President’s Report

to the TRU Board of Governors

$466,861 Given Out At Foundation Awards
471 student recipients received 288 donor sponsored awards at the Foundation Awards on Nov. 24. Among the highlights: The first awards for TRU Law students. As well, the 2011 Lieutenant Governor’s Silver Medal was presented to Danielle Thibault, Community and School Support Certificate.

TRU Joins RUCBC
TRU and Royal Roads University of Victoria joined the Research Universities’ Council of British Columbia in October. Current members include UBC, SFU, UVic and UNBC. http://is.gd/QHaQie

TRU Opens Recruiting Office in India
and launches its Social Media Campaign
TRU opened a Student Recruitment office in Bangalore, India, which will also serve as a business development centre. Local staff will help provide support to prospective students, their families, and TRU partners in India. http://is.gd/1QYlkz

TRU Joined BC Premier’s Education Mission to China and India
Thompson Rivers University delegates were in China in November to increase opportunities for students there and in Kamloops. http://is.gd/pN3qzK Premier Clark was also at TRU in late September to announce a jobs strategy initiative that will increase the number of international students in BC by 50 per cent. Photos: http://is.gd/YHY34W

$225,000 Starts Foundation Campaign
The TRU Foundation launched its annual campaign on Oct. 13, with a highlight being the largest-ever pledge from a faculty member. Ron and Glenda Miles announced a $100,000 donation to start an endowment to fund a large bursary for a Bachelor of Arts student. This is the largest contribution ever by a TRU faculty member. http://is.gd/xLbndH

Draft Academic Plan Released
After more than a year of consultation, including two town hall meetings in October (Kamloops and Williams Lake), the Academic Plan could soon be put into action. On Nov. 7, The Draft was unanimously approved by the Academic Planning & Priorities Committee. This sub-committee of Senate will give notice of motion at the Nov. 28 Senate meeting to approve the Draft Academic Plan. The Senate vote will be held on Dec. 19.

Aboriginal Transitions Day
About 220 Aboriginal students in grades 11 and 12 were at TRU on Nov. 17 for the annual Aboriginal Transitions Day. The event is a partnership between TRU and School District 73, and featured information gathering, activities, and food. The day is also an opportunity for TRU to address the fact that a deep void exists between the number of Aboriginal students in B.C. who are ‘university eligible’ versus non-Aboriginal students. http://is.gd/PwT0yi

Convocation Fall 2011
Oct. 7 featured the first graduating class of the First Nations Tax Administration program, which was developed and delivered in partnership with the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics and the First Nations Tax Commission. The program is the first and only accredited certificate program of its kind in Canada. http://is.gd/BgaHsv

Ron Olynyk awarded Honorary Degrees
Olynyk was recognized for his leadership, vision, and community service and as a man who made extraordinary contributions to TRU’s development. http://is.gd/qGjz1P

TRU Launches Its 2011 United Way Campaign
United Way’s mission is to improve lives and build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. This means helping those who need help today as well as addressing the root causes of social issues to plan for a bright tomorrow. http://unitedway.inside.tru.ca/

TRU Joins $1 billion Green Challenge
TRU joined with 32 other leading institutions to launch the Billion Dollar Green Challenge. The goal is to invest one billion dollars in self-managed green revolving funds that finance energy efficiency upgrades on campuses. http://is.gd/2gYUCx

TRU As A University Village
The TRU community and others were invited to a Town Hall meeting on Nov. 23 to learn how the university wants to enrich campus life through additional on-campus housing, partnerships with the private sector and new recreational facilities with the City of Kamloops. http://is.gd/4DefHb

TRU hosts CCAA Cross Country running championships
More than 220 athletes competed in the event held Nov. 12 at McArthur Island. http://is.gd/sia94

TRU Women’s Soccer Fourth at Nationals
TRU’s women’s soccer team followed a gold-medal performance at the provincial championships with a fourth-place showing at the national championship in Quebec City. http://is.gd/QvI5m
Achievements

► Ross Cloutier  
**Adventure Studies**
Acted as expert witness for the defence in the following five legal actions:

Quebec snowboarding accident; Christopher Mason vs Macmarmon Foundation Operating as Bayview Glen School and Mrs. Kurtz. For Lerners LLP, Toronto, Ontario

British Columbia out-of-bounds skier fatality; Blackburn vs. Kickinghorse Mountain Resort, et.al For Farris & Company and the Department of Justice Canada, Vancouver, British Columbia.

International adventure tourism marketing agreement; Janine Schlierf v. Abercrombie & Kent. For Rome McGuigan PC., Hartford, CT.

