

## Dean's Report & Update to Faculty, Staff, Alumni & Friends – March/April 2019

1. I begin with a couple of important events in the life of our Faculty.

The **Distinguished Alumni and Awards Evening**/Dinner will take place on Saturday April 13 at the Conexus Arts Centre beginning at 6:00 pm. This year we are honouring:

*Distinguished Alumni* - Sandra Jackle – BKin & MSc

*Recent Distinguished* - Amber O'Reilly – BSRS

*Fieldwork Award* - College Park II - Retirement Residence

I have included information about each of the recipients at the end of this report. Tickets are available online at:

[https://secure.touchnet.net/C22138\\_ustores/web/classic/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=65&SINGLESTORE=true](https://secure.touchnet.net/C22138_ustores/web/classic/store_main.jsp?STOREID=65&SINGLESTORE=true) or by contacting Bevin Thompson ([Bevin.Thompson@uregina.ca](mailto:Bevin.Thompson@uregina.ca)).

For this year's event the Faculty has also invited, as our guests, those **students who completed degree requirements** in December, or who will complete their degree requirements in April or August. It's an opportunity to recognize their accomplishments and connect with them prior to convocation in June or October.

The annual **Athletic Awards evening** will take place on Thursday April 11 7:00 pm in Riddell Theatre. The event also features the induction of two individuals into the Hall of Fame: Glen Nelson (Basketball)(posthumously) and Teale Orban (Football).

The Rams are their **Alumni Homecoming Event** on Thursday April 4 at the Conexus Arts Centre. There may be some last-minute tickets available through Lara Guzik.

2. On March 21, the University's annual **Long Service Recognition** event was held. This past year was a special milestone for several individuals in our Faculty. We had two individuals who had completed 10 years of service: James Dashuk and Chris Wermie; two colleagues who have reached the 15-year milestone: Jill (Catherine) Fulton and Roz Kelsey; Kim Dorsch was recognized for 20 years of service; and June LeDrew celebrated 30 years. Please join me in congratulating them for their service to the Faculty and the University – consider sending them a note if you have a minute.

3. Some of our faculty and staff have had notable recognitions or accomplishments:

Some of you may already be aware, but **Michael Quing** (Facility Operation Team) recently represented Canada at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Dubai. An accomplished swimmer, Michael won gold in the 1500 m Freestyle, 800 m Freestyle, and 4x100 Medley Relay (swam Butterfly). He also won bronze in the 400 m Freestyle event. Please join me in congratulating Michael on his accomplishment!

Please join me in congratulating **Rebecca Genoe** who was awarded a SSHRC Insight Grant (2019-2024; \$96,550) for her project: *A longitudinal exploration of innovation in retirement transition among baby boomers*. Only 2/8 applications from the U of R were funded. This is exciting news for Rebecca, her students, and our Faculty and University.

**Julia Totosy** was awarded a Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Infrastructure Grant (\$68,000), with matching funds that will come from the SK Provincial Government. The Infrastructure Application concerned the creation of a *Cardiovascular and Metabolic Health Research Laboratory*. This is great news. Congratulate Julia when you have an opportunity to do so.

**Melanie Sanford**, our women's volleyball coach, won *Canada West Coach of the Year* for the second consecutive season as the program reached new heights with a team-record 16 conference wins. The volleyball team finished in fourth place in the 13-team Canada West standings, earning a home playoff series for the third time in program history.

**Alison Fisher** was awarded the Horace Moody Award at the recent NIRSA conference in Boston. The Horace Moody Award is presented to an outstanding professional who has made significant contributions to student development and acted as a mentor to his or her student employees. Congratulations to Alison on this recognition.

KHS BSRS student **Chelsea Jones** was presented with a Willian N. Wasson Student Leadership & Academic Award at NIRSA as well. This is an outstanding achievement for her.

4. Two **Faculty searches** are currently in process. We are looking to fill a position in Human Kinetics in our Health Promotion major, and a position in Sport and Recreation Management. Interviews have been completed and I am hopeful we will be able to make an announcement about the addition of new colleagues in the coming weeks. I anticipate I should have an update for my next report.

I want to thank the members of both search committees for their work on behalf of the Faculty. In particular, thanks to our external members Orland Hoeber from Computer Science (Health Promotion) and David Senkow from Business (Sport Management) for assisting us in the search process. I would also like to send a special thank-you to the two students who served on the committees: Pattara Tavilsup (Health Promotion) and David Robertson (Sport Management).

