academic development needed at KPU to align practice with the KPU strategic vision'. The Task Force on Teaching and Learning will be involved in strategic planning for teaching and learning, as well as involved in reviewing discussion papers and developing and reviewing policies and processes that may in the future become formal recommendations made to Senate. Membership will include: Vice Provost Teaching and Learning (Chair), VP Academic, Deans, Academic Faculty nominated by Deans, Representation from Library and Learning Centre, other members of the KPU community as recommended.

The first meeting of the TFTL will be in September, 2013, with monthly two hour meetings. As required, subcommittees of the TFTL will be formed related to specific activities such as the proposed new Teaching Innovation Grants (TIG's) for review of procedures and guidelines and for reviewing applications.

## B. Online Course Delivery Planning

Between May 3-July 4, Instructional Design Consultant, Leslie Richards, worked with the Vice Provost Teaching and Learning (Diane Salter), and the Manager of Learning Technologies (Meg Goodine) and with faculty identified by Deans on a pilot project for advancing faculty development in online and blended course development and delivery across KPU.

Leslie Richards engaged in individual consultations with faculty, and participated in the delivery of the Rethinking Learning Workshop. Deliverables from Les Richards' consultation include a draft pilot process for faculty to plan for the development of online courses, and a plan for mapping out courses for blended delivery. Richards is continuing to provide support through online consultations and emails to work with the Manager of Learning Technologies and the VP Academic on facilitated group work online and discussing modifications that may be possible within the Moodle platform to allow for greater feedback to and between students.

## C. Design Consultations:

Tom Carey consulted with VPTL regarding planning for academic development in conjunction with his consultations with Design faculty for the new Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design related to Design Pedagogy.

## IISiTL INITIATIVES:

- In conjunction with the KPU marketing team, a plan was made for development of a new IISiTL information and resource website to include a calendar of events, and workshops and resources on the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning, E-learning Forms of Learning, and Assessment. The launch date is planned to coincide with the Marketing team's launch of the new Drupal website.
- Process Improvements: created a new process to track and prioritize requests for teaching and learning support.
- Ongoing faculty consults re various courses/programs including consultations with Deans, individual faculty and faculty teams re course and program planning.

## KPU Presentations by IISiTL staff

April 29	Keynote address by the VPTL at <b>Spring General Meeting of the Faculty of Arts</b> entitled " <i>Demystifying the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL): Practical Approaches for KPU Faculty.</i> "
May 3	Presentation at the <b>Community and Health Studies Faculty</b> as a Whole meeting by VPTL entitled: <i>Outcomes Based Approaches to Teaching and Learning: Creating Exceptional Learning Experiences.</i>

June 4	Presentation to <b>Faculty of Science and Horticulture</b> by VPTL entitled: <i>Technology Innovations and Challenges</i> . This address was an introduction to a faculty led workshop on the use of Moodle
June 10	Lunch roundtable re online courses – feedback from faculty on their participation in the ISW for Online development workshop.
June 26	Talk for <b>Chairs of CAHS</b> by VPTL <i>Academic Development linked to KPU's strategic plan</i>
Aug. 26	Seminar Presentations to <b>Faculty Community and Health Studies,</b> and Faculty of Arts by VPTL entitled: <i>“Technology, Teaching and Learning”</i> .
Aug. 26	Seminar Presentations to <b>Arts Faculty</b> by VPTL entitled: <i>“Technology, Teaching and Learning: Taster of the Rethinking Learning Workshop.”</i> .
Aug. 28	Seminar Presentations to <b>Faculty of Business</b> by VPTL entitled: <i>“Engaging Students in Learning to Achieve Learning Outcomes: What does the research suggest?”</i>
Aug. 29	Learning Technology Workshop for new <b>Arts Faculty</b> at Faculty Welcome back by Manager Learning Technologies

#### KPU Workshops

June 11-July 3	Rethinking Learning workshops – Two offerings of a 3-session workshop were held at the Surrey and Richmond Campuses – goal rethinking curriculum design for student engagement with learning. Facilitated by VPTL and Manager Learning Technologies
Aug. 22	Moodle Tune-up: Demonstrations by guest faculty and IISiTL staff of Moodle tips and best practices. Facilitated by Manager Learning Technologies
Aug.	Promotions developed and registrations put in place for Moodle MOOC Plus – onsite support for faculty participating in an open online course in basic Moodle skills. Facilitated by Manager Learning Technologies (sessions to take place Sept 1-27)
Aug. Moodle ‘drop ins’	Weekly ‘drop ins’ for faculty consultation on Moodle technical issues were implemented at Richmond, Langley, and Surrey campuses to provide onsite support – 1 morning a week at each campus

#### Invited Presentations from Academic Visitors

May 24	University of Guelph Professor, Jack Weiner gave a series of talks facilitated by the Provost and IISiTL on the following topics: Engaging Students in and Beyond the Classroom-Mutual Commitment; Incorporating Technology : Enhancing, not Replacing, Traditional Tried and True Teaching Techniques
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	and, A sample of Maple TA’s capabilities
June 3	Les Richards gave a seminar entitled <b>Rethinking learning projects</b> to where he discussed two aspects of technology innovation to enhance student learning: 1. A strategy focused on helping students achieve learning outcomes and 2. Mobile learning. ;
July 5	The VPTL Arranged for a visit from Elsie Christopher from the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)., that included two presentations to KPU faculty and staff including: The Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement and for the Learning Centres and open to the wider KPU community entitled ‘Career Preparation and English Language Skills Enhancement: Too Much or Too Little?’

**IISiTL Committee Participation:**

- Academic Planning Task Force (VPTL)
- Academic Council (VPTL)
- Project Management Committee for the Wilson School of Design (VPTL)
- BCCampus Steering Committee for provincial Educational Technology Users Group (Manager Learning Technologies)
- KPU Learning Management Steering Committee: (Manager of Learning Technologies chairs this faculty advisory group for Moodle operations)

*Other KPU participation:*

- Faculty of Design Charrettes – planning for the Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design new building and classroom spaces, discussions on teaching and learning and participation in the user group meetings on 16 Aug. re discussion of future use of classroom spaces and innovative technology and space usage.
- OERu (Open Educational Resource University) – July 29, Met with stakeholders to discuss next steps as anchor partners in the OERu

*Other Consultation Activities*

- Meetings with consultant from Learning Agents Inc., Don Present, re the use of ePortfolios for Teaching and Learning, A ‘pilot’ of the Mahara e-Portfolio has been in place at KPU and an evaluation of issues and next steps has been started.

Publications and presentations

*Book*

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Salter, Diane. (March, 2013). Cases on Quality Teaching Practices in Higher Education. IGI Global.: <http://www.igi-global.com/book/cases-quality-teaching-practices-higher/72153>

#### *Peer Reviewed Journal Publications*

Salter, Diane, Thomson, David, Fox, B. (June, 2013). Use and Evaluation of a Technology-Rich Experimental Collaborative Classroom". Higher Education Research & Development (HERD); issue 32.5,, 805-819, DOI:10.1080/0724360.2013.777033. link <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/07294360.2013.777033>

#### *Conference Attendance and Presentations*

- BCCampus ETUG Spring Workshop, June 6 (VPTL & Manager Learning Technologies )
- VPTL Presented a seminar entitled 'Award Winning Teachers Approaches to the Use of Technology: An international perspective'. Participated and presented at the STLHE Conference June 19-22 (pre-conference workshop, conference, board meetings, presentation - VPTL) Appointed to STLHE Board June, 2013, Chair Partnerships.
- UBC Conference IPTEL (July 11/12) (presentation/workshop – VPTL entitled 'Approaches to the Use of Technology to Enhance Deep Learning')
- International Eportfolio & Identity conference, London, July 8-10 (Attended by Manager Learning Technologies)

#### *External Involvements/Meetings by VPTL*

- UCIPD Event April 18-19
- STLHE Board Meeting June 18
- Participation in Design school planning
- Discussions with BCCAT – re Fall BC wide conference and keynote presentation.

#### **Nominations**

Chair Partnerships STLHE: In June, at the annual meeting of the Society for Teaching and Learning, STLHE, VPTL Diane Salter was nominated and elected as the Chair Partnership for STLHE. This is a 5 year volunteer appointment to serve on the Board of STLHE and foster.

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## Communications and Marketing Services

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The Communications and Marketing Services department is settled into new offices on Surrey campus. The location makes it much more convenient to meet with other departments regarding their marketing requests, leading to greater efficiencies with resources and time. Being close to the print shop is a great advantage as well so proofs of printed materials can be coordinated with graphic designers.

The new website is reaching the final stages of development with a launch planned in approximately 4 weeks.

We are continually reviewing all processes in the Communications and Marketing Service area in order to provide all departments with timely design and printing of professional marketing and communications materials.

### **KPU PR Coverage – May-August 2013**

From **May 1 to August 28, 2013**, KPU distributed a total of **39 press releases**:

Month-by-month breakdown:	May	9 press releases
	June	11 press releases
	July	8 press releases
	August	11 press releases

### **KPU's Media Coverage**

During these months, coverage was received on 954 occasions:

**311** mentions in May 2013  
**450** mentions in June 2013  
**70** mentions in July 2013  
**123** mentions in August 2013

### **Monetary Value**

KPU's total monetary value for media coverage was **\$377,962.23**:

Month-by-month breakdown:	May	311 mentions worth <b>\$122,928.01</b>
	June	450 mentions worth <b>\$142,886.26</b>
	July	70 mentions worth <b>\$24,491.29</b>
	August	123 mentions worth <b>\$87,656.67</b>

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The value of coverage varies depending on the circulation of each media outlet, i.e., national publications have a higher value than local publications due to audience size – similarly, television and radio typically have high values than print due to audience ‘reach’.

### KPU’s most relevant stories with high monetary value:

08/25/2013	<i>Fraser River ‘Trip of a Lifetime’ lives up to billing for participants (student featured)</i>	The Province	\$4,886.19
08/21/2013	<i>Blacksmithing tradition forges onward</i>	The Province	\$5,637.82
08/20/2013	<i>New school to showcase next level in design</i>	The Province	\$4,604.04
08/20/2013	<i>Designing a destination; Architects sought a sustainable space for new school’s designers</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$9,307.55
08/16/2013	<i>Malcolm Parry’s “Society Pages” (mention of School of Design)</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$14,963.13
08/10/2013	<i>Faces of the infamous Downtown Eastside (KPU scholarship recipient)</i>	Toronto Star	\$19,811.68
07/15/2013	<i>Shuffled: B.C. ministers and their portfolios</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$3,893.54
06/26/2013	<i>(Two articles on Sikh and RCMP gang violence summit, organized by AT-CURA)</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$8,781.78
06/09/2013	<i>Keeping track; Events, people on the move, new businesses, good works (mention of Envision donation)</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$18,799.83
06/02/2013	<i>Paulson declared security certificate process ‘off the rails’ (KPU instructor assisted with research)</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$12,575.85
05/31/2013	<i>Opinion: Awakening interest in trades; Competition gives young Canadians an opportunity to showcase skills against their peers</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$10,174.36
05/12/2013	<i>No political apathy among these youth; Hundreds of people trade energy for experience and volunteer for B.C.’s political parties (student featured)</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$13,485.29
05/10/2013	<i>Changing crops (KPU researcher quoted in story)</i>	Vancouver Sun	\$9,378.60

## Communications and Marketing Services

\* These 13 stories generated \$136,300.06 in value.

**The following stories were generated by the distribution of KPU's press releases** (this does not represent the number of times each story was picked up, as many were picked up several times):

- Board of governors elects Chair, Vice Chair; appoints new members
- Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design
- KPU alumnus makes moonshine
- Public relations program recognized by CPRS
- KPU switches to new Dell environment
- KPU Builds Bula
- KPU trades receive Whirlpool appliances
- Student explorers return from the Amazon
- KPU students help beautify FVHRS
- Students win at Skills Canada competition
- Dr. Salvador Ferreras, new KPU Provost
- Welding student takes home gold
- Jim Pelton appointed to KPU
- KPU's first science rendezvous
- KPU's honorary degrees
- Envision financial donation

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## Institutional Analysis and Planning

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- **Strategic Planning**  
Once the Strategic Plan was approved by the Board in early June, IA&P began work on determining how to measure its achievement. The measurement and reporting plan will be presented to the Board in September.
  
- **Academic Planning**  
Preparation of the draft Academic Plan was a major project this spring and summer; a draft will be going out to the university for comment, both on-line and at in-person forums, in mid-September.
  
- **Accountability Plan and Report to Government**  
This document was submitted to AVED July 21, 2013 and will be presented to the Board in September.
  
- **Survey of Employee Engagement**  
The report of this semiannual survey will be released the first week of September.
  
- **Applicant survey**
- In conjunction with Capilano University and Douglas College, KPU invited all applicants to the Fall 2013 term whose applications had been processed by early July to respond to a web survey about their motivations and experiences. Both the KPU report and the tri-institutional comparative report will be released in mid-September.
  
- **ELST Accelerated Program Review**
- IA&P gathered and analyzed information to assist in the ELST assessment of its trial compressed program delivery. Information was gathered from students in an on-line survey and from ELS instructors through in-person and online focus groups. Grade data (including pass/fail and success rates), withdrawal and repeat rates, program continuation, and wait list data were analyzed to complete the comparison of students in the compressed program with those in the regular program.
  
- **KPU Campus Bookstore Focus Group Research**
- During May and June 2013, KPU students, KSA representatives and employees were invited to participate in a series of focus groups to provide the Bookstore with customer insights as well as fresh ideas for future decision-making. Information was analyzed in late June and a top-line report was produced in July.

- National Household Survey (NHS) Data Analysis
- IA&P has begun to prepare analyses of the employment and labour market data and the education data for the KPU region. The NHS replaced the old long-form census, but because the response rates are lower than those of the census and the respondents differ from the census, the results are not directly comparable. The reports should be available in late September.
  
- Surveys Administered by IA&P
  - In May:
    - Academic Foundations Survey
    - CAHS Open Office Research 2013
  - In July:
    - 2013 Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) Applicant Survey
    - BSN 1-Yr Follow-up On-line Survey, Cohort April 2012 Survey
  - In August:
    - BSN, Grad Program Completion Survey
  
- Ad hoc data internal requests to IA&P
- Between May and August 2013, IA&P received 32 requests for data and information
  
- Staff Changes in IA&P and Training

Norwinda Binuya-Barros, formerly Coordinator of Student Appraisals, began her new position as Manager, Strategic Analysis July 1. Melike Kinik-Dicleli returned from maternity leave in mid-July, and IA&P regretfully said good-bye to Pennie Poon who had ably replaced Melike during her absence. IA&P is pleased to have the Program Review staff, Colleen McGoff Dean and Danielle Baxter, back with us September 1.
  
- Although different staff members in the department specialize in different functions, the staff has to be sufficiently cross-trained to ensure that mission critical functions can be covered by more than one person, and organizational memory is maintained. Four of the IA&P staff had four days training this in matters related to IT, government reporting and business processes in the Office of the Registrar that impact IA&P.
  
- Student Appraisal of Instruction Survey

in mid-August, IA&P welcomed Edgar Olaguer as the new Coordinator of Student Appraisals.
- In the summer term, 565 class sections were surveyed. The online response rate was 35%.

## Institutional Analysis and Planning

- Following up on the Strategic Plan
- IA&P supported 3 meetings the Vice-President of Administration and Finance held with deans, associate deans, faculty business managers and others related to the academic endeavor to discuss what steps were needed if KPU is to achieve the 5% learner growth target.
- IA&P is examining software to assist in tracking and reporting measures of achievement of the goals of the strategic plan, Academic Plan and the unit plans that will be developed in the coming months.

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## Faculty of Science and Horticulture (FSH)

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### **Faculty-wide Activities:**

The FSH is extremely happy to report that in July two additional Bachelor of Science degrees were approved by the Ministry of Education, Physics for Modern Technology and Applications in Mathematics. Faculty and staff are now working on degree marketing, student recruitment and setting up partnerships with local industries for student co-op placements. Both degrees will officially launch in September 2014, with first admissions accepted November 2013, however, students can presently enroll in first, second and, in the case of Applications in Mathematics, third year courses.

**Physics for Modern Technology** - The strong emphasis on the applied nature of physics in technological contexts sets this highly unique program apart from those offered by other Canadian universities. The degree will specifically prepare graduates for immediate employment in areas that match the labour market and industry's needs, such as electronics, robotics, optics, computer programming, process control and business. Although first year course are available in Surrey and Richmond, the program and all upper level courses will be offered on KPU's Richmond campus. Faculty members **Tak Sato** and **Fergal Callahan** will be coordinating the degree launch and identifying partners on campus and externally. One upper level physics lab will be required in the future, with suitable space identified in the Design wing.

**Applications in Mathematics** - The program will offer students the option for concentration in one of three exciting areas: biomathematics, computational mathematics or mathematics education. Students who choose to focus their studies in biomathematics will graduate from Canada's only undergraduate program of the kind, while the concentration in mathematics education will offer students a unique multidisciplinary approach to the field.

**Biology and Health Sciences** degrees successfully launched this term with 35-40 students (combined total) in the first intake. Three new faculty members were hired, two on one year contracts (**Simon Duffy** and **Karen Davison**) to develop and teach new HSCI courses and one full time ongoing faculty member (**Carson Keever**) to develop and teach zoologically-based courses. Faculty member **Jane Hobson** will be facilitating the Health Science degree implementation and developing co-op options. The challenge facing these programs is the acquisition of three specialized upper level laboratories by Fall 2015.

The **Sustainable Agriculture** degree continues to be successful with the second intake this Fall of >20 new students, many transferring in from other institutions. The first full time ongoing faculty member

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**(Rebecca Harbut)** joined KPU in August. Rebecca will be applying for a Canada Research Council Tier II Chair this fall. **Anna Rallings** was hired as the Research and Laboratory Farm Manager and will begin by overseeing the development of KPUs first Research and Teaching Farm on Colony Farm lands in Coquitlam.

**Plant Health** and **Urban Ecosystems** degrees also launched for the first time this Fall with new 3000 level course offerings. Students entering one of the Horticulture Diploma programs will ladder directly into one of these new degrees in their third year. Two new full time ongoing faculty members (**Kathy Dunster** and **Cameron Lait**) were hired to develop and teach the upper level specialized courses and lead student research. Both come with many years of experience and we are very lucky to be able to recruit such highly recognized faculty.

