President’s Report

News

➡️ **TRU Presents Strategic Priorities Draft**
Reflecting the input of thousands of students, faculty, staff and community members, TRU presented a draft document of its new Strategic Priorities for public input at two more Town Halls at the Kamloops campus Jan. 15 and NokKam Secondary School Jan. 16. The presentation followed months of consultation through two surveys, several written submissions and presentations, and seven in-person and online Town Halls, including in Barriere and Clearwater on Dec. 13, at Tk’emlups te Secwépemc Indian Band on Dec. 16, and in Lytton on Dec. 17. Livestreamed Town Halls to review the draft will also take place on Jan. 15 and 16 at Williams Lake as well as our regional centres in 100 Mile House, Ashcroft and Cache Creek, Barriere, Clearwater, Lillooet and Lytton.
[www.tru.ca/president/strategicpriorities](http://www.tru.ca/president/strategicpriorities)

➡️ **International Strategic Network Formalized**
Five years of collaboration between TRU and the International University Network (IUN) through the University of Applied Management (UAM) in Berlin have resulted in a comprehensive strategic partnership agreement. Formalized Jan. 14 with the signing of a memorandum of understanding, the new International Strategic Network (ISN) will enable TRU programs to be offered in Europe to learners from Canada and all over the world. TRU’s collaboration with UAM’s Unna campus has already developed the Master of Arts in International Adventure Sport Management, and the Master of Tourism in Experience Studies.

➡️ **Memorandum of Understanding with TteS**
Thompson Rivers University and the Tk'emlups te Secwépemc Indian Band (TteS) strengthened their relationship with the signing of a memorandum of understanding on Dec. 17 based on a commitment to greater indigenization of TRU’s Kamloops campus.

➡️ **Lytton First Nation Partnership**
A partnership agreement with Lytton First Nation in collaboration with the Nlaka’pamux Nation bands was formally recognized at a ceremony in Lytton on Dec. 17.

➡️ **Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities**
A delegation of TRU executives were invited to appear before the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) on Jan. 9 as part of the Commission’s review of TRU’s application for institutional accreditation in the United States. TRU announced the start of what will be a six- to eight-year application process through the Washington-based NWCCU in March 2013.

➡️ **Faculty of Law Moves into Old Main**
The much anticipated revitalization of Old Main was completed in December. After a ceremonial blessing by Elder Mike Arnouse on Dec. 12, the Faculty of Law and SoBE staff and faculty from the Master of Business Administration program moved into the new space Dec. 16. Law students and faculty commenced the Winter semester in new, dedicated classrooms, with bright student common areas and a new Law Library. The official opening of the Faculty of Law’s new premises will be held in June 2014, coinciding with the faculty’s first convocation.

➡️ **Philosophy, History & Politics Conference**
Undergraduate students from TRU and other institutions in BC, Alberta and Washington State showcased their research with paper presentations at the 7th annual PHP Conference Jan. 16 – 18. This year’s program included topics like “Does Pop Culture Matter?”, “High Heels and Overalls: Women and WWII”, and “Unseen, Unheard: Aboriginal Struggles in Canada”.
[www.tru.ca/phpconf](http://www.tru.ca/phpconf)
Law Awards and Mentorship Reception
Hosted by Chancellor Wally Oppal, QC, the reception on Jan. 10 recognized student academic scholarship and introduced first-year students to mentors from the legal profession. The Society of Law Students (SLS) presented the first Faculty Teaching Awards, to Micah Rankin (for class of 2014 cohort) and to Chris Hunt (for class of 2015 cohort).

Composting Pilot Project
TRU’s Office of Environment and Sustainability is taking steps to make composting on campus as much a habit as recycling. The initiative is expected to reduce waste by up to 275 kilograms a week. A six-month compost pilot project begins this month on the Kamloops campus, using a new Jora Compost S100 in-vessel composter that has been installed in the lobby of the Culinary Arts Building. http://inside.tru.ca/2014/01/07/composter/

Achievements

Lyn Baldwin, Biological Sciences, has an art exhibit at the Kamloops Art Council Main Gallery Jan. 9 to Feb. 1, 2014. “Not Just a Snapshot: The Thompson Drainage Through Field Journal Art” reveals the intersections between art and science in her illustrated field journals in pen, ink and watercolour.


Cathy Elliot, Internal Audit Officer, has been contracted by Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) Canada as a Key Author – Instructional Design and Quality Assurance for the new, nationally developed CPA Professional Education Program. Since March 2013, she has been working with a talented group of CPAs and IT professionals from across the country to develop the first two core modules of the program, and co-authored and presented workshops across Western Canada to orient CPA facilitators to new program and facilitation tools.

Florriann Fehr, Nursing, obtained her PhD in Higher Education and Administration through the University of Phoenix this fall. Her dissertation was titled, “Understanding the Lived Experience of Student-Parents in Undergraduate Nursing School”.

Kyra Garson, Centre for Student Engagement and Learning Innovation, earned her doctorate from SFU’s Faculty of Education. Her dissertation, ‘Are We Graduating Global Citizens? A Mixed-Methods Investigation Of Students’ Intercultural Development and Perceptions of Intercultural and Global Learning in Academic Settings’, was nominated for the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education’s George L. Geis Dissertation Award. In November she was invited by the Colombian Ministry of Education to provide training in internationalization and interculturalization to directors of 20 Colombian institutions including some of TRU’s partners there.

Jim Hu, English as a Second Language, was selected for the second time by Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) International in Fall 2013 to adjudicate international applications for the TESOL/TEFL Travel Grant.

