

Dean's Report – Winter 2023

You will note the new format for the Dean's Report – less dense text, the odd table or graph when appropriate, and organized around the 4 Pillars of the 2021-2025 KHS Strategic Plan. This change was in response to feedback received from our faculty and staff through our Engagement 2022 Survey late last winter.

A. Student Success

1. Undergraduate Headcount Enrolment Update and Notes

	202210	202220	202230	202310	202310 KHS Credit Hours Taught
KHS	782 (-92)	383 (-51)	778 (-82)	763* (-19)	9930 (+48)
U of R**	10392 (-885)	5392 (-637)	10857 (-409)	10463 (+71)	112607 (+3731)

* 46 new in January international students are accounted for in this total. 200 of this value are international students

**Does not include Federated Colleges

Note: Number in bracket reflects change from previous year

2. Funnel Reports – Anticipating the Fall (a 5-year look)

Funnel reports provide a good indication about interest in the U of R and its programs.

Comparing Week of February 4th data across 5 years

Domestic Only	Applicants					Offered					Accepted				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Arts	310	288	278	275	212	206	210	204	202	135	115	140	112	130	106
Business	252	250	207	206	195	189	201	180	162	143	124	148	118	105	108
CCE	9	9	11	5	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	0
Education	244	354	256	206	227	159	273	221	168	148	134	216	173	124	125
Engineering	143	108	88	85	104	119	97	72	70	81	83	72	43	36	55
Kinesiology	225	195	204	129	131	168	157	180	102	101	119	119	135	61	65
La Cité	4	4	2	5	3	3	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	2	3
MAP	60	66	55	47	38	33	49	42	29	22	13	35	28	18	13
Nursing	817	925	761	797	732	93	141	149	174	138	66	111	72	109	109
Science	355	323	379	335	318	246	262	297	271	250	149	178	201	161	183
Social Work	176	139	153	136	114	112	101	120	111	80	73	82	93	91	75
Special	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Affairs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U of R Totals	2595	2661	2394	2226	2075	1328	1495	1471	1294	1101	878	1105	981	838	842

3. Alumni Update – Krista (Metz) Slough, (BKin, Human Kinetics, 2016) writes:

“I completed my PhD in neuroscience from the University of Alberta this summer. My project looked at how sensory signals from Ia afferents are controlled in the spinal cord (specifically via the GABA system) and how this effects motor output. We also explored how this control system (GABA system) changes after a spinal cord injury and how it may be involved in the development of spasticity and motor impairment. I am a co-author on a Nature Neuroscience paper describing this GABA/control system in animal models and just had 2 first author papers get accepted to the Journal of Physiology describing our findings in human participants. Currently, I work for the Saskatchewan Health Authority as a Neurophysiologist. I use many of the techniques and knowledge I gained during my PhD in a clinical setting in the operating room. I monitor patient’s brain, nerve, and muscle activity during various stages of neurosurgery to help improve patient outcomes (termed intraoperative neuromonitoring). There are 3 of us in the province, all based out of Saskatoon but we also travel to Regina for some cases.”

4. We are on the lookout for BKin and BSRS students who might be interested in working as an intern for the Faculty during the summer months. We would provide career related experience/work opportunities. Interested students should contact the dean (KHS.Dean@uregina.ca).

5. A total of 15 students (including some ‘guests’ from other Faculties) will be participating in the 4th Study Abroad (Intensive) experience to Spain. The group will be leaving Regina on May 6. Larena Hoeber and Matthew Degenhardt will be facilitating the experience along with our partners at the European Society for Sport Management Summer School.

B. Quality Programs, Academics & Research

1. *Experiential or Hands-On Learning Courses* that have been offered as experimental courses are being formalized. These include:

- KIN 450 – Clinical Exercise Physiology
- KIN 451 - Clinical Exercise Physiology for Chronic Conditions
- KIN 355 - Principles of Strength, Power and Speed Development
- KIN 356 - Programming in Training and Conditioning
- KIN 358 - Occupational Testing and Training
- KIN 382 - Practical applications in community-based neurorehabilitation for exercise professionals
- KIN 386 - Balance Assessment

2. *Formal Articulation/Block Transfer* agreements are also beginning to be formalized; these allow students completing a diploma at another institution to easily transfer into one of our programs here. These include agreements with:

- Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Diploma in Therapeutic Recreation)
- Saskatchewan Polytechnic (Diploma in Recreation and Tourism Management)
- Red Deer Polytechnic (Diploma in Kinesiology and Sport Studies)
- Red Deer Polytechnic (University Transfer Diploma)
- NAIT (Personal Fitness Trainer Diploma)

3. *Curriculum Mapping Project* – February saw a large number of interviews with faculty members, current students, recent alumni, and fieldwork partners take place. The resulting information, along with data from an extensive literature review and environmental scan, will be put together for faculty to review and discuss near the end of the month of March. Our goal is to develop the various outcomes we want to ‘map’ our curriculum toward. Susan Bens (consultant) from Saskatoon is assisting us on this project as we look to renew our curriculum following the Unit Review last year about this time.

