

Dean's Report – April/May/June 2018

1. I finish writing this report on **Convocation day** for our Faculty. A special day that reminds us annually about our core enterprise: education at the undergraduate and graduate level. I want to thank each and every one of our faculty and staff for the role they play in the lives of our students and in making their experience here a memorable one. By the way, we expect 57 students to walk across the stage today!
2. I will begin with an important reminder: **Darren's term** is coming to an end as Associate Dean – Graduate Studies, Research and Special Projects June 30. Darren has indicated an interest in a second term until December 2019. All of you should have received a request to provide feedback about his term and provide your recommendation with regard to his reappointment. Please take a few minutes to complete that. A committee (i.e., Lisa Robertson, will review the feedback and provide a recommendation to me.
3. Although most of you will already know this, **Shanthi Johnson** accepted a new position at the University of Alberta and the Dean of the School of Public Health. On behalf of the Faculty, we want to wish Shanthi all the best in her new position in Edmonton. She has made important contributions to our Faculty, our students, and the University as a whole during her time at the U of R. I know she will have an impact at the U of A as well.
4. By way of information, **Larena Hoerber** will be finishing up her time as AVP – Academic and Research and be returning to the Faculty July 1. **Roz Kelsey** will be finishing up her secondment to the President's office later this summer and be back in the Faculty September 1. Finally, **Julia Totosy** will be back from maternity leave this summer as well.
5. **Tristan Hopper** will be joining our Faculty in August of this year. Tristan will be contributing to our Therapeutic Recreation major. **Cameron Mang** will be joining us this coming December. He brings expertise in the area of motor learning and motor control. Both searches were completed this spring. We are looking forward to them joining our Faculty.
6. A quick follow-up on the decision to reduce the number of **Varsity Athletic Programs** at the University of Regina. Let me first direct you to the website that houses the Information regarding the Athletic Review (<https://www.uregina.ca/kinesiology/news/articles/athletics-review-report.html>). There you will also find a FAQ document answering all of the questions that have come our way from the athletes involved, as well as the general public.

If there are specific questions that you might have, please feel free to contact me directly.

It is important to acknowledge the work of individuals who have worked on this file in the time leading up to the announcement and afterwards: Lisa Robertson, Eric

Exner, External Relations (Erin Limacher, Everett Dorma, Lisa Mitchell), Barden Kenschuh, Andrew Hamilton, Megan Jalbert, Human Resources (Crystal Lawrek).

7. Thanks to all who assisted with **Congress** during the last part of May and early part of June. In particular, I want to acknowledge the work of Cory Kulzycki and Rebecca Genoe in organizing and hosting one of the many conferences that went on that week.
8. The **University Long Service Recognition Ceremony** took place on April 3. This year the University recognized John Papandreas-30 years, Doug Cripps-20 years, Melanie Sanford-15 years, Eric Exner-15 years, Shanthi Johnson-10 years, Danielle Houle-10 years, Darren Candow-10 years, and Greg Barthel-10 years.
9. On April 10, our very own **Adrian Casa Lupercio** successfully defended his Master's thesis in the Faculty of Media, Arts, and Performance. I had the pleasure of chairing the defense and very much enjoyed the morning. Congratulations to Adrian.

Later this month, **Erin Tyson** is scheduled to defend her Master's thesis (supervisor is Patrick Neary). Erin's work concerns the use of IsoKinetic Exercise prior to ACL Surgery and its impact on Post-surgery recovery rates. Look for the announcement if you are interested in attending.

10. April 12 was the **Annual Athletic Awards Evening**. In addition to recognizing conference and U-Sport all-stars, team and University MVPs, along with the President's Award winner were recognized. This year's recipient of the Coach of the Year award was Dave Taylor. Congratulations to Dave.
11. April 13 the Faculty hosted the **8th Annual Alumni and Awards** evening. This year we recognized Astonished! (Fieldwork Award), Nicole Clow (Recent Alumni), and Sheila Hryniuk (Alumni). Our UG Award went to Todd Jones and the Graduate Award to Rob MacAffrey. The student organizing committee did a great job of organizing and hosting the evening for the 120 guests.
12. As many of you are aware, one of our Alumni, **Dayna Brons**, was a casualty in the Humboldt Broncos bus tragedy. The events of early April impacted many of our students directly and several became quite active in raising funds for the Humboldt Go Fund Me account. The Faculty has reached out to Dayna's family about creating a scholarship fund in her memory. Monies raised over the last number of years through the Alumni Dinner event will be directed toward the establishment of this award. The goal is to endow this award. We have asked the family to provide us with some ideas about award criteria so that we might best remember Dana. As details become available, I will make certain to share these with all of you.
13. Our **BKin Program Review Working** group continues its work. Thank you to all who have participated in the surveys they have conducted and the information collection they have requested. I would ask you continue to cooperate with their

