

Dean's Report – September 2019

It's been quite the start to the semester for the Faculty. In this report I have tried to highlight some of the activities over the summer and what will be happening in the coming month or so. There's been a lot going on. I probably missed something (thanks for your anticipated forgiveness). Here we go:

1. Welcome

To begin, I want to offer a special welcome to new members of the Faculty who joined us at the beginning of August or early Fall (or will be coming soon!):

Dr. Elizabeth Cooper – she is teaching Health Studies 400 this fall and her research focus is in the area of Indigenous Health. Elizabeth's Ph.D. is from the University of Manitoba - most recently, she was doing postdoctoral work at the University of the Fraser Valley.

Dr. Michael Dubnewick – he is teaching SRS 220 this fall and his research focus concerns leisure and community development. Michael's Ph.D is from the University of Alberta – he comes to us from McGill where he was doing postdoctoral work.

Dr. Holly Bardutz is joining the Faculty in the capacity as a Research Associate whose focus will be on projects in the area of brain health, and helping coordinate activity within the Faculty's Brain Health initiative.

Patrick Bernat - who recently completed his M.Sc. has been hired fill a maternity leave in the DPSC.

Racquel Marshall – a B.Kin and women's soccer alumnus is filling a maternity leave in our Athletic Therapy operation.

Rob Bailie – a B.Kin alumni has been hired into a term position within the DPSC.

Lee Hamilton - has joined our Varsity & Club Sport Programming team as part of the women's volleyball coaching staff. He was a student-athlete and professional player who has been involved with U SPORTS and provincial volleyball for the past 3 years.

Jon Giesbrecht – has also joined the Varsity & Club Sport Programming team as the women's basketball assistant coach. Jon brings nine years of coaching, video breakdown and player development experience to the program.

Andrew Millard – on October 15, this KHS alumni will be joining the University Advancement and Communications as a *Faculty Advancement Coordinator*. As part of the Pilot project (see item #9), he will be assigned to our Faculty and his office will be located here in CKHS (225.50). We are looking forward to Andrew joining us.

2. Construction

As many already know, our entire general office staff team has temporarily relocated to CK 225 (previously the Medical Clinic). In **Phase 1**, the CK 173 area is being renovated to create a more open, collaborative space and to facilitate the organizational changes that have been made to the Faculty structure. When this phase is completed, the Faculty of KHS will have a single 'storefront' entrance for the entire operation located in the main atrium of the Centre for Kinesiology, Health & Sport.

Phase 2 of the renovations will transform CK 222 to create a new home for the health, wellness, fitness, high-performance related services offered through the Faculty, as well as for research and academic course related activities.

The late summer, and early fall, saw the completion of the Faculty of KHS **Broadcast & Video Production studio (CK 188)**. This space will provide opportunities for our own Sport and Recreation Management majors to gain important skills, allow better web broadcast of our Cougar games, and provide experiential employment opportunities for students from KHS and other faculties across campus through the Creative Media Team.

3. Students!

Thanks to the many student athletes (varsity and club sport), and some of their coaches who participated in the **Treaty Four Days** parade on Saturday Sept 14 in Fort Qu'appelle.

At the end of the add/drop period (Tuesday of last week), there were **903 undergraduate** students registered in the Faculty across its' various program offerings. Year-over-year, this represents a net increase of almost 100 undergraduate students.

Our **graduate student** enrollment has remained fairly stable with 57 full and part time students studying this fall.

For the second time in as many years, the Faculty hosted a "**meet and greet – with pizza**" for all incoming students on the afternoon of the first day of classes. Thanks to all of the faculty and staff who attended and got to know some of the students new to the University and Faculty.

On September 10, President Timmons hosted the 10th Annual **President's Breakfast** in support of Varsity Sport. Proceeds from the event help provide scholarships for many of the over 300 *student athletes* on this campus. There were over 700 people in attendance for the Sask Milk sponsored event.

The Faculty's **Creative Media Team** (made up of students from our own Faculty (e.g., SRS students), and other units on campus; e.g., MAP, Journalism, Computer Science) continues to grow and attract students. This experiential learning opportunity see students assisting with the Varsity Sport web broadcasts and involved in building video content for academic (e.g., online course content) and administrative (e.g., promotional content of programs and services) purposes. Most recently, a group of these students were involved in the web broadcast of the National Canoe/Kayak Championships held on Wascana Lake at the end of August.