4. *Mock Interviews* for the KHS 300 students took place over the last two weeks. Thanks to the internal faculty and staff who participated and spent time with our students. This round many of our fieldwork partners also came to campus to assist with the experience.

5. The Faculty is piloting the use of *Live Invigilation through ProctorTrack* for the final exams in two of its larger online courses this semester: KIN 275 (enrolment 206) and KIN 170 (enrolment 178). In short, those taking online courses will have their final exam proctored, in real time, by a live person.

6. Darren Candow recently secured a \$30,000 MITACS grant.

C. Community Connections

1. The inaugural season-long *Sask Milk U-Prairie Challenge* wrapped up with a presentation at the University of Saskatchewan on February 5 following the women’s hockey game between the U of R and the U of S (which the Cougars won). The University of Saskatchewan won the challenge this year. The UPC Events at both Universities were well attended.

2. The final *UR Days* for the academic year took place in Melfort on February 15. Dr. Barden presented to a class on the use of EMG (complete with a demo) and we had an opportunity to speak with Grade 11 students about the U of R and KHS.

3. Some *important events* are coming up in the next 6 weeks:

- The monthly KHS Research Seminar on March 15, at 3:00 pm (CK 222) – *Elizabeth Cooper* will be presenting.
- Faculty of KHS Alumni & Awards Evening will take place March 16, 2023 @ 6 pm, Terrace Building. We will be honouring two distinguished alumni, a fieldwork partner, our scholarship winners, and dean’s list members from the fall of 2022.
- The KHS Student Society is hosting their winter semester Gala on March 25. This year’s event, which is being organized in conjunction with the Nursing Student’s Association, will be a Casino Night. Tickets are available through EventBrite.
- U of R Sport Hall of Fame induction luncheon – April 6, 2023 @ 11:30 am. Chelsea Valois, a former track and field athlete, is being inducted.
- Varsity Sports Gala Dinner – April 6, 2023 @ 5 pm. An evening to celebrate individual and team accomplishments. Tickets are available through ShowPass
- Annual KHS Research Day – April 10, 2023. Consider joining us that day to hear about the research activity from students and faculty. Location: CK 222.
For more information, contact Dr. Larena Hoerber.

4. Beginning the week of April 3, the west end of the FLC will serve as a 'bridge' location for *Saskatchewan Health Authority's new cardiac rehabilitation programming* for Regina and area. The program will tentatively operate on campus through June of 2024. At that point, the operation will shift to a more central location in the city.

5. *Don Clark*, professor emeritus, one of the founding members of the Faculty of KHS, and friend and supporter of the Faculty and University, passed away suddenly at the age of 79 on February 17, 2023.

6. I will be presenting to guidance counsellors from Saskatoon on March 24th. A couple of representatives from our TR and SRM program will be at the Sask Poly Career Fair in Saskatoon on March 23rd.

D. Strong Operational Foundation

1. *Long Service Awards* for members of the Faculty will take place March 23, beginning at 1:30 pm in CT 215 (La Cite Theatre). This year's recipients include:

- Todd Johnston (10 years)
- Darren Candow (15 years)
- Danielle Houle (15 years)
- Eric Exner (20 years)
- Larena Hoeber (20 years)
- Doug Cripps (25 years)

2. *Congratulations* to WBB Coach Dave Taylor on being named Canada West Coach of the Year.

3. *Budget Update* – the Faculty submitted its' plan for each of the 5%, 6%, and 7% base budget cut scenarios to central administration on March 6. Eric Exner and I will be making our presentation to the three vice-presidents and the associate vice president – administration on Monday, March 13.

4. *Website Transformation* – we have been busy over the last few months preparing to update our website. With oversight from University Advancement and Communication, Shauna and Echo, together with a Co-op student will be responsible for the heavy lifting on this project. Much of the work will take place over the summer months.

5. *Intra-net Development* – as part of the website redevelopment (which will have an outward, recruiting focus), we will be looking to build an Intranet type service for our current students (staff and faculty) through the first-instance of Moodle (i.e., URCourses). Our goal is to have that up and running by the fall semester.

Final Note

Wishing you all the very best in the coming weeks as we head toward finals and the end of the semester and the eventual return of spring!