The **Environmental Protection Technology Diploma Program (EPT)** accreditation from the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board was renewed for another three year term.

This year is the first time that selective entry admission was implemented for the **Certificate in Engineering**. The rationale was to attract high quality students who have the academic preparedness to complete this grueling program in one year, giving them automatic transfer into UBC. We were able to offer selective entry spots to 32 students.

An interdisciplinary group, including representatives from FSH, Faculty of Trades and Technology, School of Business and Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design, has been working on a proposal for a new Engineering degree. Led by former FSH faculty member **Tom McMath**, the group will be moving forward with a Program Concept for a **B. App. Sc. in Industrial Engineering** this Fall.

**Brewmaster and Brewery Management Diploma** – The FSH is pursuing the creation of a 2 year Diploma, based on the highly successful program offered by Niagara College. We will join Olds College and Niagara College as part of the National Brewing Program. Program Manager **Hans van de Slaght** is meeting with local breweries to set up partnerships. The program will be located on the Langley Campus and housed within the School of Horticulture. The target is to have the Program Concept reviewed by the Board of Governors in January 2014 with a potential launch in September 2014.

A Faculty-wide Moodle workshop, “Moodle for the Masses” was organized by **Jim Matteoni (Horticulture)** which attracted over 50 attendees. Several faculty members have also been working with AVP Teaching for Learning Diane Salter on innovative and alternate teaching modes.

**Langley Campus space changes:**

- Several faculty and staff offices moved into Langley 1040 to form a **Faculty of Science and Horticulture General Office** and consolidated presence on the Langley Campus.
- Provincial funding has been secured to convert the former Floriculture lab (Langley 1685) into a **Multi-User Student/Faculty Research Laboratory**. Funding must be utilized by March 31, 2014.
- During the last week of August, the **Anatomy and Physiology** Courses and Laboratory, including faculty and staff, moved from the Surrey Campus to Langley Campus. These courses, serving primarily students in the Faculty of CAHS, have now joined the rest of the CAHS program in Langley.

FSH faculty, staff and students hosted for the first time a booth at **EPIC Festival: Sustainable Living**. This was a very successful recruiting event for the 'Sustainability-focused' programs. July 6-8, Van Dusen Gardens, Vancouver.

The **Institute for Sustainable Food Systems (ISFS)** was created as a parallel to the **Institute of Sustainable Horticulture (Bio-Control)**, a result of the increasing success of both ISH research groups and a divergence of research expertise. **Deborah Henderson** will remain the Director of ISH and **Kent Mullinix** and **Arthur Fallick** will be the Directors of ISFS.

**Faculty, Staff and Student Activities:**

**Karen Davison (Health Sciences):**

- partnered with Sociology Instructors Fiona Whittington and Seema Ahluwalia to develop the interdisciplinary course HSCI 1110 – Introduction to Health Sciences.
- collaborator, Nutrition and Mental Health Research in Canada, Setting the Research Agenda (CIHR funded).
- awarded (as co-PI) CF:ICE (Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement) grant from Community Food Security Hub of Food Secure Canada.
- moderator, 'Seeking a Common Vision: Food for a Healthy Population and a Healthy Agri-food Sector', Dietitians of Canada Conference, Victoria.
- presentation, 'Promoting Mental Health: A Role for All Dietitians', Dietitians of Canada Conference, Victoria.
- organizer of The Nutrition and Food Security Network's Organic Community Farm Tour of Saanich Organics, a community of farmers from small, certified organic farms who work together.
- Awarded the Dietitians of Canada Peer Recognition Volunteer Award, June 2013.
- moderator, Canadian Foundation for Dietetics Research Day's Oral Presentations.

- published, 'Energy under-reporting in adults with mood disorders: prevalence and associated factors, Eating and Weight Disorders - Studies on Anorexia, Bulimia and Obesity', July 2013 [Epub ahead of print]
- presentation by PI of collaborative project at Canadian Public Health Association's 2013 Annual Conference in Ottawa. 'Realist Synthesis of Self-management Interventions for Disadvantaged Populations with Chronic Conditions: Using Multiple Forms of Evidence to Better Inform Policy and Practice.'

**Carl Whitney (Biology)** was an "attending scientist" doing surveys of forest floor invertebrates in the annual Stanley Park BioBlitz (August 24-25).

**Isabelle Aube (Biology)** volunteered at the Stanley Park Bioblitz as the Beach Seine Activity Leader (August 24-25).

**Greg Harris (Biology – Co-Chair):** Ongoing collaboration/research with ISH Regional Food System Design team. Attended Indigenous Food Sovereignty Workshop at UBC.

**Ann Marie Davison (Biology)** was elected as Co-Chair of the Department of Biology, along side of Greg Harris.

**Suzanne Pearce (Chemistry)** attended Western Conference on Science Education hosted by Western University in London, Ontario.

**Xin Liu (Chemistry)** attended Canada International Conference on Education 2013 in Toronto, June 2013. Participated in the Open Textbook Review project, reviewed textbook: 'Organic Chemistry - With a Biological Emphasis.'

**Chemistry Department Workshop:** 'Communication and decision-making: Building Departmental Protocols' facilitated by Alison Brewin. Attended by all departmental members.

**EPT students** worked with the **Burns Bog Conservation Society** to develop a model by-law for ecologically sound peat removal, as part of their ENVI 2405 Environmental Legislation project. The students presented their project to the Society's board members, staff and Executive Director **Eliza Olsen**.

**EPT students and faculty** participated in a worm composting workshop delivered by Cuban graduate student **Dilier Vicedo** along with staff from ISH on July 18. **Paul Richard** and **Dilier Vicedo** are currently working on a scientific paper on the effect of cultural management on soil physical properties.

**Paul Richard (EPT)** addressed a group of 60 students at John Oliver Secondary, Vancouver, about environmental and sustainability careers.

**Andrew Frank (EPT)** presented a paper titled, "Mediating Climate Change, Engaging Audiences: Lessons from The Climate Reality Project" at the Canadian Communication Association annual conference at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Victoria, B.C. and again at the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference of the School of Communication, Simon Fraser University.

**Andrew Frank** gave a 20-minute interview with Vancouver Co-Op Radio's *The Rational*, discussing pipeline and oil tanker politics in British Columbia.

**Graham Rankin (Math)** gave a presentation, *Students' Understanding of Angular Speed*, ICPE Conference, Prague, Czech Republic.

**John Inglis (Math - Chair)** completed his Honours thesis towards my BA in Romance Studies at UBC.

**Judy Bicep (Math)** presented, 'Thinking in College Algebra' at the Learning Specialists Association of Canada in May.

**Tak Sato (Physics):** Presentations:

**T. Sato**, *Imaging the Moon II: Webcam CCD Observations & Analysis (a two-week lab for non-majors)*, at the Annual Meeting of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, San Jose, CA.

**T. Sato**, R. Evans, and J. Lang, *Demonstration: Remote Operation of Console Controlled Labs for Undergraduate Science*, at Educational Technology Users Group Workshop, SFU Burnaby.

R. Evans, **T. Sato**, and J. Lang, *Bringing Open Lab Science Courses to Life, (or Not)*, presentation at Educational Technology Users Group – Spring Workshop 2013, SFU Burnaby.

**Tak Sato and Tyron Tsui (Physics)** reviewed physics textbooks for the BC Campus Open Textbook project.

**Deborah Henderson (Institute for Sustainable Horticulture)** presentations:

June 17: "Biocontrols and how to use them in the Landscape" BC Landscape and Nursery Association Professional Development event for Landscape members.

July 23: "The promise of Biocontrol: Developing natural biopesticides based on native fungi and insect viruses". Perennial Plant Association: 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Perennial Plant Symposium. Vancouver.

August 8: "Sustainability Initiatives: Addressing IPM Standards". Informa Life Sciences Crops and Chemicals Conference: Biopesticides section, Raleigh, North Carolina.

August 12: "Efficacy of a Cuban *Spodoptera frugiperda* MNPV in laboratory assays and preliminary field trials". International Society for Invertebrate Pathology, Pittsburgh, USA.

**Deborah Henderson**, grants awarded, notifications received in May-September reporting period:

- In collaboration with Dr. Jenny Cory, SFU, Engage grant. "Assessing the effect of co-infections of *Bacillus thuringiensis* and a nuclear polyhedrosis virus on normal and Bt resistant loopers". \$25,000.
- NSERC ARD Level 1 "Developing effective natural biopesticides from neem oil". With industry partner Terramera Inc. \$25,000.
- NSERC ARD Level 1 "A new biofertilizer from insect frass and chitin Phase I". with industry partner Industrious Nature Technologies Inc. \$25,000 NSERC, \$1000 industry contribution.
- BC Greenhouse Growers Association, funding from IAF Small projects Program. "Registration data package for a viral biopesticide for the invasive Beet Army Worm". \$9775.
- Ministry of Agriculture Growing Forward 2, Provincially Significant Projects program. "Developing BC beneficial fungi as new biofungicides: Trichoderma blends (pilot stage). \$44,970.
- NSERC ARD Level 1 "Crop response to LED-based light spectra" with industry partner Quanto Tech Solutions Ltd. \$25,000 NSERC, \$2000 industry contribution.

**Greenstar Plant Products Inc.** donated over \$25,000 worth of lab equipment to ISH lab and Langley student multi-purpose research lab.

**Deborah Henderson and Dean Betty Worobec** met with Chris Bush (ACES Agricultural Centre of Excellence in Sustainability) regarding the development of the BC Centre for Resource Innovation. KPU has been identified, along with UBC as academic partners. The mandate is to create a world class centre of applied science and integrative systems focusing on bio-resources.

**Deborah Henderson** became a member of the Advisory Board for Ecoaction Innovative Solutions Inc.

**Deborah Henderson** supervised and hosted Cuban Graduate Student, Dilier Olivera at ISH (with Students for Development funding). April 28 – August 30, 2013.

**Deborah Henderson** supervised one Semiahmoo Secondary Grade 12 International Baccalaureate student in the ISH lab working on her IB science project .

**ISH** became a sponsor for **Sustainability Television (online)**.

The **School of Horticulture** is partnering with **3 Bee Honey** by hosting two hives at the Field Lab. 3 Bee Honey made bi-monthly visits educating us on the correct care and maintenance to keep a healthy and productive hive.

**School of Horticulture** partnered with **Langley Heritage House**. We have an ongoing relationship in which we donate plant material and garden expertise aiding in the maintenance of the grounds.

Faculty, staff and students from the **School of Horticulture** continue to run the **Douglas Park Community School/KPU Garden Program**. This program has been offered for 6 years. Children who have completed their K-5 schooling at Douglas Park have participated in gardening at KPU every year of their young academic careers.

The **School of Horticulture**, under the leadership of instructor **Betty Cunnin**, is partnering with the **Fraser Valley Heritage Railway Society** to landscape the new station in Cloverdale. The School of Horticulture Landscape Design students created a number of hanging baskets which are currently on display at the station. The students are also developing a landscaping plan for the heritage station is set to be complete in December 2013.

**Landscaping Apprenticeship Program** student **Kevin O'Connor** and **Jason Thompson, Turf Management Diploma student**, competed as a team at the Skills Canada National Competition (Vancouver, June 5-8) to take bronze in the Landscape Gardening category.

**Carol Barnett** and **Gary Jones** were elected as **Co-Chairs of the School of Horticulture**, beginning on September 1. This reflects a major governance change within the School, which previously had three Program Coordinators. The switch to Chairs is in preparation for the conversion of the Associate Dean of Horticulture to an Associate Dean of Science and Horticulture who will have an increased portfolio overseeing the entire Faculty of Science and Horticulture.

**Shelley Murley and Rob Welsh (Horticulture)** hosted:

- BCGGA Greenhouse Production Seminars.
- Certified Landscape Technician practical exams.
- an Access Programs for people with Disabilities student (6 wks, 5 hrs per day).
- a Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement student (2 wks, 6 hrs per day).

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- Supply and Business Services annual Department meeting at the fieldlab golf course gazebo gardens.
- weekly veggie and flowers sale – open to the public and KPU community.
- worm composting workshop delivered by Cuban exchange faculty Dilier Vicedo.

**Shelley Murley, Lori Karr and Rob Welsh:** ongoing research project studying the use of biochar in horticulture.

**Shelley Murley** is working with a group of students from the Psychiatric Nursing Program and their instructor on project for the Surrey Urban Mission.

**Shelley Murley** and **Rob Welsh** are members of the **KPU Green Energy Team** partnering with Facilities to look at our current energy uses and ways to reduce energy uses for the School of Horticulture Field Lab.

**Shelley Murley** and **Rob Welsh** were both nominated by the BC Landscape and Nursery Association as 'Educator of the Year'.

**Stan Kazymierchyk (Horticulture)** hosted a booth at the Sportsturf Field Day in Langley, August 29.

**Stan Kazymierchyk** attended Western Canada Turfgrass Association Board meetings in Kamloops, along with the BC Golf Superintendents Association meetings.

**Stan Kazymierchyk** gave a presentation, "Sustainable Golf Course Management", B.C. Golf Superintendents Assn meeting, Prince George.

**Poonam Singh (Horticulture)** participated in molecular biology training at the Michael Smith labs, UBC.

**Poonam Singh**, during a recent trip to India, met Dr. Vandana Shiva to discuss opportunities for research collaborations, faculty mobility programs, inviting guest speakers, and student exchange programs across India and Canada. Vandana is a major leader in India and worldwide, in ecological farming.

**Carol Barnett (Horticulture)** hosted the North American Perennial Plant Growers at a recent symposium.

**PJ Burns (Horticulture)** completed his MA in Environmental Education and Communication at Royal Roads University.

**Tony Puddicombe (Horticulture)** is a Citizen Scientist with the Environmental Youth Alliance. He did biweekly inventories of native bees and honeybees in Vancouver.

**Tony Puddicombe** edited the classroom resources for the Horticulture Red Seal Program.

**Arthur Fallick (ISFS)** was awarded a Katalyst Research Grant by KPU (\$39,589.80) for the project *Planning, Policy and Governance for a Regional Food System Design*. The funding supports research in the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems.

At the request of the VP Academic, **Arthur Fallick** has been engaged in facilitating planning process and co-writing the draft of the Academic Plan that will complement the Vision 2018 Strategic Plan. The intent is to circulate the draft AP across the university in mid-September and have it be endorsed by Faculty Councils and Senate who will pass it on to the Board, by the end of 2013.

**Caitlin Dorward (Sustainable Agriculture and ISFS)** conducted focus group sessions and personal interviews of Carcross-Tagish Nation members in Carcross, Yukon for the Yukon Food System project. Caitlin, along with **Kent Mullinix**, co-authored the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community

Development publication, *Beyond protection: Delineating the economic and food production potential of underutilized, small parcel farmland in metropolitan Surrey, British Columbia.*

**Cornelia Sussmann (ISFS)** represented ISFS at the Vancouver Food Policy Council meetings. Cornelia and **Kent Mullinix** met with Vancouver Parks planner Lindsay Cole, and Melanie Kurien, Provincial Manager Food Security, Population and Public Health, regarding engagement in the Bio-regional Food System project.

**Anna Rallings (Sustainable Agriculture)** and **Chris Thoreau (Richmond Farm School)** organized and staffed an information booth for BASc Sustainable Agriculture and Richmond Farm School programs at annual Car-Free Day event in Vancouver, the Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows Country Fest in Maple Ridge, and the PNE Agriculture in the City exhibit.

**Anna Ralling and Kent Mullinix (Sustainable Agriculture)** finalized the license for 15+ acres of Colony Farm Regional Park for development of the Research & Education Laboratory Farm for the BASc Sustainable Agriculture program.

Chris Thoreau (Richmond Farm School) organized and supervised construction of a new greenhouse at the Sharing Farm in Richmond, BC. Students learned greenhouse construction, enhanced their learning site with the new building and contributed to the community by expanding the Sharing Farm's production capacity.

**Dawn Morrison (ISFS)** presentations:

- Food Secure Canada Platform on 'A Right to Food in Canada', a web based panel presentation to Olivier De Schutter, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food.
- UBC Aboriginal Health Research Forum – Participated in discussion with First Nations Health Authority representatives regarding 'Transforming First Nations Health Governance and Redefining Health Research'.
- Canadian Association of Food Studies Conference – Panel Presentation on Indigenous food sovereignty related research collaborations.
- Forrex webinar – participated in Indigenous Peoples Biocultural Adaptation to Climate Change – Indigenous Knowledge Web portal discussion.
- City of Vancouver Aboriginal Reconciliation Summit – participated in roundtable discussions on how to reconcile within the land and food system.
- BC Food Systems Network Gathering – Project presentation with Andrew Frank, about ISFS.
- Vancouver Food Policy Council – Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty Meeting, Presentation: Indigenous Food Sovereignty in Vancouver and the Bioregion

**Kent Mullinix** is working with Tsawwassen First Nation planner (Kristen Elkow) to develop a TFN Farm School.

**Kent Mullinix** is co-supervisor for two UBC MSc students and on the MSc Advisory Committee for two UBC and one UNBC students. Kent also supervised and supported work of two UBC interns executing a project for the Small Scale Food Processors Association.

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**Kent Mullinix (ISFS and Sustainable Agriculture)** has been appointed Editorial Board member, North American Association of Teachers of Agriculture Journal and is the Canadian Regional Director of the North American Association of Teachers of Agriculture.