important efforts. Specific questions about the work the group is doing can be directed to Paul Bruno.

14. As some of you will be aware, I am a member of the University's **Bargaining Team** working on the URFA Contract Negotiations for Academic Staff. Bargaining has begun and is scheduled to continue throughout the summer and into the fall.
15. On April 27, **Ms. Saadia Burki** a BHS student in her 2nd year was awarded the Dr. John Archer Library Award. Congratulations to Saadia!
16. In early May, the **University Budget** was announced. The budget letter and other relevant information can be found here: <https://www.uregina.ca/orp/budget/index.html> In short, the Faculty was not required to cut its budget and we received a new faculty position in recognition of the increasing enrolment in the Faculty. We were also given permission to retain Shanthi's vacated position. We will look to fill those two positions in the coming year.
17. On May 10, **Lamont Stradeski** provided our Faculty with a workshop on how the University budget works. The workshop was well received.
18. Our summer **registrations** are very good. It is a trend being seen across the university. Part of the reason for this is the availability of online options for students. In addition, more students seem to be spreading out their workload over the entire year, as opposed to focusing on the traditional two semesters.
19. Our **enrolment/admission** information is suggesting our undergraduate student numbers will increase again this fall. Last fall we had 799 undergraduate student registered as KHS students. As of this morning, we already have 681 students registered for this fall semester.
20. The Faculty had the option to purchase brand new **65" Smart Televisions** after Congress was finished with them (at a discounted rate). We will use these to replace some of the older projectors and screen in some of our meeting spaces.
21. This fall, we will be offering **SRS 181AA** for a second time (experimental course – Junior Practicum in Live Event and Video Production). We are looking for projects to assign the students for the fall semester. If you have any video production you might want for use in your courses or with the area you are responsible for, please let me know.
22. As many of you are aware, the **lease agreement** with Alliance Medical will come to an end August 31, 2019. There will be no further extension of the lease. The University is currently working on plans with respect to the extent of the student health services that will be provided on campus (i.e., the vision for that centre), and how those are best delivered.

23. Thanks to all who participated in the **Campus Beautification Day** May 10 of this year. Doug made certain everyone was supplied with a safety vest.
24. On May 10, I was able to represent the Faculty at the Annual **SPEA conference** dinner. This year's conference was held in Regina (and on campus as well). This is a wonderful partner of ours and I saw many of our former and current students at the event.
25. Coaches and athletic support staff (*in our new vernacular, the members of the Varsity and Club Sport Programming Team, along with individuals from Business Operations Team, Media, Communication, and Marketing Team*) met for a **retreat** May 28 and 29 to begin looking forward.
26. Later today I will be also circulating a KHS policy document (Sponsorship, Fundraising, and Revenue Program Development) which essentially outlines how the Faculty will ensure that the **University Gift Acceptance policy** (GOV-030-005) is followed. Please make certain you take the time to review this. If you have specific questions, contact me directly.
27. We are, once again, into **Rams 50/50** time. It would be fantastic if you might consider spending one or two evenings/afternoons this summer or fall selling 50/50 tickets at a Rider home game. This is an important and key fundraiser for the football program and a large number of students from across campus benefit from these efforts. If you are willing to help, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the organizers.
28. Finally, as I noted in early May, we will be using the summer to wrap up as much the administrative work surrounding the implementation of the new **organizational structure** for the Faculty (including reworking or creating job descriptions/JEQs) so that we are able to begin functioning under the new structure come this September. We are putting the finishing touches on a visual representation (i.e., Org Chart) to accompany the document circulated previously.

In conclusion, I want to wish you all the best for the remainder of June. I hope you will take some time off and away this summer. Our fall looks exciting and full of promise and is not that far away.

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