

February 2010

President's Report

to the TRU Board of Governors

News

► **Historic \$2 million pledge announced at 18th Annual TRU Foundation Gala**

Kamloops business leader Mark Brown, president of Northern Trailer, along with his wife Ellen made the largest private pledge ever to the university. The gift will support the construction of the House of Learning, continue the growth of the university and support students.

Other gifts for the House of Learning announced at Gala were: \$150,000 from the South Central Branch of the Canadian Institute of Mining and \$100,000 from KPMG.

Gifts for student bursaries announced at Gala were: \$100,000 (\$50,000 from 2009 and \$50,000 from 2010) from Local 247 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union for student scholarships in the Retail Meat Processing Program and \$50,000 from Local 1518 of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union for student scholarships in the Retail Meat Processing Program.

► **International Days**

TRU World hosted another impressive International Days February 1 to 5. With participation from 60 departments, clubs, individuals and community members. This year's program illustrated TRU's growing diversity, and how internationalization has contributed to the campuses and communities world-wide.

► **Thompson Rivers University and School District No. 73 Kamloops/Thompson**

The signing of a Partnership Charter on January 25th formalized an alliance that has steadily grown between the two organizations in recent years.

► **Culinary Arts students embark on Olympic opportunity**

Thompson Rivers University will take its Culinary Arts program, complete with labs, course work, eight students and an instructor to Whistler during the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games.

► **Best and Brightest students and student athletes at a scholarship reception**

Nearly 120 TRU students are scholarships recipients of at least \$3,000, awarded on the basis of academic merit. They were recognized for their achievements and invited to a reception in the Culinary Arts Centre hosted by TRU President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Roger Barnsley.

► **Dual Admission Agreement**

College of the Rockies and Thompson Rivers University announced the signing of a Dual Admission Agreement that gives COTR students the ability to move seamlessly from their college in Cranbrook to the university.

► **New Provost and Vice-President Academic Appointed**

Dr. Ulrich Scheck was appointed to the position of Provost and Vice-President Academic. The appointment was announced on January 15.

► **Enhanced post-secondary co-operation in Southern Interior**

The five public post-secondary institutions providing education and training to British Columbia's Southern Interior joined forces to collaborate on new training opportunities and services.



Mark and Ellen Brown

► **More cash to teach English in Kamloops**

TRU and Kamloops Immigrant Services are to co-ordinate ESL programs with \$40,000 from the provincial government. A co-ordinator will recruit and train volunteer tutors and match those tutors with community members who want to improve their English language skills.

► **Revelstoke asks the experts**

Revelstoke Chamber of Commerce sought expert advice from TRU Tourism Students who, under the direction of TRU faculty member Jon Heshka, prepared a report titled *City of Revelstoke: Painting the Future of Tourism*. The report looks at the state of Revelstoke's tourism industry and makes recommendations for its improvement.

► **Williams Lake Campus hosts Town Hall Meeting**

A Town Hall gathering to share the community's ideas on the best type of programs, courses and activities for TRU Williams Lake was held on February 8. The session followed the World Café format of encouraging, sharing, listening, and connecting themes as well as opportunities.

► **Top Researchers Receive \$278,237**

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) announced awarding of \$278,237 to Thompson Rivers University to support two projects led by Dr. Cynthia Ross Friedman and Dr. Julie Drolet on December 16, 2009.

► **First Phase of the Hillside Drive Extension Now Open**

The Hillside Drive Extension, connecting Summit Drive at Guerin Creek Estates to the north end of McGill Road, was officially opened by Mayor Peter Milobar, Christopher Séguin, VP Advancement and Terry Lake, MLA Kamloops North Thompson on December 17, 2009.

Achievements

► Donald Noakes

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Noakes was appointed to the College of Reviewers for Canada Research Chairs.

► Wendy Hulko

School of Social Work and Human Service

Dr. Hulko was appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Aging Studies in December 2009. Last Fall she was asked to give two public lectures at UBC (October and November) on her research on First Nations' Perspectives on Dementia, conducted in collaboration with Denise Taylor and Elisabeth Antifeau of the Interior Health Authority and Elders from the Secwepemc [Shuswap] Nation. Elder Mike Arnouse co-presented with her in October. Wendy also has been invited to join a National Aboriginal Dementia Network which is to meet in Sudbury in April and will be taking another group of students to Cuba in May for a field school on Cuban approaches to health and social welfare.

► Dr. Julie Drolet

School of Social Work and Human Service

Presented her study on the responses and adaptations of small cities and rural communities to climate change at the CIHR Cafe Scientifique on Healthy Small Cities & Communities: The Importance of Context and Place on February 5.

► Natalie Clark

School of Social Work and Human Service

Shared her findings of a project to explore transitional experiences for youth in a small city and rural context as part of the CIHR Cafe Scientifique on Healthy Small Cities & Communities: The Importance of Context and Place on February 5.