**Kent Mullinix** presentations:

- at the BC Nature Spring Conference and AGM, 'Sustainable Food Systems for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Challenges and Opportunities'.
- Workshop for Environmental Youth Alliance, Tree Fruit Crop Load Management.
- for Cooldrinks North Shore, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Food Systems and the Bio-regional Food System project.
- at Canadian Association for Food Studies Conference, Bio –regional food systems.
- Workshop for Environmental Youth Alliance, Summer Orchard Management.
- to Garden City Lands Conservation Society, Sustainable Agriculture at KPU and Development of a Laboratory Farm on Garden City Lands.
- to Surrey Board of Trade Environment Committee, Bio-regional Food System project.
- to B.C. Agricultural Land Commission Board of Directors on the Bio-regional Food System project.
- Workshop for City of Richmond, Small Fruit Integrated Pest Management.
- to B.C. Institute of Agrologists, Vancouver Branch; Food Security in BC: Personal to Planetary
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**Kent Mullinix** met with:

- the College of the Rockies re: development of a Farm School and potential KPU collaboration.
- Director and staff of Fraser Health, re: Bio-regional Food System project.
- Surrey Councilor Linda Barnes, re: Bio-regional Food System project.
- Delta MLA Scott Hamilton, Delta Councilor Ian Paton and Delta Farmers Institute Executive Director Robert Butler, re: Bio-regional Food System project.
- City of Richmond Parks Director, re: Laboratory Farm on Garden City Lands.
- Melanie Kurien, Provincial Manager Food Security, Population and Public Health, re: Bio-regional Food System project.

**Betty Worobec (Dean, Faculty of Science and Horticulture)** is co-chair, with **Karen Hearn (Director of Facilities)** of the newly assembled KPU Environmental Sustainability Committee. The committee is made up of faculty, staff and students. The mandate of the Committee is to facilitate, advise, advocate and enable the implementation of integrated environmental sustainability activities at KPU. Business co-op student **Saima Zaidi** was hired over the summer to conduct and report on KPU-wide sustainability programs and initiatives. Her report will be launched at a campus-wide Sustainability week (October 21-

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25) to coincide with National Campus Sustainability Day. A donation from Fortis BC will be used to hire a student research assistant to plan the events and research sustainability awareness at KPU.

**Betty Worobec** will take over from Gordon Lee as the KPU United Way Leadership Campaign Chair.

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## Faculty of Community and Health Studies (CAHS)

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The Faculty of Community and Health Studies (CAHS) offers a range of programming in the areas of nursing, education, assessment, and professional studies. It includes the following credit offerings:

1. Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (*BPN*)
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (*BSN*)
3. Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Post Baccalaureate (*BSN-PB*)
4. Critical Care Nursing Certificate (*CCNG*)
5. Graduate Nurse: Internationally Educated Re-Entry Certificate (*GNIE*)
  - Graduate Nurse Qualifying Certificate (*GNQU*) – *on hold*
6. Graduate Nurse: Re-Entry Citation (*GNUR*)
7. Health Care Assistant Certificate (*HCAP*)
8. Health Unit Coordinator Certificate (*HAUC*)
9. Professional Studies
10. Special Education Teacher Assistant Certificate (*SETA*)

### 1. **BACHELOR OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING (BPN):**

- Stenberg College diploma of Psychiatric Nursing program articulation with the Bachelor of Psychiatric Nursing (BPN) program, CAHS has been reviewed and is work in progress. It will be on the agenda(s) of S2C2 and the Senate AP&P Senate Standing Committee in September 2013.
- Established a few more new non-traditional placements for semester 1 & 6 for the academic year 2014/15.
- BPN is currently engaged in a community project to develop a library, wellness center and a community garden with the help of some semester 1, 3 and 5 students at the Surrey Urban Mission, in Surrey BC for the homeless and the marginalized groups in the area. This project is supported by the Horticulture department of KPU and scheduled to be completed by Mid-October 2013. This project is a contribution to reduce the stigma on mental illness and poverty.
- A BPN contract faculty member, Lynn Musto, presented a paper at the International Council of Nurses (ICN) in Melbourne, Australia in May/June 2013. Topic: Fostering a supportive moral climate for health care providers: toward cultural safety and equity P.A. Rodney, A. Almutaira, L. Musto.
- BPN recruited another (FTE) regular full time faculty member in August 2013. Program has now 9 FTEs and 1 regular PTE faculty member along with 5 contract faculty members and 134 regular students in summer semesters 1, 3, 5 and 7.

2. **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN):**

**Attrition across the BSN Program**

Year	Semesters	Number of Students	Comments
One	One	32 ( <i>not included in the total</i> )	This semester did not run over the Summer. <b>This is the expected number to enter in the Fall</b>
	Two	26	2 students withdrew for personal reasons 2 failed Biology 1260
Two	Three	29	Cohort of Sept 2012-Jan 2016: This semester did not run over the Summer The BSN Progressions Committee will be meeting later in the week to fill in the seats for the Fall
	Four	31	No change in numbers – all students were successful
	Consolidated Practice 2	27	This was the last running of this course. No change in numbers – all students were successful
Three	Five	23 ↓	<u>End of April:</u> (cohort of Jan 2011-May 2014) This semester did not run over the summer
	Six	23	No change in numbers – all students were successful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Four students from Napier Scotland</b> joined the NRSG 3241 Nursing Practice 6 course for 5 weeks. They did their practice in community health.</li> </ul>
	Consolidated Practice 3 & 4 (CPE 3 & 4)	31	CPE 3 is a preceptorship experience in acute care CPE 4 is a preceptorship in the community No change in numbers – All students were successful
Four	Seven	↓ ↓ ↓	<u>End of April:</u> (cohort of Jan 2010-May 2013) All students successful <b>and progressed into Semester 8 in May</b> This semester did not run over the Summer
	Eight	30	This is the final preceptorship in either acute care or community. No change in numbers – all students were successful in completing the BSN Program on August 9 and will convocate in October
<b>Total as of August 26:</b>		<b>138 +29 (who are in semester off) + 32 expected into Semester One = 199 (added only numbers in red &amp; larger font)</b> <b>Note:</b> this total of 199 will be similar to the March-May 2013 report after the BSN Progressions Committee meets later in the week to fill in	

Year	Semesters	Number of Students	Comments
			the three seats for the Fall Semester 3. The total will then be 202.

### Admissions

Monthly information sessions are incorporating feedback from Faculty and potential students by having more discussion about the role of the nurse, as well as small-group break outs, a tour of CAHS and a short presentation from current students.

Follow-up to above Info Sessions:

- Attendance is at 20-30 people per session. Based on feedback from BSN faculty and BSN Admissions committee, we are looking at making these sessions mandatory. This will enhance new students in their transition to the nursing program and the profession of nursing.

### Curriculum

In this period the BSN faculty has continued updating the seven key elements of the philosophy, conducting literature reviews and revising the narrative.

- The Chair of Curriculum and additional faculty within CAHS were supported to attend the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) Conference held in Vancouver June 24-26. As part of this conference, Faculty participated in the workshop dedicated to reviewing how the licensing exam will differ come 2015. Work continues on selecting study and review guides to support student success in writing the license exams. The Faculty teaching pathophysiology trialed a learning package from Lippincott and summarized student evaluation data on this tool which will be considered with the two other resources from Elsevier and Health Equity Initiative (HEI).
- The faculty working group on development of ways to formally include pharmacology within the BSN program submitted their recommendations to the BSN Curriculum committee in July. The Committee had a preliminary look at the document and has tabled it for the September meeting at both Faculty and Curriculum for consideration.
- Work continues on gathering data to support our decision to acquire accreditation from the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN). For example, the faculty from Semesters 2, 4, 6, and 8 has recorded examples of how BSN students meet the three standards that CASN will be evaluating the BSN program against. The Curriculum committee will be examining the data in September to guide faculty in where we have strong evidence and where we still may need to record evidence. Therefore, Semesters 1, 3, 5 and 7 faculty will continue the same tracking process this fall. One and a half days are scheduled for August 27-28 for faculty to complete the revision of the performance appraisal forms across all 4 years of the clinical courses. In addition, the themes on end of life care have been tracked to ensure the appropriate learning outcomes are achieved by students. The integration of Leadership across the program is in progress.

### Program Evaluation

BSN faculty has worked hard to complete an ambitious Program Evaluation Plan for 2013 – over 30 Focus Groups and several on-line surveys were done between April and August. This year’s Plan entailed

routine evaluation of two cohorts of graduates of the old Collaborative BSN Program as well as close monitoring of how students are doing in each Semester of the Revised BSN Program.

### ***Collaborative BSN Evaluation***

- 32 Collaborative Graduates (APR 2013–May 2013 Convocation) received the Program Completion On-Line Survey (via IA&P) and attended Faculty-conducted Focus Groups. Their feedback supports the value of highly supportive faculty, and provides valuable feedback on Curriculum, most notably the need for enhancing support across the curriculum to apply prior learning from Biology & Pathophysiology courses, and their wish for a formal Pharmacology course.
- In June, 29 Collaborative Graduates of Spring 2012 were invited to complete the 1-Yr Follow-Up On-Line Survey (via IA&P - Results pending) plus 9 attended Focus Groups lead by Faculty. This was a diverse cohort with students from two different intakes plus transfer students from other agencies. Notably, participants agreed that ``KPU faculty want their students to succeed`` and stated they are proud to have graduated from KPU. Their wonderful stories of `living the curriculum` as new graduates clearly highlighted the importance of delivering a caring curriculum that supports students who are not successful, while building capacity for success.
- 30 Collaborative BSN Graduates (August 2013 – October 2013 Convocation) received the Program Completion On-Line Survey (via IA&P - Results pending); 29 of 30 attended faculty-led Focus Groups. (These results are just coming in.)
- Plans are in place to do On-Line Survey and Focus groups with Collaborative Graduates of Summer 2012 in Fall Term (end of September, 2013).

### ***Revised BSN Program***

- Three Cohorts have been admitted to the Revised BSN Program (starting in January, 2012), with the first cohort having just completed Semester 4; both second and third cohort have now completed two Semesters.
- We evaluated all three groups each term via small faculty-led Focus Groups (8-11 per group) to ensure that we track students` perceptions of their Program and Faculty have opportunities to evaluate how students are progressing across the Revised Program. This aids our Curriculum work on leveling of students for the purpose of developing better tools for clinical evaluations.
- Now that we have three cohorts evaluated, work is under-way to also survey Faculty who are teaching in the Revised BSN for their perceptions on student progress.

### **Simulation**

- The simulation lab remained open through the summer, but with modified hours.
- A preliminary meeting was held with Fraser Health Authority (FHA) to discuss a joint research project around using simulation as a teaching tool for assessment of post-operative respiratory depression.
- As well, an Alzheimer's disease simulation for second semester BSN students was completed using the home care lab with faculty as 'simulated' patients.
- There were three tours through the simulation lab this summer.

## Faculty of Community and Health Studies (CAHS)

1. The first was organized with the semester 6 BSN students for the community based PUCKS' group and future health care providers. They practiced on the simulators, used the pig's lungs to learn about the effects of smoking and learned the six steps to good hand hygiene.
  2. The second tour involved Langara faculty/dean and architectural team. They toured nursing labs and simulation labs as they are in the planning stages of their new building. They were interested in exploring what works well in our labs, what we have learned, and how KPU and CAHS are adapting.
  3. The final tour was with the Township of Langley and a delegation from Taiwan.
- Finally, a research project with the National League of Nursing Program is being developed. This will involve five schools of nursing (4 USA and KPU). The project will explore the effects of a deliberate practice debriefing model during a response to rescue simulation. The project is proposed to run during Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

### **Update on Research and Scholarship**

On June 3, the following BSN faculty presented at the Nursing Research: Building Collaborations between Fraser Health and Academic Institutions:

- Balbir Gurm: NEVR (Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships)
- Amandah Hoogbruin: Pay It Forward: Collaboration in Research
- Judy Lee: BC Children's Hospital, Fraser Health Authority, and Kwantlen Polytechnic University Project: Youth to Youth Violence: Working Together to Care for Youth and Families: Collaboration among Three Distinct Communities in Practice and Education
- Sherilyn Sweeney and Arleigh Bell: Low Frequency-High Risk Practice Based Competencies for Nursing Skills

### 3. **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING – POST BACCALAUREATE (BSN-PB):**

- 37 students have been accepted into Semester 1 for our second cohort.
- Three faculty have joined the program to teach Semester 1 and 4.
- June 3<sup>rd</sup>, June Kaminski met with Diane Salter, a guest Instructional Designer and other faculty in Design and Human Resources to showcase how the Mahara eportfolio software is used in the BSN-PB program.
- June 11<sup>th</sup>, June Kaminski met with CAHS administration and two Apple representatives to plan a custom online Apple store for BSN-PB and other CAHS students.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> in Vancouver, Jean Nicolson-Church and June Kaminski presented a concurrent session focused on the BSN-PB program entitled *Blended Learning for Nursing Education - Re-igniting the Nightingale Lamp with ICT* at the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing Conference.
- July 9<sup>th</sup>, June Kaminski led a session with USA nurses from Healthcare without Harm related to the health and environmental risks of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline expansions.
- Course development for Semesters 4, 5, and 6 are underway.

### 4. **GRADUATE NURSE INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED (GNIE):**

Faculty of Community and Health Studies (CAHS)

- 34 students completed the GNIE program in August. A pot-luck and pinning ceremony was held on August 7.
- 35 students have successfully completed Semester 1.
- No student attrition, summer semester 2013.
- 35 students are registered to begin GNIE in September. All students were sent an email/letter advising them that having a personal mobile computing device is highly recommended.
- New curriculum changes to GNIE will start in September
- The January 2014 intake is full (35 students) and 23 students are qualified and on the waitlist. If not offered a seat in January, they will need to reapply.
- Canadian RN Exam in June, of GNIE graduates writing for the 1st time, 87% passed.

5. **GRADUATE NURSE RE-ENTRY (GNUR):**

- Six students commenced preceptorship within this time frame and 3 have completed. The remainder will complete in September.

6. **HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT PROGRAM (HCAP):**

<b><u>Students</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 Graduates from January 2013 intake.</li> <li>• Significant attrition early in program. Students dealing with acute Mental Health issues. Early Alert being utilized consistently by faculty.</li> <li>• One student withdrew late in program r/t a legal issue. NCG granted for final practicum. Student plans to appeal grade.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Program</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32 students registered for September 2013 intake, full class</li> <li>• Changes to final practicum were successful, students spent two weeks in Assisted living due to lack of mentors at Bayshore Home Support. Feedback from students and placements positive.</li> </ul>
<b><u>Faculty</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No changes</li> </ul>

7. **HEALTH UNIT COORDINATOR (HAUC):**

Nil Report.

8. **PROFESSIONAL STUDIES/INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED NURSES (IEN) ASSESSMENT SERVICE of BC:**

- There were no new programs offered during this reporting period at the BC IEN Assessment Service/Professional Studies (PS) Office.
- The BC IEN Assessment Service resumed assessing internationally educated nurses (IENs) for the BC Ministry of Health in July under a new contract agreement.
- During this reporting period, negotiations were underway with the College and Association of Registered Nurses in Alberta (CARNA) to provide substantially equivalent competency (SEC)

assessments for IENs seeking licensure in Alberta. The BC IEN Assessment began receiving referrals for assessments from Alberta in August.

- Program offerings continued in Professional Studies over the summer while planning for further offerings was explored.

9. **SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHING ASSISTANT (SETA):**

- Since SETA does not hold classes during the summer months, there is little program information to report. That said there have been some developments this summer.
- SETA continues to attract students from across the Fraser Valley and the Lower Mainland. The two fall, fulltime cohorts filled in the spring with the waitlists as strong as they've ever been. The part-time cohort filled in June.
- Curriculum changes are underway with two course changes having been approved and implemented for the fall. Faculty had a self-supported retreat in August, at which time priorities for curriculum review were set. The most significant change will be the name of the program. We will be proposing that "Special Education Teacher Assistant" program be changed to "Education Assistant" program, in order to reflect current practice and trends in the field. The scope of practice of an Education Assistant is much broader than both Special Education and teacher assistance. In addition, the trend in post-secondary institutions as well as by employers is to update their respective programs and job titles to Education Assistant.
- SETA posted and hired for a newly created .5 position. The successful candidate, Nancy Norman, has held a contract faculty position in SETA for several years. She is currently completing her doctoral thesis in Special Education at UBC on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Her expertise is a huge asset to SETA, in that SEL is now a part of provincial curriculum; school districts are responding not just in terms of curriculum but also with some administrative role descriptions being changed. SETA is poised to be a leader in training Education Assistants in this critical curriculum.
- Sylvia Woodyard resumed the position of SETA Coordinator as of July 1, 2013, and looks forward to serving students and faculty in the 2013/14 year.

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## Office of Advancement

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Development Office

Record Donations for 2012/2013

The final audited donation numbers for 2012/2013 are complete and donations are up by 32% from last year marking the seventh year of record donations. This year total income for the Foundation was \$4.6M. The Foundation endowment has now doubled since 2006 and is now \$12.2M.

Major Donations:

Donor	Amount
<b>VanCity EnviroFund</b>	\$75,000
<b>VanCity</b>	\$50,000
<b>RBC</b>	\$30,000
<b>Mak Sandhu and Prestige Irrigation Systems Endowed Award</b>	\$20,000
<b>Paul Oei &amp; Loretta Lai Endowed Award</b>	\$20,000
<b>John Fluevog “Unique Soles” Award</b>	\$10,000.00
<b>Change of Phase Consulting Group Award</b>	\$5,000
<b>Arjan Singh Bhatti Memorial Award</b>	\$5,000
<b>2013 Soccer Nationals</b>	\$27,000 of cash & inkind support
<b>Distinguished Alumni Awards</b>	\$12,500 of cash & inkind

\$300,000 from the Real Estate Foundation BC was secured in 2012, contingent on the project securing matching funding from other sources over a three time span. Currently, only one year into the three year project, \$206,087 in matching funding has been secured, in part due to the Vancity Enviro Fund Award listed above.

Award Ceremonies:

School of Business Awards Ceremony – Wednesday, Sept. 25; Surrey Arts Centre

25th Annual Scholarship & Award Ceremony – Wednesday, Nov. 13; Crown Palace, Surrey

Chip & Shannon Wilson School of Design Award Ceremony; Thursday, Nov. 21; John M.S. Lecky UBC Boathouse, Richmond

Stewardship Events:

June – RBC cheque presentation to recognize their gift of \$30,000 toward Phoenix Kwantlen Learning Centre Aboriginal Adult Basic Education.

August – Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design Pre-view Event to bring together design team, Richmond community, KPU community, and media around latest ideas for the building. The event attracted Mayor Brodie, Chip and Shannon, and media coverage of the event included the Vancouver Sun, The Province, and the Richmond Review.

