

INSTITUTIONAL REPORT

BRITISH COLUMBIA COUNCIL on ADMISSIONS AND TRANSFER (BCCAT)

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1. Departmental Changes/Updates

- The FTEs for 2016/17 are approximately 2300 domestic students and 550 international students; this represents only a modest growth of domestic students and a fourfold increase in international students.
- Tracy Punchard is our new Department Chair (University arts and Sciences).

2. Program/Course Update

- Psychology classes have not been noticeably impacted by the growth of international students; Business, English, Hospitality programs are most impacted. We continue to teach the same classes (Introductory Psychology, Lifespan Development, Abnormal Psychology, Biological Psychology, Research methods) with similar class sizes as in previous years.
- Monica Vogler retired in December of 2016 and we hired Todd Kettner who holds a PH.D. in clinical psychology.
- Eight students have completed The Rural Pre-Medicine Program at Selkirk College. The Advanced Diploma in Rural Pre-Medicine requires Introductory Psychology and Research methods. Two students have received interviews at UBC medical school and eagerly await admission; all students are continuing their education. For example, some have been admitted in the Bachelor of Health Sciences at UNBC or the Microbiology Program at UVic

3. Other Items of Interest

With only minor changes, these are most of the annual highlights sent to us by Neil Coburn, Vice President of Education and Students:

Facilities

The \$18.9M renovation of our (Nelson) Silver King trades facilities is continuing on schedule and on budget. The projected completion date is spring 2018. A full slate of trades programs continues to be offered while the renovations take place.

Senior Leadership

Two of the three Vice Presidents will be retiring in the next year.

Within the Education Division there are 3 new Deans. Pat Bidart is the Dean for the School of Hospitality and Tourism, School of Industry and Trades Training, School of the Arts, the Distributed Learning Centre and the Teaching and Learning Institute. David Feldman is the Dean for the School of Academic Upgrading and Development, and the School of University Arts and Sciences, the Mir Centre for Peace, and has responsibility for policy and planning. Tiffany Snauwaert is Dean for the School of Business, School of Environment and Geomatics, and Community Education and Workplace Training.

Rhonda Schmitz, formerly a Dean, has moved to the newly created position of Director of Student Development.

Indigenization

Selkirk has a number of initiatives focused on indigenization and reconciliation. We have signed Memoranda of Understanding with each of our First Nation partners as well as with the Métis Nation. In addition, they and several Aboriginal community organizations have joined with Selkirk College in signing the *CICan Indigenous Education Protocol for Colleges and Institutes*.

To further reconciliation and our mutual understanding, we have embarked on three institutional initiatives:

- Education Council struck a task force on Governance Processes for Indigenizing Education. It is working within the institution and with our partners to determine appropriate models and approval processes for indigenizing curricula.
- The Aboriginal Services Liaison, Jessica Morin, is leading a SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) funded project on *Reconciliation through Community College Education*. This project has hired Principal Investigators from within the Nations to conduct research to determine what our First Nations partners expectations are regarding community college programs; curriculum; use and sharing of Traditional Knowledge; student/graduate knowledge, skills and attitudes; and college employee knowledge, skills and attitudes.
- The Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Theresa Southam, spearheads an initiative to develop a *Regional Languages, Cultures and Histories* course for students, employees, community partners (e.g. corporations) and the general public. The College has hired 3 indigenous educators to develop the course materials, teaching strategies and delivery options. We hope to make the first offering of the course available in June 2017.

Internationalization

In the Fall semester of 2015, the College struck an Internationalization Advisory Committee comprised of about 16 members; half from within the College and half from our communities. Supporting the work of this Committee was a year of research on internationalizing post-secondary education at Selkirk conducted by a UVic graduate student. Based on the research and the Committee's recommendations the College is developing an Internationalization Strategic Plan. A draft Plan has been presented to various groups (Education Council, students, School Chairs, Dean, etc.) for feedback and refinement. It is expected that the Plan will be finalized and ready for implementation by September 2017. Concurrently, the College has hosted a number of workshops and sessions for students, instructors and staff; e.g. *Internationalization Boot Camp* for Instructors, employment readiness sessions for international students, and an annual *Internationalization Workshop* for staff and instructors.