Zimbabwe elephant riding accident; Joyce Carp v. Tauk Tours Inc. For Rome McGuigan PC., Hartford, CT.

Appointed — September 2011 — President and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Avalanche Centre, Revelstoke, BC. The CAC is the agency responsible for the provision of public avalanche safety in Canada.

► Dr. Robert Higgins  
**Biology**
Identification of 4 ant species new to BC

1. *Myrmica rubra* (European fire ant) Identified from specimens collected initially in North Vancouver and sent for identification by Agriculture Canada. His website provides information on this problematic ant: http://is.gd/KQVMFO

2. *Aphaenogaster boulderensis* (no common name)  
Identified from specimens sent for identification by the Spencer Museum at the University of British Columbia.

3. *Hypoponera punctatissima* (no common name)  
Identified from specimens sent to me for identification by the Royal British Columbia Museum (collected in Duncan, BC). Note: subsequent to this identification another sample of this species turned up in the Spencer Museum collected in Burnaby in 1964.

4. *Reticulotermes sp.* (dry wood termite) in the Churn Creek Protected Area  
Highest latitude (northern or southern) (52.28 deg N) identification of this termite genus globally. Confirmed by Dr. Rudolf Scheffrahn (University of Florida).

► Dr. Kathleen Scherf  
**English and Modern Languages**
Has received an Arts Research Fellowship through the small cities CURA project. The award allows her to take full course release for the coming winter semester to pursue a specified program of research.

Dr. Scherf will continue her ongoing work on Sun Peaks Mountain Resort (she has recently published a commissioned book on Sun Peaks), particularly examining the practices linking community to resort activities, with the aim of producing a scholarly article as well as a conference paper to be presented at an international conference “Transforming and Managing Destinations” in Germany next August.

► Dr. Peter Murphy  
**English and Modern Languages**
Has received an Arts Research Fellowship through the small cities CURA project. The award allows him to take full course release for the coming winter semester to pursue a specified program of research.

The award allows Dr. Murphy to continue his ongoing project of establishing the Anthony Martin BC Penitentiary Collection at the Old Courthouse in Kamloops. To this end he will work to create a comprehensive, professional catalogue of the many photographs, diaries, textual documents, and realia in the Collection. In addition, he will write a scholarly article to aid in the promotion and understanding of these valuable materials, to be published in BC Studies.

► Dr. John Hull  
**Tourism**
Was a visiting professor for a three-month term at the University of Trento, Italy working with their e-Tourism Group in the Department of Economics. While there, he conducted research, delivered two seminars at the university, and instructed in a Tourism and Protected Areas course. As a result of the partnership, Dr. Hull has had two refereed papers accepted at international conferences in Europe, the ENTER2012 Conference in Sweden in February 2012 and the St. Gallen University Conference on Destination Management in Switzerland in June 2012.

► Dr. David Scheffel  
**Anthropology**
Retained as an expert witness by two Vancouver law firms representing several families of Romani refugee claimants from the Czech Republic. His written report about conditions facing Roma in the Czech Republic served as key evidence before the Immigration and Refugee Board. Also testified via telephone.

► Kyra Garson  
**Intercultural Consultant**
The Canadian Bureau of International Education presented Kyra Garson with the Internationalization Service Award. The award recognizes outstanding service to international education within the institution or organization. Kyra was the primary researcher and author for TRU: A Globally Minded Campus and part of the teams creating TRU’s Global Competency Credential, Faculty Award for Excellence in Internationalization, and International Days. She is an instructor and course designer for Queen’s International Educators Training Program (IETP); been invited to do workshops for UVIC, SFU, Memorial, Acadia, University of Saskatchewan and numerous colleges and institutes. Kyra is presently conducting her doctoral research assessing intercultural and global learning outcomes in BC’s regional universities.

► School of Trades and Technology
TRU’s partnership with the Canadian Home Builders’ Association Central Interior has landed the two into the finals for a Georgie Award. The Georgies recognize the best in homebuilding in British Columbia. They’ve been nominated for Best Public-Private Partnership.

The winners will be announced Feb. 25 at the gala in Vancouver.

► Gerard Hayes  
**Director of Ancillary Services**
Awarded Canadian College and University Food Service Association Award of Excellence 2011. Criteria: at least five years membership with involvement in CCUFSA at the national level; educational support through presentation of workshops, programs, interest sessions; having made contributions for the betterment of college/university food services.

► Cheryl Weatherhead  
**Grad 2001 (Early Childhood Education)**
A preschool provider for the past 15 years, Weatherhead was recently awarded the Prime Minister’s Award
for Excellence in Early Childhood Education. She was nominated by parents of the children attending her preschool in Kamloops.