September – Vancity Envirofund cheque presentation to recognize their gift of \$75,000 toward Kent Mullinix's Bio-Regional Agro-Food System Project. Kent's team is presenting on the project at the North Delta Vancity branch, and a partnership with Delta Elementary Schools will be highlighted. Media is being advised to attend.

External and Government Relations

Provincial government activities focused on communicating with the KPU MLAs and the newly appointed government ministers. Letters from the president were sent to all, along with a copy of Vision 2018 and a promise to connect personally in the fall (once the House dissolved and local offices are set up).

Constituency and ministerial contacts continue to be compiled and visits made as offices open.

President Davis, Board Chair Gord Schoberg, and KPU Graduate Intern Keri Van Gerven travelled to Victoria to have lunch in the legislative dining room with AVED Minister Amrik Virk, who later introduced them in the public gallery.

Local events allowed informal conversations with AVED Minister Amrik Virk; Education Minister Peter Fassbender, Natural Gas Minister Rich Coleman, Minister of Children and Family Development Stephanie Cadieux, MLAs Gordon Hogg, Linda Reid; Marvin Hunt, Sue Hammell, Bruce Ralston and Harry Bains.

Local government activity included President Davis presenting Vision 2018 to Langley Township Council. Marlyn Graziano and Jim Pelton met with White Rock Mayor Wayne Baldwin and city planner Dan Bottrill. Regular discussions continue with the City of Surrey's Economic Development department. Marlyn Graziano received an introduction to the Invest North Fraser economic partnership (Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge), along with an invitation to participate on the North Fraser Education Task Force.

KPU also hosted a delegation from Ha Tinh, Vietnam. This was done at the request of the Township of Langley, which is pursuing a sister city arrangement with Ha Tinh.

**KPU Events:**

Table Matters, a dinner and conversation event focused on education issues. Guests included executives from our region's school districts and Surrey-White Rock MLA Gordon Hogg. This event was hosted by President Davis.

Surrey Board of Trade Business to Business Networking evening: Held in the atrium in Surrey Main. Over 100 guests attended. President Davis presented Vision 2018 and Josh Mitchell gave an overview of the upcoming CCAA Women's Soccer Nationals.

Open Doors: a City of Surrey initiative where residents are invited to explore local institutions.

**KPU-sponsored Events:**

Surrey Board of Trade Top 25 Under 25 Awards

Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

Richmond Chamber of Commerce golf tournament

Maple Leaf Awards

Guests at Spring Convocation:

Minister of Children and Family Development Stephanie Cadieux, White Rock Mayor Wayne Baldwin and his wife Jane, Surrey Board of Trade CEO Anita Huberman and event marketing coordinator Brianne Colbert, Langley School Board Chair Wendy Johnson, MPs Jasbir Sandhu and Jinny Sims, and former Surrey-Tynehead MLA Dave Hayer and his wife Isabelle.

Community Outreach:

Grandview Heights Campus of Learning planning session, Surrey Children's Festival VIP breakfast, Canada-India Business Council dinner, the Community Leader Awards (Surrey), Surrey Board of Trade AGM, Cloverdale Chamber of Commerce luncheons, Greater Langley Chamber of Commerce Open Late for Business event, South Surrey-White Rock Chamber of Commerce BBQ, Women of Distinction Awards (Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts, Richmond East MLA Linda Reid and Surrey Board of Trade CEO Anita Huberman all nominated), Downtown Surrey BIA FAM tour, Creative Economy Summit – Business and the Arts (president Davis was a panelist for this Surrey Board of Trade/City of Surrey event).

New Advancement Officer

Corry Anderson-Fennell joined the Advancement Office on September 9. Her focus will be on public relations, along with expanding our external relations in Richmond, a community she knows well. Corry was most recently a communications specialist with Surrey Schools. Prior to that she was a communications officer with the B.C. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A journalist by training, Corry was editor at the Richmond News, Surrey Now and Sunshine Coast Reporter. She began her journalism career as a reporter at the Delta Optimist. Corry is a Kwantlen College alum, graduating with a Certificate in Journalism in 1989.

### **Alumni Relations**

Planning for the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Awards luncheon taking place on October 24 at the Eaglequest Golf course banquet is underway. The event will recognize alumni who have enhanced the reputation of the University through their outstanding achievements. There are sixteen nominations submitted for this year's awards to date. It is anticipated that there will 150-200 guests in attendance. Award recipients will be selected in late September. A selection committee for the awards is being formed, which includes alumni at large, past distinguished alumni award winners, staff, faculty, and members of the KPUAA Board of Directors. The committee will meet once in late September to help select the winner for this year's awards and make a recommendation to the KPUAA Board.

Greetings for this event were requested from Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Premier Christy Clark, Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts, Langley Mayor Peter Fassbender, Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Whiterock Mayor Wayne Baldwin, Delta Mayor Lois Jackson, Township of Langley Mayor Jack Froese. All have responded and have sent their greetings, which will be included in the program of the event.

A fall alumni mixer is being held in late September. The event provides an alumni-alumni networking opportunity. This event was previously called homecoming and has successively taken place for the last three years. This new format is being introduced in its fourth year to increase participation.

The alumni office helped secure two new affinity partnerships for the KPUAA. One offers discounted car rental services and the other offers discounted group travel services for alumni. The alumni association previously had one affinity partner which helped generate revenue for the association to execute activities that engaged the alumni body. There are other affinity partnership proposals in the queue which require additional research and negotiations at this time.

The alumni monthly electronic newsletter now in its third year being sent to about 23,000 contacts saw an increase of close to 5% (4.9%) in the month of July in comparison to last year. Each edition of this publication includes a message from the KPUAA chairperson, tools for success articles, a Live Well column, information about alumni related events, and KPU news. The readership increased from 9.4% in July 2012 to 14.3% in July 2013.

The alumni office has been working on a Direct Mail campaign since earlier this year to engage and solicit gifts for the University from its alumni. The campaign has been put on hold until later this year or early 2014 due to KPU's recent media coverage as this may impact the success of this mail campaign.

A University Chancellor Search Committee has been created and is in the process of finding suitable candidates for this appointment. The alumni association is responsible for recommending a replacement for our current chancellor upon the completion of his term.

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## Information and Educational Technology (IET)

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### **1. Strategic Initiatives**

#### **1.1 Student Experience**

##### ***1.1.1 Re-development of web-enabled Plant Database web application***

Completed the re-development of Horticulture's Plant Database with mobile web capability, enabling students to utilize the application for plant identification in the field. The mobile enabled web application will be deployed by Fall 2013.

##### ***1.1.2 Class Climate – myKwantlen Integration***

In collaboration with IAP, completed the project to integrate Class Climate student surveys with MyKwantlen channels. The goal is to increase response rates by providing students with easy access to all surveys they are asked to complete through the myKwantlen portal.

##### ***1.1.3 Online Advising Appointment (TutorTrac)***

In collaboration with Student Affairs, implementing TutorTrac software for self-service online appointment for advising. Go-live is scheduled for Fall 2013.

##### ***1.1.4 Restoration of Credit Card Payment for domestic tuition fee***

Implemented the process to reinstate credit card payment for tuition fees effective August 13, 2013.

##### ***1.1.5 Banner Flexible Registration***

Working in collaboration with the Registrar's office, implementing the Banner Flexible Registration system for continuing education. The deployment is scheduled for late Oct 2013.

#### **1.2 Agile Infrastructure**

##### ***1.2.1 Library (Sirsi) System Infrastructure Renewal***

Completed hardware upgrade for the Library Sirsi system. This replaces the obsolete Solaris servers, which are costly to maintain, with virtual server on the more economical Linux Intel platform.

##### ***1.2.2 Thin Clients Rollout***

Completed pilot rollout 270 stations to staff areas including Cloverdale faculty area, Library and Facilities. Continue to rollout to staff/faculty areas across campuses at a rate of 80 per month with target of 895 stations converted by Dec 31 2013.

### **2 Operational Initiatives**

#### **2.1 Process Improvements**

##### ***2.1.1 Mobile Phone Management***

Took over the management of mobile phones from Supply. Conducted Lean Kaizen to identify streamline processes for provisioning and upgrade of mobile phones, and the ongoing management of the mobile phone fleet. The goal is to meet the 10% cost reduction target mandated by executives for 2013 by eliminating wastages and cost overrun; and in the long term, further contain/reduce cost while ensuring effective use of mobile technology in the workplace.

**2.1.2 *Lean Thinking***

Hosted Green Belt Training in June where Value Stream Mapping Kaizens were conducted to streamline the Move Processes and the Mobile Phone Provisioning Process. In July, a group of senior managers from the Academic and Administrative areas attended a workshop on Lean Problem Solving. The Lean Steering Committee is planning training for 5 additional Green Belts and in house training to introduce Lean to the broader employee body in the Fall. The Committee has also mapped out 12 month implementation schedule for key improvement initiatives.

**2.2 *Infrastructure Renewal/Upgrade***

**2.2.1 *High Availability for Email***

The Exchange email system was enhanced with the high availability feature that have the email boxes stored on redundant servers. This minimizes planned downtime required for routine maintenance and unplanned downtime in case of hardware failure.

**2.2.2 *Richmond VoIP upgrade***

Replaced the obsolete PBX with a VoIP PBX to integrate with the VoIP infrastructure already in place at the Surrey, Langley and Cloverdale campuses.

**2.3 *Renovation and Construction***

**2.3.1 *Richmond Renovation - Phase II***

Designed and deployed network cabling infrastructure. Installed office technology in temporary and new renovated locations.

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## Facilities Services

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PROJECT	COMMENTS
Departmental Vision	Completed a graphical vision document <a href="http://www.kwantlen.ca/facilities/vision.html">http://www.kwantlen.ca/facilities/vision.html</a> Note it does not currently open with all flash players. Working on resolving this.
Architectural Selection	The partnership of KPMB (Toronto) & Public Architecture (Vancouver) were selected for the Chip & Shannon Wilson School of Design Project. Design is progressing rapidly with schematic design to be completed early September.
Environmental Sustainability Review	Hired a co-op student to gather information on all environmental sustainability activities at KPU including academic offerings, business practices and building construction and operations.
Fall Protection Training	Training provided for facilities services personnel to create awareness of the risks and regulatory requirements and processes to mitigate the risks.
Green Team	Established a joint Facilities Services & Horticulture Green Team to explore and implement projects that will reduce energy consumption for Horticulture.
Public Energy Dashboard	Pilot dashboard installed at Horticulture providing real time energy use information.
Chronic HVAC Issue Cloverdale campus	Determined causes and improved comfort in offices and classrooms located on the buildings south elevation.
Weather station	Linked the Surrey campus weather station to the Building Management System to gather data to assist in planning future energy conservation projects.
Carbon Neutral Action Report (CNAR)	CNAR submitted to Climate Action Secretariat. 12.74% reduction in CO2 emissions for 2012. <a href="http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cas/reports/cnar/Kwantlen_2012.pdf">http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/cas/reports/cnar/Kwantlen_2012.pdf</a> Reduction partly due to milder winter than in 2011 as well as successful energy conservation projects. KPU purchase carbon offsets resulting in carbon neutrality.
Landscape Improvements	Landscape initiatives completed to create more efficient maintenance practices and to address security concerns; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extensive blackberry removal along the Creek at the Langley campus has improved security and reduced the potential for squatter activity</li> <li>• Conversion of some of the oversized landscape beds to turf</li> <li>• Extensive blackberry removal at the Surrey campus. Neighborhood trash along the property fence line increased the complexity of this project requiring an excavator.</li> </ul>
<i>Summer Parking Lot Maintenance</i>	<i>Coordinated with Supply &amp; Business Services and Impark to complete parking lot maintenance including signage improvements, curb &amp; speed bump repairs, parking stall repainting at Langley, and stop bars and laneway repainting at all campuses.</i>
<i>KSA Waterfillz stations All campuses</i>	<i>Facilities oversaw plumbing and electrical services upgrades for installation of Waterfillz stations supplied by the KSA. Finishing work was completed for the walls and ceilings.</i>
<i>KSA Bike lockers</i>	<i>Facilities selected locations and coordinated installation of the KSA supplied bike lockers.</i>
<i>Campus Preparations, Fall semester start up</i>	<i>Campus interior and exterior grounds and parking area cleaning completed at all campuses in advance of the Fall 2013 semester start up. Additional work is conducted for floor care, carpet cleaning, window cleaning, pressure washing, parking lot sweeps, and landscape</i>

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	<i>bed pruning at this time of year.</i>
<i>Re-flooring</i>	<i>Langley &amp; Richmond campus office and general area flooring replacement completed. Work in progress at the Surrey campus. Some of the carpeting being replaced is original to when the campuses were constructed in the early 1990's. Total investment \$400,000.</i>
<i>Richmond campus refurbishment/renovation</i>	<i>Achieved milestone with the City of Richmond granting occupancy to the modified spaces.</i>
<i>Moves</i>	<i>Planning and coordination of moves for over 180 people this summer at all campuses to support renovations and general relocations. Relocated the Langley Finance &amp; Payroll files freeing up space for Anatomy &amp; Physiology which relocated from the Surrey to Langley campus.</i>
<i>Space efficiency</i>	<i>Creative design work by our in-house Interior Designers determined a way to combine the copy centres and mail rooms at the Richmond and Langley campuses creating much needed additional space for other functions.</i>
<i>Langley cafe</i>	<i>Designed, refurbished and outfitted the cafe with new furniture, fixtures, paint and graphics.</i>
<i>Renovations Langley</i>	<i>Converted two rooms into new classroom space.</i>
<i>Renovations Richmond</i>	<i>Created workshop &amp; labs for Product Design.</i>
<i>Renovations Surrey</i>	<i>CSIT Lab – created a 44 seat computer lab. Canadian Research Chair Grant – created lab space Converted former nursing labs into classrooms</i>
<i>Furniture</i>	<i>Significant furniture selection, procurement and installation coordination for numerous projects including the Richmond refurbishment. Coordinated the warranty repair of 360 guest chairs.</i>

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## Finance

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Month	Accomplishment
Aug 2013	<p><b><u>Financial Reporting and Systems Update (including Accounting Services)</u></b></p> <p>Since the last report, the focus of Financial Reporting has been completion of the year-end audit and audited financial statements between April and the Board sign-off in early June. Staff has been assisting in conversions required in Accounting Services as well as continuous systems and process improvements including researching changes to address recommendations in the PCard internal audit report.</p> <p>Work has been completed on two statutory financial reports, and work is underway for the Statement of Financial Information Act report.</p> <p>Post year-end period is also the time during which regular review and maintenance is completed for system access and chart of accounts.</p>
Aug 2013	<p><b><u>Accounting Services</u></b></p> <p>Within Accounting Services, major initiatives during the spring/summer have included coordinating the reintroduction of the BC Provincial Sales Tax for KPU, upgrading of the printer used for Accounts Payable's cheque printing, and improvements to other accounting processes. One major initiative carried out in cooperation with Student Affairs was the introduction of a credit card with convenience fee payment option for students. This proved very popular, with approximately two million dollars in domestic tuition payments received in the first nine days after implementation.</p>
Aug 2013	<p><b><u>Budgeting &amp; Assurance</u></b></p> <p>Vivian Lee, Manager of Budgeting &amp; Assurance, has accepted a position at Langara College; the position will be posted soon. The Budgeting staff is busy with the preparation of information packages for the next budget round. The Budget book is out and is posted to the Financial Services SharePoint site.</p>
Aug 2013	<p><b><u>Restricted &amp; Revenue Generating Funds</u></b></p> <p>The Foundation audit has been completed and presented to the Foundation Finance Committee, and will be going to the Foundation Board in early September.</p>
Aug 2013	<p><b><u>Payroll</u></b></p> <p>As mentioned in the last report, Payroll participated in the Lean Sensei project in early April to organize and de-clutter the Payroll area. It has proven to be a success, as four months</p>

	<p>later the staff are sustaining the end result, with a few minor adjustments. The Faculty retroactive payments were calculated and paid out in early August. Payroll had made the commitment to HR and the KFA to pay it by August 23<sup>rd</sup>, and was able to beat the deadline and pay it two weeks earlier. September is the start of a new semester, so Payroll is now preparing for a heavier workload for the next six weeks as new hires and contracts are submitted. Cross-training and improving efficiencies are still a primary goal for Payroll as vacations end and full-staffing is back in place.</p>
<p>Aug 2013</p>	<p><b><u>Bookstore</u></b></p> <p>The Bookstore has been busy with buyback activity and is preparing for the Fall semester rush.</p> <p>To gather fresh ideas and information for future decision-making, in late spring 2013, the Bookstore requested the Office of Institutional Analysis &amp; Planning to conduct focus groups with Bookstore staff, students, faculty, administration, and KSA representatives. The resulting report is being posted on the Bookstore website.</p>

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## Supply and Business Services

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Month	Accomplishment	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	Reported to Board
Aug 2013	<p>Even though during the summer months on KPU campuses and classrooms are a little quieter, the workload within Supply and Business Services is extremely busy and faces increase demand for our services in supporting all KPU Administrative and Program Department preparing for the start of the Fall Semester.</p> <p>As a small department with limited staff and resources, our ability to respond to these requests is always challenged during the summer months by staff entitlement to vacation leave and unexpected absences due to injury, illness and family emergencies.</p>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	for Board Mtg on 4-Sep-13
Aug 2013	<p><b>Summer Workload - Print Centre</b> At any time our KPU Print Centre is working a capacity producing over 10 million impression a year in support of our programs, administration and marking requirements, but during the summer months the staff is further challenged with increased workload to produce over 100 Course Pack titles for resale in Campus Bookstores, that will deliver over 10,000 low cost booklets for our students during our school year.</p> <p>In addition to meeting the demand for Course Packs, many other large in-house print jobs such as the KPU Student Handbook, KPU Program Guide during the summer months in addition to large print jobs though out the year providing materials for Convocation, KPU Day, Kwantlen Fashion Show and various Administrative Annual Reports.</p>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	for Board Mtg on 4-Sep-13
Aug 2013	<p><b>Summer Workload - Supply Services</b> As shown on the graph below, Supply Services during the first few months of this fiscal year has already processed over \$18 million in supply and service contracts for KPU, which is an significant volume of work considering that in 2011/12 or 2012/13 that \$20 million was spend in the entire fiscal year period.</p> <p>Contracts issued during this time frame include the Gymnasium Floor Replacement, Carpet Replacement, Janitorial Services, Shuttle Bus Service, Natural Gas, Transit Shelter Advertising, Radio Advertising, Apple Computers, Welding Rods, Wire and Steel, various Facilities Maintenance Projects, and many others.</p>	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	for Board Mtg on 4-Sep-13

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## Human Resources

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### Security

Month	Accomplishment
Aug 2013	Security successfully acted upon and caught a student on campus that was Breeching a Criminal Court Order restricting him from being on KPU property.
Aug 2013	Security has successfully populated and brought on line its web site on KPU's Home page.
Aug 2013	Security has successfully arranged for its move to the new Security Office at Richmond Campus.
Aug 2013	Security has developed a "Job Description" for a full time security position at each of the 4 KPU campuses. The position will be for a Campus Security Coordinator. This position will fill the gap of not having a 'take charge' person in case of an emergency. The position will address and handle the daily security issues that arise at each of the campuses. Funding for these positions would be offset by reduced usage of contract security personnel. A funding request will be submitted for this year's budget process.