This week marks the start of yet another student experiential learning initiative: **FLC Student Trainers**. This opportunity is available for 3rd year students who have successfully completed their Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology *Certified Personal Trainer (CPT)* credential. Focusing primarily on the students making use of the Fitness and Lifestyle Centre (FLC), these student trainers will be available to provide assistance, advice, develop strength and conditioning programs, and ensure the general safety of clients in the FLC. In addition, they are available to provide basic fitness assessments. There is no cost of these services for students making use of the FLC. Our first three trainers are: *Taylor Haeusler, Chantal Pasion, and Cameron Ross*.

Quick Facts: Year over year we have seen an increase in the number of students making use of the Fitness and Lifestyle Centre. On Sept 24, 2019 a total of **624** different students scanned into the facility. On the same date a year prior, **508** different students had scanned in. During the week of September 16 – 22, 2019 **2047** different students scanned into the FLC an average of **2.38** times.

On October 1, the President will again be hosting a Circle of Scholars reception. This great event celebrates and recognizes incoming and continuing Circle of Scholar students from each Faculty. KHS currently has a number of Circle of Scholar students. Information regarding the Circle of Scholar Program may be found here:

<https://www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/entrance-awards/entrance-automatic.html>

4. New Appointment

I am pleased to announce that **Dr. Larena Hoeber** will begin her role as Associate Dean, Graduate Studies, Research & Special Projects on October 1. The start of her term overlaps with the last three months of outgoing Associate Dean Dr. Darren Candow's term to ensure a seamless transition. Dr. Hoeber has agreed serve for a 5-year term.

At the same time, a big thank-you to **Dr. Darren Candow** for the role he played in providing leadership to the area of graduate studies and research. He spearheaded many important initiatives and made important contributions to the leadership of the Faculty as a whole.

5. Congratulations!

Dick White, our long-time Director of Athletics was recently inducted into the Canada West Sports Hall of Fame. Information about the appointment may be found here:

<https://www.canadawesthalloffame.org/post/dick-white-builder>

Dr. Rebecca Genoe was recently honoured by the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals with the Award of Merit. She was recognized for her work in the area of Therapeutic Recreation. KHS Alumni and sessional instructor in our Therapeutic Recreation major, **Linda Ostryzniuk**, was also honoured by the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals with the Outstanding Recreation Professional award. Information about both awards may be found here: https://www.sarponline.ca/events/th_awards

Dr. Katie Sveinson, recent Ph.D graduate (Sport Management, Supervisor: Larena Hoerber) started in a tenure-track position at Temple University in their School of Sport, Tourism & Hospitality Management. Information about Katie may be found here: <https://sthm.temple.edu/faculty/2-new-faculty-members-join-sthm/>

6. Research Seminar

The Fall **Faculty Research Seminar** series began this past Wednesday with Dr. Brenda Rossow-Kimball's presentation on *United by our Stories: Lessons Learned on the Landscape of Narrative Inquiry*. The next seminar will be on October 9 (2:30 pm – Campion Auditorium) when Dr. Elizabeth Cooper presents *Indigenous children reflect on a healthier tomorrow: Lessons from Manitoba and British Columbia*.

Beginning this semester, the Faculty will be **videoing** all of our seminars with the goal of making these available via the Faculty You-Tube channel (URAIKinected – see information below regarding our new social media presence). Watch for information via our social media channels for details of how to access and share.

7. Social Media Strategy Shift

This past summer, two of our Sport and Recreation Management majors (Chelsea Jones & Ben Berger) proposed a new social media strategy for the Faculty to consider. Presentations about the proposal were made to Faculty leadership, Erin Limacher in Advancement & Communications, as well as at the Faculty retreat. The final outcome of the proposal was a consolidation of about 11 different accounts, across a variety of platforms, into a single online presence that promotes academic and non-academic programming and activity (not including Varsity Sport) via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

The single “handle” **@URAIKinected** is now our Faculty social media presence. This “handle” is a one-stop location for everything Kinesiology & Health Studies related – regardless of platform. If you are not yet a follower, join us.