5. The Faculties of Business and KHS are forming a task force to look at the creation of a **dual degree option** for students (BSRS & BBA). In short, students in a dual or joint degree program can complete two degrees in 150 credit hours – a concept similar to our joint degree with Education. This particular program would include a coop/internship option. Some preliminary work has already been done, but the task force will work to get the proposal ready for the approval process.

6. The **2019 KHS Study Tour** is set to leave in a little over a month's time. Larena Hoeber and I will be taking a group of 10 undergraduate students (from across our majors) to Spain for a period of about 2 weeks. We will split our time between Madrid (formal intensive course through *European Association of Sport Management Summer Institute*) and Barcelona (where we are organizing trips to the Sport Faculty at the University, the famous Cathedral, and the Olympic Facilities). I have been contemplating where our trip in 2020 might head and I am considering a study tour in conjunction with our partner institute in *Finland (Jyvaskyla)*.

7. As most of you are already aware, **Darren Candow's term as Associate Dean – GSRSP** will end December 31. It is my goal to allow some time for overlap between Darren finishing and the new associate dean beginning her/his service (at least 2 months). Given the process (i.e., expression of interest, consultation, etc.) involved, I will begin this work of appointing a new associate dean in June of this year. I will put together a position description and make this available shortly after my return from Spain – near the end of May. If this is something of interest, or you have questions concerning the role or position, please don't hesitate to speak to me (even prior to the distribution of the description and formal call for expression of interest).

8. Friday, March 22, the Faculty hosted our **KHS Research Day**. This annual event showcases, in particular, the research going on by our graduate and undergraduate students. This was a wonderful event and included a keynote presentation by Cameron Mang. We also heard two longer presentations by former or current students. Alumnus **Michelle Degelman** spoke to the value of her graduate experience and training, and **Mahrukh Masood** spoke about her fieldwork experience with the Saskatchewan Health Authority.

Members of the **Creative Media Team** videoed the various presentations. These will be edited and will be available for viewing later this spring.

9. Friday April 12, beginning at 8:20 am (Dean's Boardroom) we will have our **Directed Reading and Honours Presentation Day**. A total of 10 – 20 minute presentations will take place. This is an opportunity to hear about the research related work that our undergraduate and graduate students are engaged in. Please feel free to join us for some or all of the time.

10. The **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year Varsity Sport student athlete recognition** event took place at the President's residence on March 14. Fifth year athletes received, for the first time, a letter 'R' sweater to commemorate their service to the University. Thanks to Dr. Timmons for hosting this annual event.

11. The **University Club Sport athlete awards** evening and banquet took place on March 29. The event is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of the many sport club participants at the University of Regina.

12. This is an item that potentially impacts many of your faculty and staff. **The International Undergraduate English Language** requirements will be changing. The changes will put us in line with other comprehensive universities in Canada. Once they are fully adopted, I will pass this information along. If you are interested in knowing what they will be, please contact UR International.

13. A new **Sexual Assault and Violence Policy** will be moving to the Board of Governors for approval. The policy will apply to all students (credit and non-credit) as well all employees (and volunteers with University events/activities/organizations, etc.). Once that policy is adopted, I will circulate it in the Faculty.

14. The **Academic Schedule for 2020-2021** has been approved. A couple of notable changes that will take effect at that time: classes begin September 2; Fall Break will last an entire week (M-F) – officially Saturday Nov 7 through Saturday Nov 14; Fall exams period runs Dec 9 – 23; January classes begin January 11; Winter exam period runs April 16 – 30.

15. On June 11 and 12, the University is hosting sessions (identical sessions each day) on taking minutes and **Robert's Rules of Order**. If you are on campus, and this is something you might be interested in attending, please contact Bevin Thompson for information/details.

16. Our last **Faculty Research Seminar** of the Winter Semester goes Wednesday April 10 at 2:30 in CK 222 – Cory Kulczycki and some of our other colleagues will be presenting on “Swim, Bike, Run: A Triathlon Experience & Some of the Science”. Please join us for the session if you are able. Our research seminar continues to be well attended by students, faculty, staff, and community members. Thanks again to Katya Herman for leading the organizational efforts.

17. I am in the final stages of completing the terms of reference for the **Dean's Advisory Committee on Varsity and Club Sport**. It is my goal to have the first official meeting of this group this coming fall. I will circulate the terms once they have been finalized.