### Employee Relations

Month	Accomplishment
Aug 2013	<p><b>Top Employers Application</b></p> <p>The application for the Top Employer designation was prepared and submitted to Media Corp. Now entering its 14<sup>th</sup> year, Canada's Top 100 Employers is an annual competition to recognize the nation's best places to work. The project aims to identify the companies and organizations that lead their industries in attracting and retaining employees. Employers are evaluated by the editors of <i>Canada's Top 100 Employers</i> using eight criteria, which have remained consistent since the project's inception: (1) Physical Workplace; (2) Work Atmosphere &amp; Social; (3) Health, Financial &amp; Family Benefits; (4) Vacation &amp; Time Off; (5) Employee Communications; (6) Performance Management; (7) Training &amp; Skills Development; and (8) Community Involvement. Employers are compared to other organizations in their field to determine which offers the most progressive and forward-thinking programs. KPU has held the designation as a Top Employer in BC for six consecutive years.</p> <p>To enhance awareness of KPU as an employer who values diversity in its workforce and to provide service to our community, HR representatives presented at the Annual Employment Information Session for DiverseCity Community Resources Society. DiverseCity is an organization dedicated to <i>promoting the independence of new Canadians and building strong, culturally diverse communities</i>. The event was held on</p>

	<p>KPU’s Surrey campus. Information was presented to 60 participants regarding employment opportunities and hiring processes at KPU and provided an Employer’s perspective regarding resume writing and interviewing.</p> <p><b>Leadership Development</b> The rollout of the Leadership Development Program commenced in May of 2013. The program is comprised of 6 workshop/information sessions focused on orientation to legal and legislative framework, communication and change management and is designed for completion within 8 months. Twenty four participants are enrolled in the program in pay levels 6- 9. Additional cohorts are being planned.</p> <p><b>New Recruitment Process</b> The development of a Sharepoint Competitions Site has been completed. Roll-out is scheduled for the fall of 2013. The purpose of this site is to assist with the current workflow on the distribution of resumes submitted for competitions. In consultation with the stakeholder groups it has been determined that the use of this site will provide for greater efficiencies and less paper waste.</p> <p><b>HR Website</b> Work continues on the upgrading of the HR website for both internal and external visitors. It is our goal to provide a more intuitive, friendly based website that will support employee success, knowledge transfer and information sharing.</p>
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Risk Management

Month	Accomplishment
June – August 2013	<p><b>IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY</b> As part of our continuing efforts to improve accountability, the Risk Office:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is currently developing Operational Risk registers with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of the Registrar</li> <li>• Women’s Soccer National Championship</li> <li>• Various Small Projects</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Developed a Risk Reporting Framework (Draft for discussion at Sept meeting of the Finance &amp; Audit Committee)</li> <li>3. Developed a customized Risk Ratings Scale (– ISO 31,000 model) adapted to KPU specifics</li> </ol>
	<p><b>EXPANDING UNDERSTANDING OF RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE POST-SECONDARY SECTOR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with the BC Government to co-host a second Enterprise Risk</li> </ul>

	Management (ERM) Conference on the Richmond Campus. November 28-29, 2013
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## Student Affairs

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### ATHLETICS

- 2013/14 **Varsity Athlete orientation sessions** were held August 19 (for new athletes) and August 26th (for all athletes). These events are one of the few opportunities for all varsity program students and coaches to get together as one large group. Both sessions were well attended.
- The **varsity gymnasium floor was refinished** in July 2013 and features an updated Eagles varsity logo at centre-court. The new logo is striking and has been well-received by athletes and the university community in general.
- Preparations for hosting the Women's Soccer Nationals at KPU on November 6-9 are underway.

### CENTRE FOR CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION AND CAREER SERVICES

#### Career Services – Events

- **Accounting Firm Information Sessions** : This summer, several representatives from KPMG, PwC, KNV, MNP and Deloitte held open office hours on campus to connect one-to-one with Accounting students interested in learning more about the firms and the upcoming CPA recruiting process. These sessions were well attended by many KPU accounting students who took the opportunity to network with the representatives.
- **Career and Mentorship Seminars:** Representatives from Edward Jones Investing, Sun Life Financial, Investors Group, the RCMP and Leaders of Tomorrow conducted various workshops on campus for students. These sessions explored career opportunities, the foundations of investing, and opportunities to develop their skills in mentorship, networking, volunteerism, and leadership. These sessions were well attended by students ranging from 10 to 120 attendees depending on the event.
- **Resumes and Cover Letters Workshop:** Students and alumni had the opportunity to polish their resume and cover letters at this workshop along with learning how to effectively read a job posting to increase their chances of being hired. Discussions also included some current tips on employer recruiting trends.
- **Career Services - Online Job Posting System:** Kwantlen's job posting system, Career Connection, saw 196 new employer contacts post 381 full-time, part-time, and volunteer job opportunities for students and alumni for the May to July period. This represents **an increase of 41% in the number of opportunities** compared to the same period last year. Upon further analysis, the table below indicates employer interest in our students and alumni based on a percentage of jobs posted targeting students in each Faculty area.

Science and Horticulture	10%
Community and Health Studies	5%
Arts	6%
Design	5%
Business	50%
Trades	10%
Other	14%
TOTAL	100%

- Some of these new employer and community contacts to Kwantlen include the **RCMP National Forensic Services**, The Children’s Wish Foundation and the Vancouver International Marathon Society. In addition, during this period, a further 321 students and alumni joined the online job posting system to access these valuable opportunities.

**Co-operative Education – Educational Initiatives**

- Association for Co-operative Education (ACE) Symposium**, May 28<sup>th</sup>: Lindsay Wood (Co-op faculty member), as part of her external committee involvement, assisted with the coordination of this event focusing on “Digital Media and Student Recruitment”. The symposium brought together Co-op practitioners from around British Columbia to engage in discussions around the rapidly changing landscape of digital media and its increasing role in student recruitment. These sessions explored the impact that mobile, social and other digital media will continue to have on the employer-school-student relationship in years to come.

**Co-operative Education – Work-integrated Learning**

- Work-integrated learning opportunities for students continued to develop from May to July as employer relationships were further strengthened and new ones were established. During the Summer 2013 semester, 106 Co-op students were applying their academic knowledge and learning through work. The table below highlights the sectors for which Co-op students were employed for Summer 2013.

Federal Government/Agency	23%
Provincial Government/Agency	9%
Municipal Government	5%
Non-Profit Organization	4%
Private Business	59%
TOTAL	100%

- For the May to July period, Co-op students saw **65 Co-op job opportunities** posted for work terms to begin in September. This represents a 14% increase in the 56 positions posted for the period last year. Organizations recruiting Kwantlen Co-op students for fall include Scotiabank, Prospera Credit Union, RCMP and Environment Canada.

**COUNSELLING SERVICES**

- Director of Counselling Services** started in May

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- Developed a proposal in conjunction with the KSA to offer **peer support to Kwantlen students**. This partnership will ensure student engagement in the delivery of counselling services.
- Two counselors presented **career counselling model** to 70 school counsellors at conference at KPU
- Began discussions with Community and Health Studies to provide **customized programming for students in Langley**

## EDUCATIONAL ADVISING

- **Online appointment booking for all KPU advising departments is now live**. Branded as “**Advisor Connect**” at KPU, the system has been installed over the summer period and will be launched in mid-September.
- Central Advising’s **Course Planning 101** workshop series was released as a series of online video workshops in late-May to coincide with the start of registration for Fall 2013. Focused on course planning and registration for new Kwantlen students, the videos have been well received with several hundred views.

## OFFICE FOR NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

- Ongoing local recruitment visits, education fairs and events adding more leads to the prospect database coupled with increased and segmented communications contributed to: **Summer and Fall Semester 2013 applicant numbers are up from this time last year**.
- Fall semester registration calling campaign successfully done, where **2,900 students were contacted and encouraged to register** because they missed their registration day.
- **Increased promotion of ACP/ELST programs** through information sessions on campus, meetings and presentations with counselors, career advisors, settlement workers, students and parents, and community agencies and organizations.
- **Researched and planned college recruitment opportunities in other provinces and new markets** for the Fall recruitment cycle (Ontario and Alberta).
- Hosted an **Agents Conference** at KPU Richmond to provide KPU information, and admission and program updates for the upcoming year.
- Launched 2 new social medias - **Pinterest and Instagram** – adding to our Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, to further engage online with future and current students.

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

### Admissions

- **KPU’s new Admissions Framework** received approval at the June meeting of Senate, enabling KPU to begin work on modifying and enhancing our current Admission model.
- Admissions completed a **successful Summer intake cycle with 1320 applications received** (2.4% increase from 2012) contributing to an overall 4% increase in enrolment conversion rates.

### Graduation / Legals

- KPU hosted our **largest Convocation to date**, with 750 students attending five ceremonies over three days in May.
- **46 legal requests** were completed between May – July

### Registration & Scheduling

## Student Affairs

- The **Flexible Registration** project was initiated, with full implementation planned for October, 2013. This enhancement will allow students in Continuing and Professional Studies and Trades Apprentices to fully register and pay on line.
- **Published the Fall 2013 timetable**; almost 2900 sections created including 380 continuous intake (CI) sections (up 5.5%).
- **Enabled registration for continuing students (ABE)** as of July 24, 2013 – one month earlier than ever before.

## RECREATION

- **New recreation programming** is being launched for 2013/14 including intramural indoor soccer and basketball leagues.
- **Try Me Week**, Sept. 9 -19 provides KPU students with an opportunity to try-out various fitness class options for free.
- An MOU with the KSA has resulted in a funding agreement which will see a **full subsidy for KPU students** participating in fitness classes offered by KPU recreation.
- In consultation with Communication and Marketing Services, KPU recreation is pleased to unveil a **new logo** for the 2014/15 year:



## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- **Outreach/Transition/Collaboration activities** in May/June included: Disability Advisor presentation at the Counselors Conference; participation at new student orientation; presentations at Articulation on accommodations for students with Asperger's in Post-secondary.
- **Physical audit for new student services space Richmond Campus** – reviewed requirements and requested wheelchair accessible student kiosks, student computer stations in the open space, and lowered digital way finding screens.
- **SSD Faculty presentations to faculty/staff** in Chemistry re: recruiting and training personal care attendants for students in wheelchairs in chemistry labs; advising health program Coordinator, Dean, Associate Dean and practicum facilities on duty to accommodate Deaf students in health practicums; meeting with Learning Center faculty to explore common service points for presentations such as Transition and Orientation for ACE-IT students; SSD presentation to recruitment area staff on services to students with disabilities
- Exciting accommodation – **KPU welcomes a Deaf student for the 1st time in the Health Care Assistant Program**. The student speech reads and 5 ASL Interpreters are contracted to provide communication access in theory and labs. The practicum facilities are looking forward to creatively solving any access challenges. The student has plans to work with Deaf seniors with dementia who would otherwise be living in care facilities without any communication; a critical need in the workplace and an exciting opportunity for KPU.
- **New Adaptive Equipment** – reviewed for purchase, electronic stethoscope with wireless visual output display for use by Deaf student in health program needed to assess heart sounds of patients;

## STUDENT LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT

## Student Affairs

- **Parent orientation** in June was expanded this year to the Langley and Richmond campuses and all sessions were well attended with 230 parents coming out to find out more about KPU as their children transition to post-secondary. This represents a more than **doubling in attendance** over previous years.
- **KPU Welcomes U**, now in its 4th consecutive year, Student Life and Development is once again coordinating volunteers on the first 2 days of the semester to welcome students back at host stations across the Surrey, Richmond and Langley campuses. These volunteers typically play an important role for new students with items such as wayfinding and general questions about parking, the bookstore and food services.

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## Library Services and Learning Centres

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### Library Services

- 1) Langley Library refresh – as part of the refresh of carpet throughout several campuses, the Langley Campus Library had its carpet replaced in all areas: main public space, study rooms, computer lab and staff areas. The new carpet makes the library look much more welcoming, professional, and spacious.
- 2) Langley Library Summer Hours – on a trial basis, summer hours for the Langley Campus Library were extended from 4:30 pm (Monday-Thursday) until 8:30 pm. The VP Academic provided some temporary budget to cover the 6:00-8:30 pm staffing costs. Headcounts of students in the Library were taken every hour to determine the use of the space. Upon initial review it appears that having the Library open past 4:30 in the summer is a good idea but all the way to 8:30 pm may not be necessary. Thursdays were the most popular evening.
- 3) Personnel changes:
  - After over 20 years of service to KPU Serials Librarian Margaret Brown retired as of August 31, 2013.
  - Allison Richardson has returned from maternity leave to assume the full time eResources Librarian position.
  - Angela Ryan was hired fulltime as the liaison librarian for Trades, Technology and the Physical Sciences.
  - Chris Burns started her three year appointment as Library Chair on September 1, 2013.
- 4) We recently upgraded our *Business Source Premier* subscription to [Business Source Complete](#). For a modest increase in cost but there was a significant expansion in content:
  - 850 more full-text peer reviewed journals
  - 750 more trade and general business magazines
  - 870 more full-text books
  - 2350 more market research reports
- 5) Server migration – IET upgraded the server for the library catalogue. This change will provide continued robust service. As well we upgraded to Unicode display in the catalogue allowing the catalogue to be able to correctly display both diacritics and other language scripts. For example, we have a growing collection of Punjabi language materials and records for these used to display as a transliterated version. They will now display in their original script. We don't currently have great numbers of materials in other language scripts but this will change as KPU collects more materials continuing on its path towards a full-fledged university.

## **The Learning Centres**

The Learning Centres featured:

Exam Jam review sessions for students at Richmond and Langley.

Online writing tutoring available via KPU's Learning Centres as well as through the WriteAway Consortium (still in pilot phase)

Spring/Summer Semester: Development of It's About U – Transition program, including advertising and promotion, and connection with schools, parents and students.

August Boost Camp – attracted 123 participants; Note: 193 students registered for this event. Learning Centre staff following up with registrants and participants early in the Fall semester. – Features online learning assessments for students so we can see levels of competency or confidence across a range of 10 learning or study skill areas.

Pilot program for EAL students in Academic programs designed and developed for Richmond. Some flow through to Surrey Campuses.

Initiation (by Director SD in consultation with stakeholders) of EAL Taskforce to bring together service groups and faculty to design an integrated approach to meeting the learning support needs of International, ELST and EAL students in academic programs.

Learning Centre presentations at Welcome Back sessions for School of Business and Trades and Technology Faculty; development and presentation of Faculty Support Sheet advertising LC services to faculty – new ONLINE booking system for class based presentations or workshops, and faculty referral sheet for students.

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## School of Business

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### **Demand Remains Strong**

Enrolments for summer term 2013 were strong. The School of Business typically offers 18-20% of the total annual course offerings during the summer. This year 193 courses were initially planned and due to strong demand a further 5 courses were added. The average fill rate for all 198 sections was 93% of capacity.

For the fall term 2013 the School of Business originally scheduled 456 sections, due to budget constraints. Responding to very strong demand, Business sought approval for 28 additional demand sections raising the total to 485 sections. Enrolments in 77% of all School of Business courses this fall are over 90% of capacity, and of those sections at ninety percent plus, 46% are 100% full.

Given the average fill rate of 91%, and four international students per class the 28 demand sections added KPU additional tuition revenues of approximately \$460,000. After the faculty costs for the 28 demand sections there is a net contribution to the institution of \$160,000 plus.

### **Faculty**

Over the last few months several faculty have had articles published.

Dr. Abhijit Sen in conjunction with co-author Professor Zhiqiang, of North China Institute of Aeronautical Engineering in Langfung, Hebei, China co-authored the following article.

Sen, Abhijit & Yao, Zhiqiang, "The Realization of Students Ranking Assessment Management Information System", Journal of Software, Vol.8, No.3, March 2013.

Ron Messer, CA, CMA had the following articles published.

Messer, Ron, "Saying Good-bye to Mr. Magoo: Confessions of a Former Civil Servant", Strategic Direction, 2013, Vol 29 no. 4, pp. 33-37

Marc Kampschuur. CA co-published an article and co-presented at two PD seminars at the CMA-BC Leadership Conference.

Friedrich, Brian, Fiedrich, Laura & Kampschuur, Marc, "The Basics of Board Governance", 2013, CMA UPDATE, Spring, pp. 18-19

Two faculty have returned from Ed Leave:

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- Dr. Marcelo Machado, Computer Business Systems and Entrepreneurial Leadership, returned from an Ed Leave during which he taught at the University of Applied Science, Munich. Discussions are underway with the University of Applied Science, Munich to offer a joint field school in summer 2014
- Debbie Gorval, Computer Business Systems, returned from an Ed Leave during which she conducted research on best practices in management information system instruction in European universities.