Rajiv Jhangiani, Psychology, William Little, Sociology and John Belshaw, History are developing or have completed open textbooks as part of the BC Open Textbook Project, funded by the BC Ministry of Advanced Education. The project aims to provide flexible and affordable access to higher education resources in BC by making available 40 openly-licensed textbooks.

Donna Murnaghan, Dean, School of Nursing, was elected to a two-year term on the board of the Canadian Patient Safety Institute. She was nominated by the Canadian Nurses Association, and is the board’s only representative from post-secondary nursing education.

Kathie Ross, Open Learning Faculty Member received the Certified General Accountants Association of British Columbia Chair’s Award for Education for 2013, for distinguished voluntary service to the organization as an educator.

Bobby Sangha (’96) was recognized by Business in Vancouver as one of their 2013 Forty Under 40, for demonstrating excellence in business, judgment, leadership and contributions to the community. The Respiratory Therapy alumnus was profiled in the magazine’s special issue in December.

Sharon Simpson, late Professor Emerita, was awarded a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership (EdD) from Simon Fraser University in October. Her dissertation was titled, “Professional Nurses as Global Citizens: Developing an Integrated Approach in Undergraduate Nursing Curricula”.

Russian and Ukrainian Education Consultants Visit TRU
TRU World hosted 10 senior representatives from STAR Travel, an education consultant agency in Russia and Ukraine, for on-campus workshops and training with the TRU World marketing team on Jan. 22.

President’s Annual Holiday Social
Dr. Shaver hosted an afternoon holiday social for TRU faculty and staff in the Grand Hall on Dec 12, enjoying refreshments, a mocktail bar and live music to ring in the holiday season.
Publications

PRESENTATIONS

- Star Mahara, Nursing and Elder Estella Patrick Moller

- Chris Montoya, Psychology and Shirley-Pat Chamberlain, Williams Lake

- Tom Pypker, Natural Resource Sciences

- Cheryl Zawaduk, Marion Healey-Ogden, Suzanne Farrell, and Mona Taylor, Nursing, and Cheryl Lyall, TRU Educator Emeritus

JOURNALS

- Marion Healey-Ogden, Nursing
  Healey-Ogden, Marion J. "Being 'At Home' in the Context of Home Care." Home Health Care Management & Practice. (November 2013). Online.

- Vicki Holmes and Star Mahara, Nursing

Let’s Remember

- Sharon Simpson was a TRU pioneer, teacher, mentor, and lifelong learner. During her 35-year career in the School of Nursing she helped develop the nursing program, was active with community and external nursing organizations, and was a respected mentor for new faculty. She was awarded the Master Teacher Award in 2000, and upon her retirement, was recognized with an Honorary Distinguished Alumni Award and named Professor Emerita. This October, Sharon was awarded a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership (EdD) from Simon Fraser University.

Upcoming Events

- Jan. 28 & 30
  Study Abroad Information Session
  Learn more about the opportunities you’ll find by studying abroad for a semester.
  www.tru.ca/studyabroad

- Jan. 29
  Networking 411: Faculty of Arts
  The Arts Career Mentoring event provides the opportunity to meet, network, and discuss careers with industry professionals and TRU Alumni with backgrounds in the Arts.
  www.tru.ca/mentoring

- Jan. 29, Feb. 3 & Feb. 12
  Business Kickstart 101: Career Path Info Sessions
  Leading business employers share valuable information about workplace trends and the skills and experience required to get hired. Open to all TRU students and School of Business and Economics alumni. Jan. 29, Scotiabank; Feb. 3, Bank of Montreal; Feb. 12, BCAA.
  www.tru.ca/business/news/kickstart

- Feb. 6
  Doing Qualitative Research in Law: The Mental Capacity Project
  http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/doing-qualitative-research-law-mental-capacity-project

- Feb. 10
  BC Family Day
  TRU will be closed for the statutory holiday.

- Feb. 13
  Research Across the Disciplines Lecture Series: Rod McCormick
  Rod McCormick is LEEF Chair of Aboriginal Child and Maternal Health.
  http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/rod-mccormick-research-across-disciplines-lecture-series
Upcoming Events

▶ Feb. 14
International Showcase Application Deadline
Apply to participate in a cultural performance, international exhibit or the fashion show at the International Showcase on Friday, March 14, part of International Days.
www.tru.ca/internationaldays/howtogetinvolved/showcase

▶ Feb. 15
TRU 2014 Foundation Gala – Rio Carnival
The Foundation’s biggest fundraiser for student awards, scholarships and bursaries begins at 6pm on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the TRU Grand Hall.
http://www.tru.ca/foundation/gala.html

▶ Feb. 17
Teaching Practices Colloquium
Russell Hunt, St. Thomas University, gives the keynote address at the 10th annual forum. This year’s theme is “Beyond the Boundaries: 21st Century Education”.
http://www.tru.ca/tpc.html

▶ Feb. 17 – 21
Reading Break
TRU is open during Reading Break, but most programs will not have classes this week.

▶ Feb. 27
Research Across the Disciplines Lecture Series: Florriann Fehr
“Understanding the Lived Experience of Student-Parents in Undergraduate Nursing School.”
http://events.tru.ca/event/2014/florriann-fehr-research-across-disciplines-lecture-series

▶ Feb. 27 – Mar. 1
Live Theatre: The Beaux’ Stratagem
The TRU Actors Workshop Theatre presents George Farquhar’s classic Restoration Comedy, directed by Heidi Verwey. Runs February 27--March 1, and March 6–8.
www.actorsworkshoptheatre.ca

Feb. 14 | Get involved in the International Showcase at International Days