Letter from Kirk Anderson
Welcome to the next issue of our Faculty of Education newsletter. I hope that everyone is finding time to enjoy the summer and taking some well-deserved vacation.

This is a time of transition for the Faculty of Education. We are consulting to create new strategic documents to lead our faculty into the future, we are proceeding with our Faculty Staffing Plan, our leadership team is changing and we are reorganizing our upcoming budget.

The APR/CAP2020: Our external facilitator, Yves Pelletier, is currently completing his report. This report will be shared with the Provost and used at our fall retreat to complete the faculty’s strategic plan.

The Dean’s Awards: In response to our strategic plan 2011 and related expressions of support from faculty, staff and the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), I am pleased to announce the first ever recipients of the annual Dean’s Awards!

Excellence in Teaching: Ki Adams
Excellence in Research: Karen Goodnough
Excellence in Academic Service: Jerome Delaney
Excellence (non-tenure track faculty): Rob Kelly
Staff Award for Service Excellence: Susan Hicks
Special Award for Excellence in Service to the Faculty of Education: Custodial Staff of the G.A. Hickman Building

Leadership Changes: Congratulations to Heather McLeod on being appointed interim Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs effective Sept. 1. Thank you to Gerald Galway for the three years he served in the position.

Congratulations to Rhonda Joy on being appointed interim Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and Research effective Aug. 7. Thank you to Tim Seifert for the eight years he served in the position.

Faculty Hiring:
1. Saiqi Azam will be joining us in Sept. 2015 as our new Science educator.
2. The committees have forwarded their recommendations on a French Second Language and Technology Education educator. We are in consultation with the Provost’s office on these recommendations.

Searches are ongoing for positions in Educational Technology and Post-Secondary. I would like to send best wishes to Bruce Sheppard and Marc Glassman who retire on Dec. 31, 2015.

There are many items being discussed and I am happy to talk to anyone, anytime about issues and ideas for the faculty.

Regards,

Faculty News and Events
1. There was a party on Friday, July 17 in the McCann Centre to celebrate the retirements of our colleagues: Ki Adams, Jean Brown, Tony Dawe, Elizabeth Murphy, Bernadette Power and Ken Stevens. Thank you to all who were able to attend and best wishes to the retirees!
2. The ED-5000 Student Conference took place on Wednesday, July 22 in the G.A. Hickman (Education) Building. It was a day full of exciting and educational presentations by our intermediate/secondary students.

3. A celebration and exhibition/performance of creative stories by 28 graduating master of education students in ED 6394 will be held on the evening of Monday, August 3, in room ED-4013/14 at 6:30 p.m. All faculty and students are welcome.

4. Nadeem Saqlain is planning a cricket match for any interested faculty and staff to take place at the end of August or in early September. There will be some training for those who are interested. All sports equipment will be provided. Players should bring with their exercise clothing and sneakers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Nadeem at nadeems@mun.ca.

5. Thank you to those who attended the Friends of MUN Education dinner during CSSE 2015. A great meal was shared between faculty, students and friends at the So Good Chinese restaurant. This will be an annual event at the CSSE conferences and we hope you can join us next time!

Getting to Know You

1. Congratulations to Walter Okshevsky (pictured below) who was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Philosophy of Education Society (CPES) during the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Conference in May. This award recognizes those who have made major contributions through teaching, research and/or professional service to philosophy of education in Canada over an extended period of time.

2. Congratulations to doctoral student, Bahar Haghighat (pictured below with supervisor Heather McLeod) who has been awarded the Atlantic Education Graduate Student Conference (AEGSC) 2015 award for Best Online Presentation. She attended the conference via SKYPE to present her talk, “A Critical Examination of the Dominant Obesity Discourse and its Effects.”


4. Congratulations to Anne Burke and Shawnee Hardware (former master of education student and now doctoral candidate at York University) who recently published an article...

Anne also has an article published in journal “Against the Grain” with master of education student Renee Sanson and colleague from UOIT Janette Hughes based on their SSHRC study in Digital Literacies. "Libraries and the New Digital Frontier: Support for Communities and Classrooms”.

5. Congratulations to Heather McLeod who will be assuming editorship of the Canadian Review of Art Education journal in January 2016. This is the first time that the editorship of this peer reviewed journal has been held in Newfoundland.

6. Congratulations to Dorothy Vaandering for having her article “Living Justly: How Restorative Justice Nurtures Our Communities” published in Newfoundland Quarterly!

7. Welcome to visiting professor, Maria Hernaez! She has taught Canadian and American literature, as well as the English language, at the University of La Rioja, in Spain, for the past 25 years.

She has visited Memorial several times, previously working with the Department of English, where she has collaborated with several academics in the edition of a book on contemporary literature and culture in Newfoundland and Labrador, to be published in England this year.

Maria is currently collaborating with Elizabeth Yeoman, Morgan Gardner and Roberta Hammett due to her interest in the relationships between literature and social justice.

8. Memorial University music education students once again take the top prizes in the undergraduate section of the National Canadian Music Educators’ Association Essay Competition.

First place went to Alyssa Hodder and second place was a three-way tie which included Memorial students Jonathan Hicks and Evan Harte. Alyssa and Jonathan are both completing the bachelor of music conjoint with bachelor of music education degree and Evan is completing the bachelor of music education as a second degree after already completing a bachelor of music. Andrea Rose was the faculty advisor for all three winning essays.

Bachelor of music education students have consistently been successful in this competition, with 32 award winners since its inception in 1994.