Four faculty members have had their applications to the 0.6% Targeted PD Fund approved:

- Dr. Minli Lian, Business Quants and Finance, who received her PhD in finance earlier this year, leveraged her dissertation into a conference presentation explaining hedge fund performance fees at the World Finance Conference in Malta.
- Brad Anderson, Business Management and Entrepreneurial Leadership, received support towards his Doctorate of Business Administration Studies: Applying Social Identity Theory to Conflict between Physicians and Administrators at a Canadian Hospital.
- Sepand Jazzi, Accounting, received support for his research into the Application of Business Research Methods to Enhance University Status.
- Colleen May, Legal Administrative Studies, received support to undertake the UBC MET Graduate Certificate in Technology Based Distributed Learning.

### Retirements

Two faculty members have retired. We wish to acknowledge and thank Dr. Le Roi Smith, Marketing faculty member, and Terri Smolar, Coordinator of the Public Relations program for their many years of leadership and service to Kwantlen and our students.

### Students and Alumni

The initiative demonstrated by School of Business students is impressive. The SoB supports several student clubs and they have been busy throughout the summer.

ASK, the Accounting Students of Kwantlen,

- Contributed to a Silent Auction fundraiser in conjunction with the Grant Thornton Hockey Tournament with proceeds going to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Langley.
- Volunteered to work alongside employees from Davidson & Company Chartered Accountants assisting the **2013 Walk for ALS**.
- Hosted an Ice Cream Social Networking event providing students from several universities with the opportunity to meet with representatives from lower mainland accounting firms.

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KMA, the Kwantlen Marketing Association August 7<sup>th</sup> organized another in their KMAID Speakers Series “Digging for Gold: Conversations with Brands”. Claire Lamont, Creative Director, and Partner and Nikki Hedstrom, Director, Western Canada of **SMAK Media and Promotions, Inc.** were the presenters.

The Self Employment and Entrepreneur Development Society, SEEDS, an organization with active student engagement held its SEEDS Business Leadership Awards event with support from the Office of President, Alan Davis and the School of Business.

Recently, KPU students began a chapter of Young Women in Business.

Samson Chang, a KPU Public Relations recent grad, was named this year’s winner of the Canadian Public Relations Society Scholarship.

Rashad Khan, President and co-founder of the KPU Marketing Association received an award for an exceptional contribution to the marketing community at Kwantlen.

Brandon Hastings, BBA Entrepreneurial Leadership 2010 was selected to Junior Team Canada, the flagship program of Global Vision and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade initiative to engage your Canadian business leaders in international endeavors.

### **A Special Thank You to Terry Han**

Terry Han, who has done an excellent job as the Acting Associate Dean of the School of Business for the past year, opted to return to faculty. Terry has agreed to continue to act as Chair of the Curriculum Committee as the School of Business undertakes a major course and program restructuring in order to align with the new Admissions Framework.

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## Faculty of Trades and Technology

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### **APPLIANCE SERVICING Program**

Whirlpool Canada, an industry partner since the beginning of the program, donated 39 high-end appliances to KPU's Appliance Servicing program. This generous donation allows instructors to train students on top-of-the-line appliances, providing a competitive edge as they enter the workforce with practical experience on the latest technology.

### **CADD TECHNOLOGIES/WELDING PROJECT**

CADD students worked in conjunction with students from two welding programs to design racking systems for the welding department. As a component of their training, the students were to be involved with the development, manufacturing, assembly and revisions of the project, while taking into account any safety implications. This was a very positive and rewarding experience for the students, and a wonderful example of how programs delivered at Cloverdale have an interdisciplinary experiential component. It is anticipated the CADD students/instructors will continue to collaborate with the welding program.

### **WELDING PROGRAM CHANGES**

This summer the Industry Training Authority (ITA) announced the discontinuation of Welding C effective January 6, 2014. To replace Welding C the ITA has introduced a 28 week Foundation program which will provide credit for Welder Apprentice Level 1, 2 and 300 work-based hours when candidates register as Welder apprentices. The Welder Foundation training delivery structure is identical to the current Welder C program. The Faculty of Trades and Technology has submitted a request to change the credential name from the Certificate in Welding Level C to a Certificate in Welding Foundation.

Effective March 31, 2014 Welder B and A will be discontinued and will be delivered under the new Welding Apprenticeships Levels 1, 2, 3 and the Specialty Metal Endorsement program. The Faculty of Trades and Technology will submit a request to discontinue the Citation in Welding Level B and the Citation in Welding Level A early next calendar year.

### **FIRST NATIONS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMMING**

FNES First Nations students are graduating from the 28-week foundation welder training program this week. There has been overwhelming success with student engagement and success which has resulted in discussions to offer Welding and expand the partnership to additional trades programs.

## Faculty of Trades and Technology

Carpentry students from the Lower Stl'atl'imx Tribal Council in Pemberton, and from the Squamish Nation Trades Centre have completed as well. There is a high retention rate among these students who have made great progress.

The Faculty of Trades and Technology is moving forward developing existing relationships with the First Nations around trades and industry type programing.

### **SUAC**

Dean Henry Reiser attended the Senior University Administrators Course in Banff with Dean Diane Purvey. This unique opportunity stressed the use of data in decision-making – in line with KPU priorities.

### **NCDot**

Dean Henry Reiser was elected as Chair of the National Council Deans of Technology at the June AGM.

### **ACCC INDIA UPSKILLING PROJECT**

Dean Henry Reiser presented the proposed response to the challenge of upskilling 500,000,000 India nationals at the ACCC AGM in Penticton. (Reference February conference “Mainstreaming Skills Education: Creating Relevant Human Resource”)

### **OFFICE OF THE DEAN: SERVICE EXPANSION FOR APPRENTICES**

Throughout the calendar year discussions have been taking place between the Office of the Dean and Student Services on how to address Apprenticeship Services.

At Kwantlen, any course or program that is not Senate approved is designated as Professional Studies/Industry Based Training/Continuing Education. In the Faculty of Trades and Technology, professional studies including apprenticeship training are in high demand and an important revenue source for the University. The Office of the Dean, for the Faculty of Trades and Technology proposed an organizational change to address apprenticeship program recruitment, entrance assessment, levels progression and enrolment management. This proposition has been accepted and should become operational at the end of this calendar year. The Office of the Dean will assume apprentice program entrance processes, which will reduce confusion for faculty, staff and students, and increase the Faculty's program responsiveness to meet external accrediting/reporting requirements.

### **MINISTRY OF ADVANCED EDUCATION – Skills Program Funding (SIP FY 2013-2014)**

In fiscal year 2013-2014 the Faculty of Trades and Technology has been granted \$95,880 funding through the Ministry of Advanced Education, Foundations Skills funds. This funding is intended to support the following specific programs:

- Electrical Foundation program – one program for 16 seats which is to be scheduled in a modified format. This program is scheduled to begin in October 2013 and is currently at 112% enrolment utilization.

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- Trades Transition Boot Camp– two programs for 30 seats. The Faculty is intending to provide an intake in November 2013 and February 2014, and will provide students a hands-on introduction to the various trades and technology programs offered at the Cloverdale Campus through project-based activities.

### **CLOVERDALE CAMPUS – CAREER FAIRS AND EVENTS**

A Trades and Technical Career Fair will be held on the Cloverdale campus Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, allowing for students to connect with industry employers, and providing a networking opportunity faculty.

Steel Day/Manufacturing Day takes place on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – an opportunity to see what goes on behind the scenes in these respective industries. Trades and Technology faculty, students and staff at KPU Cloverdale will be available for brief presentations and tours of the metal trades shops and CADD Technology programs. This event is supported by the Surrey Board of Trade and has been promoted to high school and post secondary students, alumni and suppliers. Interested parties can register on-line for numerous events or facility tours.

### **MAPLE RIDGE PLUMBING FOUNDATION**

As per our initiative to reach out and open programs in new school districts, we are pleased to announce February 3<sup>rd</sup> was the first intake of our Plumbing Foundation program in Maple Ridge. This program has a large demand in the Maple Ridge, Haney and Mission areas. In our initial recruitment for this program, we ended up with over 60 students applying for 16 seats. This program mirror images the program presenting running in SD 36 at Panorama Ridge Secondary.

### **OTHER INITIATIVES:**

- We are in conversations with the Burnaby School District to deliver a welding program.
- Discussions are underway on future plans for the development of programming with Delta, Richmond and Langley, determining what the school district's needs are and how we can address those needs.
- We are at present dealing with the Metis Nation education and training facilitator to identify key areas that KPU Cloverdale can be involved in.

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## The Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design

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The development of a vision for The Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design is well underway and the first physical signs of the building project are beginning to appear with the removal of lamp standards and placement of hoarding around the building site. In addition to the building, initial planning for future needs regarding educational technology, programming, activities, and profiling is underway.

### **Building Project**

A series of charrettes with internal stakeholders, and a number of meetings with the Design Team, Steering Committee, Project Management Committee, and User Committee occurred over the summer months. As a result, the Schematic Design is set to be signed off during the first or second week of September, as per the project schedule. The User Committee will complete its review of space allocation, room blocking, and adjacencies on Friday, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and forward its recommendations to the Project Management Committee for final sign off.

An Open House was held for the public on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to share the initial building concept. This event was well attended by community members and the feedback received about the building vision was extremely positive. Thanks go to the teamwork of the many involved in organizing the event including Facilities, the School of Design, the Office of Advancement, and Communications & Marketing. In a very short time, they pulled together an impressive event which garnered a great deal of positive media coverage.

### **Academic Programming**

#### **Enrolments**

Going into the new academic year, all September program intakes are at capacity, except for Product Design. The Product Design degree is in its second year of implementation and is beginning to establish its brand within the design community. Further work on marketing will occur this fall to elevate its profile and increase student enrolments.

KPU will be receiving an influx of international students through the Brazilian Government's initiative, Science Without Borders. Over the next four years, 100,000 scholarship students will be funded to attend universities across the world. Through the support of our new Associate Vice President International, Stuart McIlmoyle, KPU's programs have been accepted to receive students. The first wave of students has resulted in over 40 students, nearly half of which are attending courses in Design. We are currently receiving a second wave of applicants for January. We are investigating ways to not only accommodate them but provide them with quality education experiences that showcase the best in Canadian design. This influx of students will not only benefit

our programs through the sharing of understandings of design in different contexts and cultures, but in filling seats within the cohorts opened by attrition.

### **Field Schools**

Students from the Wilson School of Design and the Faculty of Arts, along with faculty members Lucie Gagne (IDSN) and Ross Laird (IDEA), recently returned from the Calanoa Field School in the Amazon. The experience proved to be a deep and enriching experience for students and faculty and after review, it has been determined that the Field School will run again next June. A large part of the pre-trip blog discussion involved the big question, “What to Wear?” in the Amazon jungle. The next Field School may provide an excellent opportunity for students to do on-site field testing for technical apparel.

In addition to the Amazon Field School, the Wilson School of Design will be implementing a second Field School in Richmond during the summer of 2014. This Field School will investigate the newly evolving convergence of culture, environment, context, and design in a course named “When East Meets West”. A third Field School will be developed for the summer of 2015; this course will investigate these concepts in Istanbul, and provide a contrast between “When East Meets West” in modern and ancient times.

### **Design Events**

#### **Division Start-Up**

This year’s Wilson School of Design Division Start-up Meeting was held in the Melville Centre for Dialogue, Richmond Campus. The full space was used to allow for both group tables and theatre style seating. The purpose of the set-up was a precursor to the new building to demonstrate the concept that a classroom does not have to have a single front-of-room, and can be used in a number of different ways. Feedback from meeting participants as they entered the space was very positive and included statements such as: “Wow, this looks like fun”; “The room feels energetic and dynamic”; and “It’s great to see a less traditional room set-up”.

The meeting was appreciatively coined by many as being “very student centred”. After a warm welcome by *Carolyn Robertson*, and an update on the planning of the new building from *Craig Reagan and Lucie Gagne* (Interior Design program), faculty and staff heard from the following in relation to teaching and learning:

- *Tom Carey* who outlined some of the teaching and learning research and development opportunities for the School of Design.
- *Corey Furnell* (Sharp’s Audio Visual) who demonstrated ways to use a Smart Board followed by faculty reflections from *Sylvia Woodyard* (SETA Program).
- *Mark Pritchard* (Interior Design Program) who outlined accessibility for students and faculty to room 3420, the Design Lab.
- *Carolyn Robertson* who outlined Beta testing opportunities for students using Smart Board, lighting lab in room 3420, and potential furniture for the new building.

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- *Seema Ahluwalia* (Sociology program) who outlined the purpose and proposed activities for Truth & Reconciliation at Kwantlen week of Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.

The session ended with welcoming words from *President Alan Davis* who introduced our new Provost and VP Academic, *Sal Ferreras*.

The meeting was followed by a New Faculty Orientation session hosted by *Carolyn Robertson* and *Roxsanne Bunjowicz*.

*Thank you to Carolyn for organizing so many talented individuals to assist faculty for the coming year.*

Submitted by Mary Boni

### **Student Welcome Back**

The Wilson School of Design, in collaboration with the Kwantlen Student Association and Design's Student Experience Committee, held its first ever Student Welcome Back on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Over three hundred and fifty students, faculty, and staff attended a welcome back presentation and lunch (pizza funded by the KSA).

The intentions of the event were to:

- welcome back Design students, faculty, and staff,
- provide an opportunity for interaction between all student, faculty, and staff in the Wilson School of Design,
- share and clarify the values, priorities, and brand of the Wilson School of Design,
- provide a status update on the development of the new building, and
- have fun!

The Wilson School of Design's commitment to enhance the student experience and to highlight its successes was evident at this year's event. The hard work of our Student Experience Committee and involvement from the Kwantlen Student Association helped make this event a real success and messaged KPU pride.

### **Faculty Appointments:**

Rita Ciammaichella joined KPU as Coordinator, Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Technical Apparel Design (DETA) in mid-July, 2013. We are fortunate to have Rita; she brings a great deal of expertise from her background in Kinesiology (MSc.), experience as Project Leader with Mustang Survival Corp, and her post-secondary experience as a teaching assistant at Simon Fraser.

In addition, new faculty members for the DETA program include:

- Dr. Tom Waller (PhD in Sports Technology), previously with Nike and now with lululemon athletica;
- Yogendra Dandapure (Master of Technology in Textile Engineering), with experience as a senior manager in the textile industry and now with lululemon athletica; and

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- Dr. Dan Robinson (PhD in Kinesiology), with post-secondary teaching experience in human factors at SFU and Kwantlen.

As a group, they have a wealth of industry and academic experience and have engaged in research activity, journal publications, conference presentations, and grant writing; they will contribute to elevating KPU's position in post-graduate education.

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## University Secretariat

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During the period covered by this report (May 18, 2013 – September 3, 2013) General Counsel supported the work of each of the units of the University Secretariat (University Governance and Policy Group, Student Risk and Judicial Affairs, and Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy) and provided legal advice to the Board and senior administration at KPU. Detailed reporting of such legal advice is not included, given the public nature of this report.

A brief outline of the work undertaken by each of the units within the University Secretariat during the reporting period follows.

### **University Governance and Policy Group**

Much of the summer was taken up with set-up for the next academic year, and most accomplishments during the reporting period involved the updating of processes and documents that support the Board of Governors and Senate. The following are some of the items accomplished over the summer:

- Scheduling various Board and Senate committee meetings;
- Updating the look and functionality of the Senate website, as well as committee memberships and meeting dates;
- Arranging a Board Recognition Dinner;
- Drafting a Presidential Search Advisory, Appointment and Re-appointment Policy and Procedures for review;
- Welcoming three new Board Members including the preparation of a welcome package, media releases and various other procedures;
- Preparing for a Senate by-election; and
- Assisting with the process regarding the Chancellor nomination.

### **Student Risk and Judicial Affairs**

#### **Cases**

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs (OSJA) received ten new conduct cases during the reporting period. Of those ten cases, eight proceeded to a full conduct investigation and the remaining two

cases involved some type of intervention by the OSJA. Of the eight cases investigated, two involved the Behavioural Intervention Team (BIT).

### **SJA Administration**

Background research continues into judicial affairs best practices and codes of conduct used at other BC post-secondary institutions. A work plan was developed and submitted to support the revision of the Student Conduct policy (C.21).

### **BIT**

The draft BIT policy is now complete. The Director of the OSJA attended the first provincial Chairs meeting for Behavioural Intervention Teams of BC post-secondary institutions.

The OSJA is currently seeking interest in a provincial training workshop for BITs to be conducted by the National Association of Behavioural Intervention Teams (NaBITA). If this workshop is conducted, KPU will be the host institution.

### **Student Risk Management**

In collaboration with the Director of Organizational Risk, planning for this year's Risk Management conference (to be presented in conjunction with the Provincial Risk Management Branch) is well underway with registration to commence in September.

In collaboration with the Director of Organizational Risk, work continues with respect to the:

- Development of a risk management web page;
- Development of field trip/travel guidelines;
- Revision of the alcohol policy; and
- Development of a handbook for Trades Faculty who have high school students in their classes.

## **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy**

### **FOI Access Requests**

Nine new FOI requests were received during the reporting period. Responses have been sent on three of these requests. The remaining six requests are being processed.

### **Policy Development on Transparency**

Colleges and Universities in BC were examined for policies on transparency in the post-secondary environment. A policy and procedures for access and transparency at KPU is being drafted.

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## Continuing and Professional Studies

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### **General Overview**

On June 24, 2013, the new Executive Director of Continuing & Professional Studies (C & PS), Jim Pelton, began work at the Cloverdale campus.

In the weeks following, introductory discussions about KPU, its policies, processes, programs and the future of C & PS have been held with the President, Deans of all Faculties, Vice Provosts, Human Resources, General Counsel, Director of Marketing, Director of External & Government Affairs, Director of Community Relations, Director of Facilities Services, Manager of Strategic Planning and the Director of Institutional Planning & Analysis.

An inventory of programs *in all Faculties* that are currently running and of those that might be profitably run within 18 months is underway. This will provide foundational programming for the revitalization of C & PS at KPU as well as the basis for a Business Plan and budget submission.