► Dr. Nathan Matthew

Executive Director Aboriginal Education

has been appointed to a three-member investigation team to probe problems in Alberta's Northlands School Division.

► The Honourable Nancy Greene Raine

Senator (Thompson-Okanagan-Kootenay) and TRU Chancellor has been named Canada's Olympic ambassador for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

► Students shine at Olympics of MBA Case Competitions

There was more than a New Year to celebrate the first week of January at the School of Business and Economics. The MBA Case team made it through to the semi-final round at the John Molson MBA International Case Competition in Montreal.

► TRU Students Own the Podium at Lifeguard Competition

TRU students Brittany Hollett and Bryce Koronko, competed in the provincial lifesaving sport championship, the DB Perks Cup in Surrey, BC on January 15th and 16th and brought home gold. The two also work as part-time life guards for the City of Kamloops at the TCC.

► Avninder Gill

School of Business and Economics

Dr. Gill was appointed as the Academic Reviewer for Management Science Division of the Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC). The following year, the academic reviewer becomes the Program Chairperson and in the subsequent year, the Divisional Chairperson.

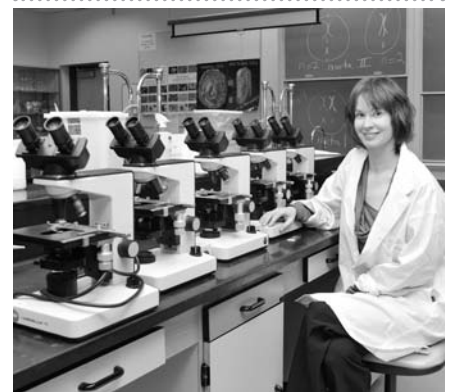
► Ehsan Latif

School of Business and Economics

Dr. Latif received a grant from the BC Network of Aging Research for his project "The Impact of Retirement on Health in Canada", April 2009.



Dr. Julie Drolet



Dr. Cynthia Ross Friedman



Signing the Partnership Charter for TRU is Dr. Roger Barnsley and Karl deBruijn, for SD #73 Ken Christianson and Dr. Terry Sullivan

Activities

► Drs. Emily Hutchison and Tina Block

The third annual TRU Northwestern Undergraduate Conference: Philosophy, History, and Politics offered a unique opportunity for undergraduate students to present their research January 14 – 16, 2010.

► English as a Second Language, English and Modern Languages, School of Business and Economics, Visual and Performing Arts, Tourism

During the summer of 2009, a group of interdisciplinary TRU faculty worked with Performing Arts and ESL students to create four short films about culturally diverse classrooms. Funded by BC Campus, the project was managed from the Centre for Teaching with generous support from TRU World and CiCAC. The four scenarios depict typical challenges working with diverse student groups. The scenarios and supporting references will be housed on BC Campus' website for professional development throughout the province – TRU's Centre for Teaching and Learning website will also feature the materials. The entire project will be presented February 2010 via a session within the Scope Seminar Series of BC Campus.

<http://scope.bccampus.ca/course/view.php>



Culinary Arts students head to Whistler

Presentations

► Avninder Gill

School of Business and Economics

Dr. Gill presented “*Project Management in road construction: aftermath of an earthquake*”, at the Administration Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC) Conference, Niagara Falls, June 2009.

► Peter Tsigaris

School of Business and Economics

Dr. Tsigaris attended and presented his research (co-authored with N. Carson entitled an “*Experiment that Produces Waste*” at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences conference in Gottenheim, Germany, November, 2009.

► Donald Noakes

Mathematics and Statistics

Dr. Noakes was invited to talk at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, Nashville, Tennessee. “*Shifting the Boundaries – Towards Sustainable Salmon Populations and Fisheries of the Future*”

► Richard Roy

School of Business and Economics

Richard Roy presented “*Teaching and Learning through Projects with Non-Profit Organisations*” at the 35th McGraw-Hill Ryerson National Teaching and Learning Conference in May 2009. In this facilitated discussion the participants learned how to use projects with not for profit organizations to help improve their human recourse practices and how to incorporate community-based projects in the classroom learning experience.

► Ravi Prasad

School of Business and Economics

Scholarly activities in India in August of 2009:

Paper presented: “*Coalition Governments, Corruption and Public Policy: Role of Electronic Governance as a weapon against corruption in countries with multi-party governments*” paper was presented at the Fourth International conference, for Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore.

Paper presented: “*Insider threat to Organizations in Digital Era and Combat strategies*” at the International conference Indo-US conference and workshop on Cyber security, Cyber Crime and Cyber forensics at Amrita University.

Seminar conducted: “*Strategy and Corporate Governance*” at the Xavier Institute of Management in Bhubaneswar.

Publications

► Wendy Hulko

School of Social Work and Human Service

With N. Cascudo Barral, a book chapter, *Caring for people with dementia in Cuba*. In S. Mason, D. Strug, & J. Beder (Eds.), *Community healthcare in Cuba* (pp.138–156). Chicago, Illinois: Lyceum Books (2010).