Daniel Hall  
Grad 2009 (Telecommunications and Networking Technology diploma)  
Hall finished 10th at the World Skills Competition in London, England in October. It was one of the highest ever

by a Canadian student in the category. At the Canadian championships, he won gold in 2010 and 2009.

Tyler Olsen  
Grad 2006 (Bachelor of Journalism)  
A report for the Chilliwack Times, Olsen's series on marijuana growing in Chilliwack recently won the Jack Webster Award, one of the highest achievements reporters can achieve in B.C. The series also won a Canadian Community Newspaper Association award as well as one from B.C. & Yukon Community Newspaper Association.

**Conferences & Presentations**

Dr. Bruce Baugh, Philosophy  
Dr. Penny Powers, Nursing  
Ernie Kroeger, Visual Arts  
The three presented at The International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities, organized by Walk21 and held at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver on October 3-5.  
Bruce Baugh’s spoke on “I Walk, Therefore I Am”, Penny Powers addressed “The Anatomy and Physiology of Walking”, and Ernie Kroeger’s spoke on “The NEW Art of Walking.” Abstracts of these talks are available at http://www.walk21.com/vancouver

Doug Buis, Visual Arts  
Dr. Will Garrett-Petts, Arts  
Dr. James Hoffman, Theatre  
Don Lawrence, Visual Arts)  
Dr. Ashok Mathur, Journalism  
Communication and New Media  
Dr. David MacLennan, Sociology  
Robin Reid, Tourism  
Dr. Gilles Vial, Geography  
Emily Hope, student research assistant  
Bonnie Klohn, student research assistant  
TRU and the Small Cities CURA research initiative was well represented at a September 2011 Research Symposium in Portugal. The central question for the 2011 symposium was how innovative artistic animation of public spaces can contribute to building more sustainable cities.

Buis, Garrett-Petts, Lawrence, and MacLennan also led a day-long workshop on cultural mapping titled “Artistic Approaches to Reengagement with Natural Public Spaces.” Two book publications are forthcoming. Symposium information http://is.gd/teGZOS

Dr. Sharon Brewer, Chemistry  
Dr. Bruno Cinel, Chemistry  
Organized, facilitated and presented at the 2011 Sloan-C online workshop “Teaching and Learning with Online Labs: Making the case for Greater Acceptance”.

**Michelle Harrison (OL) and Christina Mohr (Science)** also presented “Open Learning Chemistry Labs: The Transition from the Traditional to Online” at the workshop. The workshop had presenters from across the US, Canada, and Australia.

Dr. Charles Hays  
Journalism  
“Culture and Community: Healing Radical Fractures in Virtual Communities” presented at the Language, Culture and Community Conference, Thompson Rivers University, July 1, 2011.

John Heshka  
Tourism  

Dr. Kellee Caton  
Tourism  


Ross Cloutier  
Tourism  

Dr. Ehsan Latif  
Economics  

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Dr. Stan Miles, Economics  
“Students’ Perception of Effective Teaching” at the Management, Finance & Accounting Research Conference held in Honolulu, HI, on June 3, 2011.

Dr. Hasnat Dewan  
Economics  

Dr. Zena Seldon  
Economics  

Dr. Karl Hutchings  
Anthropology (Archaeology)  
Attended a workshop titled Stone Age Weaponry Workshop in Mainz, Germany, Sept. 19–22. The workshop looked at outlining the current state of research and defining the questions and the relevant methodological approaches that merit the renewed efforts of the research community. The event was to also establish a working group to increase communication and exchange ideas around the subject; Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Robert Higgins  
Biology  


Dr. John Hull  
Tourism  
Conferences & Presentations Cont.


Publications

John Heshka
School of Tourism


Dr. Norm Friesen
Canada Research Chair in E-Learning Practices

Dr. Robert Higgins
Biology

Dr. David Scheffel
Anthropology
Dr. Scheffel is interviewed in the Czech literary magazine “Literární listy”; the topic is his perspective on the position of Roma in Czech and Slovak society.