### **Program Activity**

#### ***Trades programs***

- C&PS is now prepared to launch the new Data Networking program in January of 2014. This is the next stage of the highly successful Low Voltage program currently running at Cloverdale campus.
- The new Restoration program is well underway, having run three times in the last six months. This is the only program of its type in Canada and several industry partners attended the Faculty of Trades & Technology divisional welcome back meeting. This program helps to ensure that wastewater and incoming clean water never mix.
- The Cross Connection program is in development for launching early in 2014. This Continuing Education offering serves Red Seal plumbers and sprinkler-fitters who must re-certify every five years.
- KPU is in discussion EITI (the Energy Industry Training Institute) regarding the possibility of running the Power Line Technician Trade at Cloverdale campus.
- Meeting in September with Mike McKay, Superintendent of SD 36 (Surrey), to explore development of new program to build on last year's successes.

#### ***LNG projects***

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- C & PS has hired Queenswood Consulting Services to assess labour market supply & demand scenarios for various occupations impacted by LNG development in BC and to determine which opportunities are strategically suitable for KPU.
- We have had preliminary meeting with the Lead, Employment & Training, from Kinder Morgan regarding the Trans Mountain Pipeline project.
- Meetings are being set up to meet with ENN, a major Chinese LNG/Energy Corporation, and the Chinese Trade Council.
- KPU is working with TUV Nord, the international safety certification, service and testing/inspection company, in the development of technology programs related to Mining and LNG
- KPU continues to develop industry specific training opportunities with BC's Mining community.

## ***Metis & First Nations***

- The BC government was approached for and provided funding (\$45K) for an *Introduction to Trades* program delivered by KPU in partnership with Squamish First Nation.
- Squamish First Nation has agreed in principle to provide space and land for development of a Utility Arborist program that would serve the LNG pipeline developments as well as those surrounding Transmission lines across BC. There are significant First Nation & Metis employment opportunities across the province associated with this trade.
- KPU and Squamish First Nation are exploring opportunities related to installing Low Voltage technologies and the Seaspan federal shipbuilding contracts.
- KPU has an upcoming meeting with the BC Metis Nation Acting Minister of Natural Resources regarding training opportunities.

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## Faculty of Arts

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### Faculty of Arts Initiatives

Our **Fall Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Arts** occurred on Monday August 26, 2013 at the Conference Centre on our Surrey campus. Highlights include an address from Dr. Sal Ferreras, Provost and VP Academic, and President Alan Davis.

The meeting also involved two sessions of morning workshops on the following topics: “Faculty Search Process – Guidelines & Considerations,” “Beyond the Classroom: Co-op in the Arts,” “An Introduction to Mandarin Chinese: in the Context of University Teaching (led by **Yanfeng Qu** (Modern Languages)),” “Overview and ‘Taster’ of Rethinking Learning,” “Copyright Post 2012: What’s New, What’s Not,” and “Awareness of Aboriginal Perspectives, Protocol, and Some Myths (led by **Lisa Monchalin** (Criminology)).” Developed in consultation with Arts department chairs, these workshops provided valuable PD opportunities for our faculty.

Our afternoon session featured “Dean in the Hot Seat” wherein faculty were invited to ask questions of the Dean. We concluded the day with our regular business meeting.

From January 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> of this year, the Faculty of Arts completed 29 faculty searches. Seventeen of these were for 1 year positions (NR2), 6 were for permanent positions (regular) and 6 were for specific coordinator/time-release opportunities. During this period all of our 15 departments completed at least one faculty search.

The need for faculty searches is in part a reflection of the continuing demand for Arts courses. This Fall, we opened up 24 demand sections in a variety of disciplines. The bulk of the demand courses were for first year classes. Many of the new sections were for evening and weekend classes, appealing to the non-traditional KPU student.

The second Faculty of Arts special purpose funds competition was adjudicated in June. The selection committee awarded a total of \$18,900 to fifteen faculty from eight different Arts departments. This competition supports initiatives that further the Faculty’s Academic Plan and KPU’s Strategic Plan. Arts awarded approximately \$43K for such initiatives to our faculty and students.

In an effort to bring the music department onto other campuses, the popular “Music at Midweek” series, which is a Wednesday noon-hour concert on the Langley campus, will also be at Surrey and Richmond campuses on alternating Fridays.

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As well as being teaching focused, Arts faculty have a strong track record of creative work and scholarly publications, public presentations, and awards and appointments. The engagement of Arts faculty with their academic discipline and relevant communities is reflected in a high number of student awards and achievements. The following information illustrates the successes of the Arts faculty and students.

### Creative Works and Scholarly Publications:

- **Gira Bhatt** (Psychology) Bhatt, G., Tonks, R. G., & Berry, J. W. (2013). "Culture in the History of Psychology in Canada." *Canadian Psychology*, 54 (2), 115-123.
- **Deborah Blenkhorn** (English): *This Island, We Celebrate* (Anthology): "Cabin Fevered: Life on the Rock", a creative non-fiction piece published in Province of BC/Arts Council, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, June 2013.
- **Shelley Boyd** (English) *Garden Plots: Canadian Women Writers and Their Literary Gardens*. McGill-Queen's University Press, 2013.
- Creative Writing faculty members **Jen Currin**, **Aislinn Hunter**, **Zoe Landale**, **Rachel Rose**, and **Cathy Stonehouse** all had poems included in *Force Field: 77 Women Poets of British Columbia*.
- **Nicola Harwood** (Creative Writing): *Salmon Row*, put on by theatre company Mortal Coil Performance Society at Steveston's historic Britannia Shipyard, returned for a second run, made possible by a \$100,000 in funding from the City of Richmond, August 2013.
- **Noemi Gal-Or** (Political Science) "From Theory to Practice: Exploring the Relevance of The Draft Articles on the Responsibility of International Organizations (Dario) — The Responsibility of the WTO And The UN" was listed twice in June 2013 on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: LSN: Trade Law (Topic) and PSN: Politics of the WTO (Topic), June 2013.
- **Lisa Monchalin** (Criminology) Monchalin, L. and Marques, O. "Preventing Crime and Poor Health among Aboriginal People: The Potential for Preventative Programming." *First Peoples Child & Family Review*. 7(2), 2013.

### Public Presentations:

- **Andrew Bartlett** (English) presented "Originary Law" at the seventh annual meeting of the Generative Anthropology Society and conference, UCLA, June 27-30, 2013. He also moderated one of the sessions and introduced one of the two plenary speakers. Dr. Bartlett is currently President of the Generative Anthropology Society.
- **Daniel Bernstein** (Psychology) presented the following papers:
  - With Richard Le Grand, Kumar, R., & Butler, A. (July, 2013). "Hindsight bias is unrelated to learning in the classroom." Paper presented at the International Conference on the Teaching of Psychology, Vancouver, BC. Canada and with Kumar, R. at the meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, Calgary, AB. (June 2013)
  - With Andre Aßfalg, Begeer, S., & Koot, H. M (July, 2013). "Egocentric biases are equally prevalent in children with and without Autism Spectrum Disorders." Paper presented at the Conference of the Australasian Human Development Association, Goldcoast, Queensland, Australia.

- Bernstein, D.M., Scoboria, A., & Arnold, R. (2013, June). "Suggestion affects the formation and then the consequences of false memory." Paper presented at Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Desjarlais, L., Bernstein, D. M., & Scoboria, A. (2013, June). "False memory: Too broadly defined and hard to predict." Poster presented at Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- Sager, B., Goodwin, A., Currie, D., Aßfalg, A., & Bernstein, D.M. (2013, June). "The effect of positive and negative feedback on the revelation effect." Poster presented at the meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, Calgary, AB.
- Sager, B., Kreykenbohm, E., Bernstein, D.M., Dastur, F.N., & Froc, D.J. (2013, June). "Motorcycles are not invisible: A change-blindness study." Poster presented at the meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, Calgary, AB.
- Sager, B., Yanko, M.R., Bernstein, D.M., Dastur, F.N., Froc, D., & Spalek, T.M. (2013, June). "Motorcyclist's lane position as a factor in right-of-lane violation collisions." Poster presented at the meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science, Calgary, AB
- McDonald, D. L. L., Richardson, M., & Bernstein, D. M. (2013, June). "'I remember sounding that out:' Exaggerated pronunciation enhances the production effect." Poster presented at the Social Aspects of Autobiographical Memory – Memory and Imagination conference, Aarhus, Denmark.
- Fischer, A.L., Coolin, A., Bernstein, D.M., & Thornton, W.J.L. (2013, May). "Age, Cognitive Performance, and Theory of Mind: Convergent Evidence Across Two Narrative-based Tasks." Paper presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Surrey, BC.
- Kumar, R., & Bernstein, D.M. (2013, May). "Auditory Hindsight Bias ≠ Priming." Poster presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Surrey, BC.
- Zaidi, K.B., Fischer, A.L., Bernstein, D.M., & Thornton, W.J.L. (2013, May). "The impact of anxiety symptoms and cognition on theory of mind performance in healthy adults." Poster presented at Northwest Cognition and Memory, Surrey, BC.
- **Gira Bhatt** (Psychology) presented two papers in June 2013:
  - With AT-CURA team: Poster presentation at the International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology, LA, USA: Bhatt, G., Tweed, R., Douglas, K., Viljoen, J., Gagnon, N., Dooley, S., Rai, R., & Thandi, G. "Examining violence and acculturation of ethnic minority youth in Canada."
  - With KPU undergraduate students, as well as Steve Dooley and Roger Tweed : a poster presentation at the Canadian Psychological Association, Quebec City: Abedin, R., Lewis, S., Knowlton, B., Scheuneman-Scott, I., Dooley, S., Tweed, R., & Bhatt, G. "Voices of the community: Perceptions of youth gang involvement and prevention strategies."
- **Shelley Boyd** (English) attended conferences to present: "Nature Altering Tools" - ACQL (Association of Canadian and Quebecois Literature) University of Victoria and "Gardening in Atwoodville: Margaret Atwood's Technologies of the Garden" Nature Perfect? Conference, University of Delaware, June 2013.
- **Greg Chan** (English) participated as a panelist – presenting on Alfred Hitchcock's *Vertigo* as part of an English department conference organized by **Kegan Doyle**.
- **Noemi Gal-Or** (Political Science) presented "Terrorism and the Non-State Actor in the 2011 Interlocutory Decision of the Appeals Chamber of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon" at 81e Congrès de l'ACFAS, Université Laval (Québec) (May 2013)

- With **Francis Abiew** (Political Science) “International Responsibility of the NSA in International Law: Is There a Case for a Multi-cultural Approach?” at the Non-State Actor Responsibilities: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Considerations” conference.
- **Sheila Hancock** (English) with E. Jane Fee presented “Strategy on the Edge: Redefining Teaching and Learning at KPU” at the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education Annual Conference, University of Victoria, June 2013.
- **Jack Hayes** (History) presented “Economic Development and environmental sustainability in Action on the Tibetan Plateau at the Towards Sustainable Development on the Tibetan Plateau: Challenges and Opportunities for China and Canada Seminar, The Mosaic Institute and University of Calgary, Calgary, June 3, 2013.
- **Sarah Hickinbottom-Brawn** with **Ann-Marie McLellan** (Educational Studies): “Happiness through work? Limitations of the notion of career as a means of fulfillment.” Poster presented at the 2013 American Psychological Convention, Honolulu, HA, July 31-August 4, 2013.
  - Harvey, N. & Hickinbottom-Brawn, S. “‘Cause I wanna be anarchy’: Countercultures as an illustration of authenticity?” Poster presented at the 2013 American Psychological Convention, Honolulu, HA, July 31-August 4, 2013.
- **Amir Mirfakhraie** (Sociology) presented three papers in June and July:
  - “Identity and Phobia: Constructing the Ideal Citizen in Iran” Law On the Edge, UBC, July 2-4, 2013.
  - “Racialization of Asia, Africa, and Americas and the Construction of the Ideal Iranian Citizen: Local and Global Representations of Colonialism, Geography, Culture, and Religious Diversity in Iranian School Textbooks” Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Canadian Sociological Association, University of Victoria, June 7, 2013.
  - “Constructions of Phobia, Nationalism, and Fractured Selves in Iranian School Textbooks” Congress 2013 of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Canadian Sociological Association, University of Victoria, June 6, 2013.
- **Lisa Monchalin** (Criminology), as part of the Research Roundtable: Missing Women Commission of Inquiry Unpacked and Revisited, presented “Addressing Root Causes of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women: The Ongoing Effects of Sexism, Racism, and Colonialism.” Law on the Edge Conference at UBC, July 2, 2013.
- **Billeh Nickerson** (Creative Writing) performed numerous readings this Summer, including stops at the Calgary Spoken Word Festival, Galliano Island Writers Festival, Vancouver Museum, Vancouver Queer Arts Festival, and Victoria Pride.
- **Diane Purvey** (Dean of Arts), with P. Neufeld (TRU) presented 3 papers at the British Education Leadership, Management & Administration Society:
  - “Ethical Considerations Emerging from Cross-Cultural Research”; Relational Acumen; and Re-visioning Leadership Development: A University-School District Partnership, Edinburgh, UK, July, 2013.
- **Yanfeng Qu** (Modern Languages) presented “Linguistic Features of Chinese and their Implications for Enhanced Pedagogy and Teacher Training Programs” at the 11th International Conference on Chinese Language Pedagogy, Chengdu, China, June 28-30, 2013.
- **Constanza Rojas-Primus** (Modern Languages) presented “*A competência inter/transcultural no ensino de línguas estrangeiras*” [Inter/Transcultural Competence and Foreign Language Teaching] as the Keynote Speaker of the 3rd Seminar on Foreign Language Teaching at the Universidade Estadual Paulista of Sao Paulo, Brasil, June 13-14, 2013

- “Inclusion in the Classroom and the Notion of “The Intercultural” at the 38th International Conference on Improving University Teaching hosted by the Universidad Católica de Chile, in Santiago, Chile, July 17-19, 2013.

**Awards and Appointments:**

- **Aaron Bushkowsky** (Creative Writing) was recently nominated for his 9<sup>th</sup> Jessie for Outstanding Original Play and also received a commission for a new play from Vancouver’s Art Club.
- **Nicola Harwood** (Creative Writing) recently received a Canada Council grant for *High Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese*, an interdisciplinary collaboration with Canada’s Poet Laureate Fred Wah; composer Jin Zhang; and performers and designers Bessie Wapp and Thomas Loh.
- **Billeh Nickerson** (Creative Writing) received funds on behalf of the department from the Canada Council for the Arts to help support the writer-in-residence program and the department’s reading series.
- **Paul Ohler** (English) was awarded a Katalyst Grant to conduct research into the “Digital Edith Wharton Project.”
- **Dola Pradhan** and **Parthi Krishnan** (Geography) were awarded a Katalyst Grant to pursue the project “Global Warming, Sea-Level Rise and Livelihood Adaptation Strategies: A Study of Communities Along the East Coast of India.”

**Community Engagement:**

- **Gira Bhatt** (Psychology) with KPU Nursing faculty and AT-CURA team organized a community collaboration event, “Youth to Youth Violence: Working together to care for youth and families: Collaboration among three distinct communities in practice and education.” Presentation at the Fraser Health and Academic Institutions Nursing Theme Day, Surrey, June, 2013.
- **Gira Bhatt** (AT-CURA) hosted two related community events:
  - Sikh Leadership & Law Enforcement Summit on Gang Violence: A Step Toward Action and Results. During the 2-day summit, which included Lower Mainland RCMP, 12 Sikh temple leaders, and youth members, Gira Bhatt presented “Protecting youth from involvement in criminal gangs: A strength-based approach,” Chilliwack, June 2013.
  - Follow-up one-day Sikh Leadership & Law Enforcement Summit on Gang Violence: A step Towards Action and Results, involved 32 law enforcement officers and 42 community leaders, KPU, July 2013.
- **Gira Bhatt** (Psychology) was interviewed on Red FM “The Harjinder show” on the Law Enforcement and Sikh Leadership Summit and Radio AM 1550 Sher-E-Punjab “Tajinder Nijjar Show” on community action on youth gang prevention, July 2013.
- **Shelley Boyd** (English) held a book launch for Garden Plots at VanDusen Botanical Gardens, July 9, 2013.
- **Greg Chan** (English) led a Jade Peony walking tour with ENGL 1202 students, in collaboration with historian John Atkin and the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese Garden for a field study of Chinatown and the Downtown Eastside, July 2013.

- **Noemi Gal-Or** (Political Science) is part of ongoing board work with Dunbar Residents Association; AmCham – Pacific Chapter; American Chamber of Commerce; Member of the Canadian Bar Association Anti-Corruption Team (CBA-ACT).
  - As part of the National International Law Section, Canadian Bar Association, Ottawa, Noemi is the Communications Officer and Editor of the *Canadian International Lawyer and Bulletin* newsletter; attended the conference on Emerging Issues in International Corporate Social Responsibility, Corruption and Compliance; and Executive Annual Meeting
  - Representing the Canadian Bar Association, she is part of a 3 person team drafting an intervener amicus brief to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Canada, June 2013.
- **Sarah Hickinbottom-Brawn** (Educational Studies) is currently the Div 24, APA Theoretical & Philosophical Psychology Membership Chair.
- **Greg Millard** (Political Science) commented on Senate reform on Fairchild TV, August, 2013.
- **Billeh Nickerson** (Creative Writing) served on the BC Arts Council juries for Periodicals and Student Scholarships.
- **Yanfeng Qu** (Modern Languages) represented KPU to adjudicate the 2013 BC 'Chinese Bridge' Mandarin Speech Contest for Elementary and High School Students, held at Confucius Institute in Coquitlam, May 2013
- **Constanza Rojas-Primus** (Modern Languages) invited for an interview at radio Universidad Católica in Santiago, Chile ([www.radiouc.cl](http://www.radiouc.cl)) on August 1, 2013 to discuss the notion of "The Intercultural" and its implications to both KPU students and Catholic University students. "Encuentro Con: Lo Intercultural" [Meeting with: "The Intercultural"]
- **John Rose** (Geography) organized the BC Earth Science articulation meet, hosted by the KPU Geography/Geology department with high attendance from other institutions followed by a field trip of the local geology from John Clague (SFU) in May 2013.