8. Strategic Planning: Portfolio Teams

As part of our Faculty reorganization, two new strategic planning teams will begin their work: **Events Strategic Portfolio** team and **Programming Strategic Portfolio** team. The mandate for each team is to create strategic direction and coordinate all events and programming in the Faculty to ensure the potential of each event/program (academic and non-academic) in a planning cycle is maximized and that revenue generated and/or the impact of each event is maximized. The team's respective tasks involve building an annual and 3-year plan beginning with the 2020-21 fiscal year. The planning activity needs to be completed by the end of January to ensure we can incorporate those plans into our fiscal/budget plan for the next year as well.

9. Advancement and Development Pilot

In June, the University announced the **University Advancement Pilot Project** and circulated a request for applications from Faculties. The goal of the project is to (a) increase the total external investment to the University, (b) increase the number of donors to the University, (c) increase the number of alumni donors, and (d) see a marked improvement in the satisfaction with the work of University's advancement efforts from those faculties involved.

The Pilot Project would see three Faculties to participate with each unit having a Faculty Advancement Officer and a Donor Officer focused on Faculty specific advancement and development assigned (along with support from Communications). KHS was one of the three units selected to participate (along with Engineering and Business).

Over the last few months, recruitment of the individuals to fill these new roles in the three Faculties has taken place. This work on building a strategic development plan will begin in October. Announcements regarding the successful candidates will be forthcoming.

What this will mean, for my role as Dean, is a much greater focus on Development and Advancement in the next three years, than I have previously been involved in. As I noted during the reappointment/review process, I believe it is important that the Faculty begin a far greater focus on development over the coming years to lay a strong foundation for its future.

10. Advisory Committees

To support our advancement and development planning, and to build engagement with important stakeholders (including alumni), two new advisory committees have been created: the **Dean's Academic and Varsity Sport Alumni Advisory Committee** and the **Dean's Advisory Committee on Varsity and Club Sport**. Terms of reference are available from Bevin Thompson. If you have individuals you might recommend for one or both of the committees, please forward the names, along with their contact information, to Bevin.

11. Save the Dates!

Monday, *September 30* is **Orange Shirt Day** to educate and promote awareness about the residential school system in Canada and its impact on the Indigenous community. The team in CK 225 will be participating by wearing orange shirts.

Friday, *October 4* the Faculty will be hosting **Dr. Jim Weese**. A former faculty member, Dr. Weese has served in a number of senior leadership positions during his career (Athletic Director, Dean, Vice-President) and served as the President of the North American Society for Sport Management and the National Deans Councils for both Kinesiology (CCUPEKA) and Health Sciences Deans (CAHSD). He has recently published a book based on his research and experiences: "5C Leader".

Jim will be speaking in two of our classes (KIN 110 & SRS 105), and also meet with student athletes, members of the Faculty's leadership team as well community members at breakfast and luncheon events.

Saturday, *October 19* the 3rd **Annual Sport, Nutrition, Health, & Performance** Conference will be taking place in the Education Auditorium. It's an opportunity to hear leading experts from all over North America here in Regina. For more information, link to our @URAllKinected Facebook page. This event provide CSEP and NSCA members with Professional Development Credits.

Sunday, *October 20* we are hosting a **Strength and Conditioning Workshop** featuring Dr. Eric Helms and Michelle Arent. This is a great professional development opportunity for students and professionals alike. Again, information is available on the @URAllKinected Facebook page. This event also provide CSEP and NSCA members with Professional Development Credits.

The **Varsity Sport** season is already underway. Take the opportunity to take in some of the action provided by the many student-athletes on this campus.

12. Off Campus this fall

I will be travelling to Germany again this fall. Part of the trip will be delivery of a course at the University of Bayreuth (Leadership & Motivation). The other part of the trip will in conjunction with UR International - meeting with officials from partner institutions (in Bayreuth, Onsbueck, Bielefeld). I will tentatively be gone from the campus from Friday October 25 through Friday November 8.

13. Stay Tuned

There will be an important announcement coming in early October. Please stay tuned! Have a great rest of the week – October is just about here!