An article with D. O’Connor, and A. Phinney, *Dementia at the intersections: A unique case study exploring social location*. *Journal of Aging Studies* (2009).

Along with L. Stern, a book chapter, *Cultural safety, decision-making, and dementia: Troubling notions of autonomy and personhood*. In D. O’Connor & B. Purves (Eds.) *Decision-making, personhood and dementia: Exploring the interface* (pp.70–87). London, UK: Jessica Kingsley, (2009).

An article, *The time and context contingent nature of intersectionality and interlocking oppressions*, in *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 24(1), 44–55.

► Avninder Gill

School of Business and Economics

“*Determining loading dock requirements in production-distribution facilities under uncertainty*,” *Computers and Industrial Engineering Journal*, Vol. 5, pp. 161–168.

Along with I. Bhatti, “*Supply Chain Management*”, a book chapter in *Handbook of Business Information Systems*, World Scientific Publishers.

“*Knowledge management initiatives at a small university*”, *International Journal of Educational Management*, Vol 23, Issue 7.

“*A warehousing option model in supply chain management*”, *Proceedings of Administration Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC) Conference, Niagara Falls, June 2009*.



Best Brightest Students Trio
Scott Churchley (left), Serena Colton (middle), Kia Lidster

► James Swingle

School of Business and Economics

James Swingle co-authored a new business communication textbook published by Pearson in January 2010. James contributed the chapters “*Intercultural Communication*”; “*Crafting Persuasive Messages*”; and “*Choosing the Right Medium for the Message*”.

► Donald Noakes

Mathematics and Statistics

Along with R.J. Beamish, 2009. *Synchrony of marine fish catch and climate and ocean regime shifts in the North Pacific Ocean*. *Marine and Coastal Fisheries* 1: 155 – 168.

Upcoming Events

▶ TRU Teaching Practices Colloquium

Monday, February 15, 2010

Nearly half of TRU's full-time faculty will participate in the 6th annual day-long forum focusing on sharing the best teaching practices for the post-secondary setting. Keynote speaker is Eileen M. Herteis on Overcoming Professors' Coyness to Share Their Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

▶ Campus Wide In-Service Day

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

The focus is Employee Engagement and features keynote speaker David Zinger, from the University of Manitoba, who has an extensive background in understanding and developing engagement within organizations and institutions. The day's breakout sessions include: Sustainability: Dr. Tom Owen, Director Environmental Sustainability; Building Community: Dr. Katherine Sutherland, Dean Faculty of Arts; Communications: Dr. Mark Wallin, Assistant Professor English & Modern Languages; Student Engagement: Dorys Crespín-Mueller, Director and Kristen Hamilton, Research Analyst, Institutional Planning & Analysis. Dr. Uli Scheck, set the context and significance of Engagement as the TRU community moves to the future.

▶ Free lecture

Friday, February 19, 2010

Noon, IB 1020

Part of the CURA community dialogue on Resilient Communities, Professor Kurt Aagaard Nielsen will facilitate a pre-conference discussion for faculty, students and community activists on the theme, "Action Research and Sustainable Transition of Cities, Towns and Communities".

▶ Public Keynote Address

Friday, February 19, 2010

7:30pm, IB 1020

Mike Harcourt, former premier of BC and mayor of Vancouver will present a public keynote addressing the sustainability of small cities.

More information at: www.resilientmallcommunities.org

▶ Cultural Event

Thursday, February 25, 2010

12:30 – 1:30pm

Alumni Theatre, Clock Tower

Free admission

The Cottars are two time winners of the East Coast Music Awards. The quartet of young Cape Bretoners will heat up the stage and light up the spirits of all who hear them. The band is made up of two young brother-sister pairs, who deliver an ingenious, multifaceted take on the folk music of their native Nova Scotia.

▶ CIS Men's Volleyball Nationals

March 12 – 14, 2010

Tournament Capital Centre

Kamloops and Thompson Rivers University are looking forward to hosting the 2010 CIS Men's Volleyball Nationals March 12 – 14. The Championships are being held at the Tournament Capital Centre. It's the first time that Kamloops has hosted a CIS Championship. The WolfPack and seven of the other top teams in Canada will vie for the national title.

▶ Cultural Event

Thursday, March 25, 2010

TRU Alumni Theatre

12:30 – 1:30pm

Infinitus

Proving that classical music is not boring, three young, cool, and award winning artists of Infinitus. The classically trained trio promises a lively and varied performance – from baroque to vocal beat-box and from Mozart to the moderns.

▶ Conferences at TRU

February 18 – 20, 2010

Educational Developers Caucus

March 19 – 21, 2010

Multidisciplinary Sleep Science Conference

March 19 – 20, 2010

Undergraduate Student Innovation and Research Conference

March 27, 2010

International Business Competition – Tony Brower Innovation Exposition (TBIE)

More details www.tru.ca/conference



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