#### **Institution-Wide Initiatives:**

- **Noemi Gal-Or** (Political Science) as part of the Non-State Actor Committee of the International Law Association:
  - Organized and hosted the conference "Non-State Actor Responsibilities: Empirical Findings and Theoretical Considerations" with the International Law Association – Canada, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, and the Flemish Fund for Scientific Research Belgium - A joint international conference of KPU Institution for Transborder Studies (ITS) with Political Studies, June 2013.
  - Drafted OD Bi-ennial report for the 2014 ILA-ASIL conference in Washington DC, June 2013.
  - Interviewed on CTV Montreal on the latest terrorism news regarding the Laval U terrorist arrested in the US, May 2013.
- **Amir Mirfakhraie** (Sociology) organized the First Voices Lecture Series (May – June) including the following topics
  - Romanticizing the Land: Agriculturally Imagined Communities in Palestine-Israel (Jennifer Shuteck)
  - History 12: Through a Different Lens (Hardeep Kaur Khosa)
  - Iran's entry into POLITICAL modernity, constitutional movement, oil nationalization, repression, revolution, and post-revolutionary social movements ( Peyman Vahbzadeh)

## Faculty of Arts

- The Notion of Subhuman Identity in the U.S. Government's War on Terror (Jessica Singh)
- "What do you mean my perfect academic record won't get me into any university in the country (Bobby Fahandez, Arash Abbassi, and Tiana Sharifi)
- The F-Word and Kwantlen (Sim Badesha)
- Organized the KPU Voices Lecture Series (June –July) including the following topics:
  - Lord Curzon and the 'Persian Question' and the Rise of Confrontation between Iran and the West (Christopher Ross)
  - The Accidental Polytechnic University (Alan Davis)
- **Larissa Petrillo** (Interim Director, CIR:CLE) is working on the following institutional initiatives:
  - Faculty Database on Community-Based Learning, of the nearly 200 surveyed, over 1/3 are interested in some form of interdisciplinary or community work
  - Create a non-profit organization database (to be used for community collaboration) with over 90 local non-profit organizations with contacts
  - Discussions with Vancouver offices for dozens of non-profit organizations (regarding community service learning) such as Tides Canada, Suzuki Foundation, Richmond Youth Service Agency, etc.
- **Yanfeng Qu** (Modern Languages) supported the International Office with editing and translating recruitment brochures for the School of Business, and participated in the Education Fair at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies and Trade, signing up approx. 50 interested prospective students.

### Student Success:

**Claire Matthews** (Creative Writing) is the department's first graduate accepted into UBC's prestigious Creative Writing MFA program.

**Michelle Gruenhage** (Educational Studies) Accepted into Masters in Counselling, Trinity Western University

**Sarah Hickenbottom-Brawn**(Educational Studies) wrote reference, reviewed and supported application for former student **Rachel Falc Baitz** who was awarded a graduate SSHRC – currently in the Educational Psychology program at UBC

**Justin McGregor, Ragav Kumar, and Abbey Ratcliff** (Psychology) received a CPA Certificate of Academic Excellence with having one of the best undergraduate honours theses at KPU

**Justin McGregor** (Psychology) was accepted into Law at UVic

**Tierney Wiszenski** (Psychology) was accepted into the MEd in Human Development, Learning and Culture program at UBC

**Michelle Gruenhage** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Counseling Psychology program at TWU

**Hayley Leveque** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Sexuality and Gender Studies program at UBC

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**Michelle Dean** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Occupational Therapy program at UBC

**Nilofar Saffari** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Occupational Health and Safety at UBC

**Jordon Ali** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Psychology program at Carleton

**Sarah Boorman** and **Brooke Knowlton**(Psychology) were accepted into the MA Public Health program at UBC

**Lecia Dejarlais** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Urban Planning program at UBC

**Ragav Kumar** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Psychology program at UVic

**Bertrand Sagar** (Psychology) was accepted into the MA Psychology program at SFU

**Mallory Kuling** (Psychology) was accepted into the Clinical and Developmental Psychopathology Masters program at VU University Amsterdam

**Amir Mirfakhraie's** SOCI 3270: Education and Globalisation students presented their proposal, entitled "Baha'i Educational Initiative at KPU," to Dr. Alan Davis. The proposal encourages KPU to provide online educational opportunities for marginalized Iranian Baha'i students in Iran, July 23, 2013

**Isabel Scheuneman-Scott** and **Luisa Piraquive-Buitrago** (AT-CURA Student RAs) participated as youth leaders for DiverseCity Summer camps "Children & Youth Empowerment" for children and youth aged 3-14 years

**Isabel Scheuneman-Scott** (AT-CURA student RA) received the SSHRC award "Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship" and will start her graduate program in Criminology at U of Ottawa in the Fall 2013 term.

**Marlowe Gunterman** (Creative Writing) received a BC Arts Council Scholarship.

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## Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement

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### Dean's Office

The fall semester has arrived in the Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement (ACA) with the flurry of activity that began in the spring and continued throughout the summer. Karen Vance was appointed ACA Business Manager at the beginning of July. Coming from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture, Karen has diverse administrative experience in the post-secondary educational environment.

ACA started the fall semester with a successful, very well-attended Faculty of the Whole event entitled "Confluence: Coming Together to Work through Times of Change." Following opening remarks from Dr. Alan Davis and Dr. Salvador Ferreras, Dean Pro Tem Dr. Kathleen Haggith, along with Ariana Arguello from Institutional Analysis and Planning and ACA faculty member Colleen McGoff-Dean, co-facilitated a number of activities that will support the Faculty to move forward with its academic planning.

In the fall semester, the Faculty will host its inaugural Faculty Welcome event for ACA students at each of the campuses, and in terms of faculty scholarship and events, two more events are scheduled for the upcoming academic year: the inaugural ACA Scholars and Snacks event on November 6, 2013, and the second annual ACA Poster Presentations, an event held to celebrate the scholarly and creative activities of the Faculty, on May 14, 2014.

Both international and domestic student enrolments in English Language Studies are up for the summer and fall semesters compared with those in 2012: the accelerated program option (condensed course offerings over seven weeks versus fourteen) is now offered at both the Surrey and Richmond campuses as of fall, 2013. We continue to work on strengthening our Academic and Career Preparation enrolments for our tuition-free courses. Career Choices and Life Success continues to have strong enrolments and will offer an additional delivery at the Surrey campus in January 2014.

### Programs – New, Revised, Reviewed

#### Academic and Career Preparation (ACP)

With the Ministry's support, most of KPU's ACP courses are tuition-free as of this fall. Our region will benefit greatly, as people who need preparatory courses to move ahead on their career paths will be able to get the upgrading they need much more easily.

KPU's Communications and Marketing Department and the ACA recruiter from the Office of New Students have each worked closely with ACP and the Dean's Office to develop promotional materials

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and get the word out about the tuition-free courses, and community information sessions have been set up at each campus for September. Admissions staff and academic advisors have also been informed. We are hopeful that we will have the capacity to meet the resulting demand.

The ACA recruiter is also contacting community agencies (e.g., our regions' various WorkBC offices) to ensure that the staff of such agencies are aware of our programs and the benefits that they provide.

The Registrar's Office has been working with ACP to make the pathways into ACP smoother, more consistent and more understandable to all— to staff, to faculty, and most importantly, to potential students.

Based on a survey by ACP faculty regarding the math needed by other KPU programs, a new preparatory math course has been developed, approved, and articulated provincially. The new course, MATQ 1094, will provide the math upgrading needed by students aiming to enter the social sciences and humanities: it will cover beginning algebra and introductory statistics and will articulate with the K-12 system's new Foundations of Math 11. For students aiming to enter STEM programs (programs in the physical Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math), our MATQ 1099 will still be offered as a pathway to MATH 1112, calculus and beyond.

The ACP department chairs will be making presentations to other Faculties throughout the fall to help them understand all these changes and, more generally, the pathways to success that ACP provides. Most faculty members outside of ACA wish their entering students had stronger basic skills; we are confident that these presentations will show them how ACP can improve their incoming students' skills.

ACP's off-campus program at the Phoenix Centre in north Surrey is doing well. We continue to explore other community-based options for the future in order to serve our communities.

### **Access Programs for People with Disabilities (APPD)**

*APPD Program Revisions:* Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum passed the proposed APPD program revisions on June 5, 2013.

*Curriculum Revisions:* Work continues on the APPD curriculum revisions and to date, the APPD Curriculum Committee has developed 21 new course outlines that are in the process of being approved. The outlines will be presented at the next ACA Curriculum Committee on September 20, 2013.

### **Career Choices, Life Success (CCLS)**

Curriculum revision and course outline development for the CCLS program will continue in the Fall 2013 semester. A half-time contract CCLS instructor position will be posted in the fall for the Surrey campus program that will offer career direction to both women and men. This program will help to fulfill Kwantlen's developmental education FTE targets.

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Similar to the Fall 2012 semester, enrolment is slow for the Fall 2013 program with 17 women enrolled in the Langley campus program to date. It is anticipated, however, that the program will be filled at the September 4<sup>th</sup> Information Session.

In terms of marketing, new strategies have been implemented to publicize CCLS: an Information Session flyer has been developed by the Communication and Marketing Department and is being distributed by mail, and Eagle Eye is now being used to communicate to the Kwantlen student community.

### **English Language Studies (ELST)**

Regarding curriculum, prerequisites have been revised for the sake of consistency across the department's outlines, to facilitate student enrolment at the service side for placement into appropriate levels of competence, and to ensure successful progression not only from the qualifying courses (see below) to the Diploma Program but also from one level to the next.

The department recently changed the acronym for lower level (i.e., "Pre-Foundation") courses to *English Language Studies Qualifying (ELSQ)* to identify the purpose of the courses for student clarity and understanding. The Diploma Program courses (all beginning with the acronym "ELST") are now easily distinguishable from the lower level qualifying courses (all beginning with the acronym "ELSQ"). Further, a new low-level course was developed and approved for implementation in fall 2013: ELSQ 0015 Basic English Communication. This course provides students with very limited English the opportunity to develop their speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

In addition, a one-stop English Language Assessment model was piloted over the summer with Assessment and Testing Services for implementation in Fall 2013. Students who take the ELST English language placement tests currently sit for a listening and speaking test that is scheduled on one day, with the other reading and writing test scheduled on another. This model dictates that students must come for testing on two separate days and times—a process which is not student-centered and may lead to a lack of conversion from test-taker to enrolled student. The "One-Stop Testing" model provides students with the opportunity to take both tests on the same day and speak with faculty members regarding placement—an all-in-one opportunity that is student-centered and is hoped to contribute to greater retention of test-takers as students.

## **Our Faculty & Staff**

### **Faculty Achievements**

*Beth Beeching* is seconded to Vancouver Community College to work on the Provincial English as Second Language Credential Curriculum Project

*Karen Vance* joined the Faculty as the new Business Manager at the beginning of August.

### **Staffing Needs**

Due to staffing changes among Instructional Associates (IAs) in the Access Programs for People with Disabilities department, IAs were interviewed and hired throughout the summer. We have also continued to increase the qualified faculty lists in both our Academic and Career Preparation (ACP) and English Language Studies (ELST) departments over the summer in preparation for anticipated increased offerings in the fall. ACP has had two searches, one for Continuous Intake English instructors and the other for Fixed Intake English instructors, while ELST has had one search.

## **Our Students**

### **Access Programs for People with Disabilities (APPD)**

Bhupinder (Sunny) Gill, a Work Exploration program graduate, received the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for 2013 at the May convocation. This medal is awarded to a graduate studying a substantial vocational or career program of fewer than two years, as well as someone who has excelled in their studies and contributed in a positive way to Kwantlen or the community.

## **Special Events**

### **ACA Fall Gathering**

Formerly known as the ACA Welcome Back, faculty and staff were welcomed for the fall semester on Monday, August 26, 2013 in the Melville Centre for Dialogue, Richmond campus.

### **ACA Scholars and Snacks**

In the 2013-2014 academic year, the Faculty of Academic and Career Advancement will be hosting a **Scholars and Snacks** session once per semester at each campus. Faculty and staff are invited to present their creative, scholarly, and/or research work through presentations, which are anticipated to be 60 to 90 minutes long. Faculty and staff will have the opportunity to connect and dialogue with event participants over snacks at the end of the event. The first event will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

### **ACA Student Welcome 2013**

For the first time, ACA will welcome our students with a pizza lunch at each of the Langley, Surrey, and Richmond campuses during the second week of classes.

### **Miss Representation Documentary Series 2013-14 Begins**

This successful documentary series has received funding again this year. The first event is the town hall and screening of the documentary *Orgasm Inc.*, with special guest and keynote speaker Liz Canner, the director of the film. The event will be held in the Surrey Campus Conference Centre on Wednesday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 pm.

### **BC TEAL Annual Conference 2014**

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The BC TEAL Conference in 2014 will be hosted by ACA and held at KPU Richmond Campus May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the Melville Centre for Dialogue, Richmond campus.

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## Institute of Material Innovation

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### **Preamble:**

This is the third report for the Institute of Material Innovation (IMI). This report will illustrate the expansive nature of the ideas initiated in the first six months. IMI was set up to develop design research and creative synergies with industry. It also had the role of working with other Faculties to examine research activities that were transdisciplinary and aligned with materiality. Particular deliverables were engagement in the committees to deliver the new building for the Chip and Shannon School of Design, and to develop an Industrial Engineering Degree to be offered by the Faculty of Science and Horticulture.

In this quarter, the vision that had been developed for IMI, that was created to be congruent with the KPU Strategic Plan that calls for: quality, relevance, and reputation, was moving to inclusive phase. IMI is an institute focused on applied research that represents the key trait of a polytechnic university. The quality of the teaching and the innovative nature of the university will be leveraged to enhance the academic portfolios of the individual faculty creating opportunities to engage in applied research. It is here that efforts were made to reach out to other faculty members to engage with ideas. Some of these discussions are only at an early stage due to the summer break, and it is intended to be developed with a strong web presence.

IMI is devoted to the whole continuum of learning and advancement of knowledge within the frame of materiality. It is within this view that scholars, researchers, students, faculty members, industry and community members are all essential. All of these participants can offer insights, research, and outcomes that ultimately benefit the enrichment of the community in terms of the benefits that materials make within their lives. This structure will allow for applied and transdisciplinary material innovation research through business; science; art and material culture; user-centered design; and through design thinking. This view was clearly stated in the last few reports and the direction is becoming established in the minds of others. The next quarter will see an effort to invited other views to be incorporated and to expand IMI's impact within the university and beyond.

### **Achievement and Events**

- 1.0 The Executive Director has worked on the Steering Committee, Project Management Committee (co-chair), User Committee, Profile Committee, and Design Team with other architectural consultants in order to forward the issues appropriate for each committee in delivering the new Chip and Shannon Wilson School of Design. This has taken the majority of time and effort during this quarter.
- 2.0 Research trips to Toronto to examine the equipment needs for the new School of Design helped towards the understanding of the spatial programming needs. The Executive Director of IMI used his contacts in Toronto to set up a whole day of visits to OCAD, and Ryerson University (Interior

Design, Fashion, and Architecture). He was also highly engaged in discussions with the architectural consultants in Toronto.

- 3.0 IMI developed a Green Paper on Design Research. This is aimed at framing a new approach to thinking about research that is not discipline specific. Supported by the Office of Research, it now needs to be communicated to a wider audience. The discussion has been held up by others seeking clarification of roles.
- 4.0 The Office of Research and Scholarship informed the School of Design that the Executive Director were heavily engaged with have submitted a proposal (KATMIS) to the Western Economic Development Fund (WED). It has received a green light and will soon be awarded. The grant is aimed at growing start-up companies to the next level, as incubation is valuable but most companies fail if they cannot grow beyond the first stage. The initial approach was to focus on the advanced textile industries in our catchment area, and was seen as a positive submission with a final decision pending. The work began when the Executive Director was in the role of Dean of Design.
- 5.0 IMI had been approved to develop an advanced material resource area in the Richmond campus. The clarity of the space usage is still in question, and was not resolved in this last quarter.
- 6.0 Continued discussion with Mr. Bill Mak around the idea of advancing young companies, and of involving students in a project to fund their innovative ideas. Mr. Mak is an internationally trained and recognized designer and educator. A few of his notable engagements and projects were with Microsoft, Google, NASA, Parsons School of Design, Royal College of Art, and Eindhoven University of Technology. Involving Marcello Machado (School of Business), and Sahail Shariff (former ORS), there were opportunities explored about a workshop and symposium in 2014/15. Lack of administrative support hinders the development of this project.
- 7.0 The Executive Director has been involved numerous committees to discuss the new Industrial Engineering degree in the Faculty of Science. Working with a cross-disciplinary committee, ideas that have been developed for the program that will be relevant and rigorous.
- 8.0 The Executive Director for IMI has taken over the guidance for an Ethics application for the visiting scholar for the School of Design. This link will allow for opportunities for open in China for research and visiting professorship funding. The applicant's grasp of the principals of ethical research is proving to be challenging for her.
- 9.0 The most significant event that will prove to be a game-changer in the world of design in whole west coast has just been initiated with meetings with Material Connexion in New York late in May. The meeting was organized by lululemon and involved a team of their innovation leaders who introduce Kwantlen as a partner in shaping a hub of excellence in BC. Material Connexion is a clearly established brand in the growing research area of materiality. The world's largest companies are members who travel to New York to the resource center. The last three months have had the Executive Director for the Foundation Board work closely with the Executive Director for IMI to develop a business plan. Numerous conference calls indicate that the discussions to be on a very positive level between Material Connexion and KPU. The discussions are leading towards having Kwantlen open a branch and establish the first Canadian, and the first west coast office. Extensive market research has been completed to assess the viability of such a venture.
- 10.0 Early discussions are underway to develop a Museum of Design in Richmond. The Executive Director for the Foundation Board and the Executive Director for IMI are working closely in an early draft of an idea to interest developers.

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- 11.0 Working with Marcello Machado (School of Business) in developing a Research paper, a book proposal, and an abstract for a Research Panel at the Kwantlen Research Symposium.
- 12.0 Meeting with Ernest Daddey, Executive Director at Innovation Central Society, to establish opportunities for KPU to work together. His interesting patent on ink technology could provide some valuable joint research projects, and useful applications with industry partners.
- 13.0 Made contacts with numerous First Nations artists regarding project with the Museum of Anthropology regarding the knowledge of materials.