Books

Dr. Norm Friesen
Canada Research Chair in E-Learning Practices


Dr. Charles Hays
Journalism

Dr. John Hull
Tourism


Dr. Brian Heise
Natural Resource Science


Dr. Kellee Caton
Tourism
Journal Articles

- **Dr. Lyn Baldwin, Biology**
  Christine Petersen, Biology
  Dr. John Karakatsoulis, Natural Resource Science

- **Dr. Norm Friesen**
  Canada Research Chair in E-Learning Practices
  Peer reviewed papers


- **Dr. Charles Hays**
  Journalism

- **Kellee Caton**
  Tourism

- **Dr. Robert Higgins**
  Biology

Peer Reviewed Publications

- **Dr. Hasnat Dewan**
  Economics


- **Dr. Jaroslava Hlouskova**
  Economics

- **Dr. Ehsan Latif**
  Economics

- **Dr. Ehsan Latif, Economics**
  Dr. Stan Miles, Economics

- **Dr. Stan Miles**
  Economics

- **Dr. David Scheffel**
  Anthropology
  The May 2011 issue of the Canadian journal “Anthropologaica” (vol. 53, no.1). The edition also featured a front cover photograph of Dr. Scheffel and some TRU students visiting a Romani community in Slovakia.

- **Dr. John Hull**
  Tourism
Obituaries

► Professor Robb Fry
Department of Mathematics
Dr. Fry had an excellent research career in mathematics in part because the subject was simply part of his soul. His upper level courses in Analysis, History of Mathematics, and Measure Theory were highlights for many students. He was invited by students to be an invited speaker to the Canadian Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (held at Carleton in 2009); a national conference for students, by students.

► Kathy Mitchell,
Principal Researcher, ALBA Project
Mitchell came to UCC in the mid 1980s and held many roles: instructor in University Prep and in Student Success, Program Coordinator, Department Chair, researcher and, Dean of the Faculty of Student Development.
In 2006, she was awarded the Master Teacher award, in recognition of her skill and dedication to her students. As Dean, she led the Faculty through the challenges of transition and reorganization, all the while maintaining a focus on students and what they needed for success.

► Jane Powell
School of Education
Powell’s particular specialty was drama education and she instilled a profound sense of the discipline’s importance in her students while at the same time always being ready to share light hearted moments and laughs with colleagues. As a graduate supervisor she was encouraging and patient.

► Charles Brewster
Cariboo College President, 1979-1986
Brewster led in the establishment of the first permanent campus in Williams Lake. He, along with several other B.C. educators, travelled to Asia in 1986 and made a difference as a builder of TRU.

► John Janke
Department of Economics
Janke began working for TRU in September 1971 and was one of the longest serving faculty members at TRU, recently receiving his long-term, 40-year service award. He taught in this quintet of chamber musicians from Quebec.

► Bradley Munro
B.F.A. Fourth year
Munro was very active on campus with involvement on numerous committees, groups and anything theatre related including: assisting in strengthening TRU Pride and Student Representative on the Comprehensive University Enhancement Fund Committee. Bradley was also involved in community theatre related activities. TRU will be awarding his degree posthumously.

► Connor Avramovic
University Prep.
A graduate from Westsyde Secondary in 2010, Connor had come to TRU this summer to upgrade in science courses, which would prepare him for studies that would take him into a medical field. In his short time at our university, Connor was already making a difference. One instructor described him as a student who stood out and made a positive impact on his classmates.

Upcoming Events

TRU Actors Workshop Theatre
All shows at the Black Box Theatre (located in Student Street by Tim Hortons). Tickets $12 each and can be purchased at the box office or by phoning 250-377-6100.
http://newsroom.blog.mytru.ca/2011/08/23/live-theatre-at-tru-this-season

Following is a brief look at the remaining productions:

► Dec. 8-10, Dec. 15-17,
Christmas Unwrapped
Directed by TRU Theatre’s Robin Nichol
This production is a collective creation. In this long standing and successful performance tradition in Canadian theatre, a group of student and alumni actors will work together to create a piece.

► March 1-3, 8-10
Death of a Salesman
Directed by TRU Theatre’s Jim Hoffman
The complete title of the play is Death of a Salesman: Certain Private Conversations in Two Acts and a Requiem, referring not only to the death of the main character, but also to the dark side of the American Dream.

► April 5-7, 12-14
Directors Festival
Directed by program directing students
The 13th annual festival showcases senior level acting students presenting dramatic and comedic playlets. The shorts are presented in repertory format on alternating nights.

Cultural Events Series
All shows are 12:30-1:30pm at the Alumni Theatre. Admission is free.

Following is a brief look at the remaining shows:

► Jan. 12
Pentaen dre
Daring, inventive, inspired, sensuous, delightful are five words used to describe this quintet of chamber musicians from Quebec.

► February 16
Watasun
Watasun plays the rhythms of West Africa, the vibrancy of the Caribbean and the familiarity of pop.

► March 15
Lorne Elliott
Best known for his CBC radio show Madly Off in All Directions.

CCAA Badminton Nationals
► Feb. 28-March 3
Upwards of 100 players from across Canada will play off for singles, doubles, and mixed doubles championships. Matches scheduled for TRU gym.