18. At the request of our Director of SCEAD and our Head Athletic Therapist, the Faculty will be undertaking an **external review of our current concussion protocol**. We will be inviting three external experts in the area to come and speak with our researchers, our athletic therapists, trainers, exercise therapists, coaches and administrators and provide some recommendations as to how we might deal with concussions – before, during, and after a brain injury. Terms of reference have just been completed. It will help us continue to be leaders in the area with regard to this important health related matter. Anticipated timeline for this review is late spring.

## 19. Final Thoughts

It's hard to believe the semester is just about finished! The last week of classes is coming up and exams are just around the corner. I want to wish all the best for the remainder of April.

One final note for our faculty and staff. With the fiscal year coming to an end (April 30) and as we anticipate our budget letter (early May), the planning for the coming year is well underway. As part of the process of preparing for the coming fall, the Faculty will be holding **retreat-like planning sessions**. I am in the final stages of determining what these will look like, but please anticipate a calendar invitation coming your way prior to the end of April.

Have a great day.

**P.S. Don't forget to have a look at the information about our award winners on the following pages.**

## **Distinguished Alumni: Sandra Jackle**

Sandra entered the sport and recreation field after graduating with multiple degrees including BArts, BKin, and Master of Science in the KIN program where her thesis focus was on Consumer Behaviour in Sport. Sandra has been recognized for her leadership qualities by acting as the Canadian Student Representative at the European Sport Management Conference in New Castle, England and was recipient of the Graduate Studies Research Award.

Sandra is currently employed at Evraz Place as the Director of Sport, Entertainment and Events. Evraz Place is recognized as the largest interconnected sport and entertainment complex in Canada hosting more than 700 events annually. Sandra is responsible for the identification of citywide major special events, including bidding on and planning all event logistics. Notable events hosted include CFL Week, Grand Slam of Curling, Skate Canada International, Brier, Memorial Cup, the upcoming 2019 NHL Heritage Classic and 2020 Grey Cup! Sandra's work in the sport and entertainment sector has had a major impact in driving hundreds of millions of dollars for our City in economic prosperity and major tourism business.

Sandra is a Board Member for Active Saskatchewan and a proud alumnus of the University of Regina who loves her career path and finds herself most happy with her husband and best friend, Derek Bell.

## **Recent Distinguished Alumni:**

Ashley O'Reilly is a Clinical Lead for Therapeutic Recreation in the South Zone. Ashley resides in Medicine Hat, AB with her husband Tyler, daughter Everley, and dog Bella. Upon completion of University in 2011, Ashley acquired her Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist designation from the National Council for Therapeutic Recreation Certification and has been practicing as a Recreation Therapist for 8 years since convocation. Ashley relocated to Edmonton after completing her practicum placement at the Allen Gray Continuing Care Centre. She accepted a position as the Director of Recreation at an Assisted Living Facility which supported individuals with a specific focus on Mental Health. After roughly 2 ½ years in Edmonton, Ashley and her husband, moved to her husband's hometown of Medicine Hat where she accepted a position as a Recreation Therapist in Addiction and Mental Health at the Medicine Hat Recovery Centre. After welcoming her daughter in 2015, Ashley decided to make a career change that has allowed her to grow immensely in her profession by accepting a position on the Allied Health, South Zone Therapeutic Recreation team. In her role as the Clinical Lead for South Zone Therapeutic Recreation, Ashley practices in the community where she sees a variety of populations 18+ to enhance their engagement in meaningful recreation and leisure opportunities as well as continuing to grow and expand professional practice in Therapeutic Recreation.

## **Fieldwork Award: College Park II Retirement Residence:**

College Park II is a 181-suite retirement residence in Regina that is owned by All Seniors Care Ltd., an established company in the world of senior care.

College Park II is committed to Age-in-Place living, delivering a full range of support services to seniors. With a person-centered philosophy identifying each resident's unique attributes, values and history, it is College Park II's goal to provide an environment where residents can receive individualized levels of care that are flexible to changing health needs.

Preserving independence, providing peace of mind, and ensuring quality of life throughout the years are of our highest priorities. We believe aging is a gift and our programs help maintain health and well-being in body, mind, and soul with a person-centered focus.

Fieldwork students work within the Recreation Department at College Park II, and assist in assessing residents to determine leisure needs and goals as well as providing meaningful daily programs for the benefit of each resident on a continuing basis. Our programs are designed to meet individual goals, enhance independence, challenge, inspire, and provide a strong sense of community.