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WELCOME TO THE SECOND ISSUE OF THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!
If you have any events, news, and personal or professional stories that you would like to share with the Faculty of Education, please contact the editor, Lisa Pendergast, using the contact information at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for reading.

Letter from Kirk Anderson
Welcome to the second Faculty of Education newsletter. Our first newsletter has been well received! The name ‘Scribbler’ has been appreciated by many and it is quite appropriate for a faculty of education. First, I would like to acknowledge the loss of one of our undergraduate students, Blair Tulk. Our entire education community was shaken by this. Thank you for sharing your stories, care and compassion. This was important to our students, faculty, staff and the Tulk family.

The APR/CAP2020: We have had significant discussion on the APR and our concerns have been heard at the highest level. Next, we will consult with the Provost on the action plan and find out what the budget process will support. The call for a renewed Academic/Strategic Plan, or the Comprehensive Action Plan to 2020 (CAP2020) is well underway. We have an external facilitator, Dr. Yves Pelletier, who shared some of his analysis at our retreat on April 8. His report will be ready this month, shared with the Provost and used at our fall retreat to complete the plan.

Faculty Hiring and Collegial Consultations: As per Recommendation 35 of the APR, the development of a new Faculty Staffing Plan, and the ongoing CAP2020 process, we are engaged in an exciting time of shaping our future. This is a time of unparalleled renewal as we seek to bring new voices and programs to our faculty.

The STEM Program: The B.Ed. STEM project has experienced delays and has suffered from a loss of key faculty due to leaves, illness and resignations. Without a core group of faculty to develop this program, it cannot reach a level of readiness to come to faculty council. For this reason I have put the program on ‘pause’ until October. At that time we will have a planning and consultation day as to the direction of the program.

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

Regards,

May Faculty Council Recap
For a list of agendas, minutes, business items and bylaws, please check the Faculty Council section on the Faculty of Education website:

Gerald Galway was unable to attend the May Faculty Council meeting. Tim Seifert continued with his Associate Dean’s Report for Graduate Programs.

1. Program Development – There will be some program...
changes made to the Counselling Psychology program and a new cohort model will be introduced in the Curriculum, Teaching and Learning studies program.

2. Admissions – Four offers have been made to doctoral candidates and so far, two have been accepted. For the master of education programs, 186 students have been admitted to start in the spring and fall semesters.

3. Convocation – We will have 275 M.Ed. graduates this year.

4. Exit Survey – In 2012 we began surveying students on their graduate program experience. Approximately 800 surveys have been distributed with a response of just 88. If faculty could encourage student participation, it would be appreciated.

Kirk Anderson continued with the Dean’s Report.

1. Congratulations to Karen Goodnough who is our new Chair in Teaching and Learning.

2. From the provincial budget, we may see tuition and fees increase for our graduate and international students.

3. As mentioned in the letter above, the B.Ed. STEM project will be put on hold until October 2015.

4. We are introducing multi-campus convocation awards: The Deans Award for undergraduate and graduate studies. For the first time, the NLTA Award was given to a student from our Grenfell campus. Congratulations to Mr. David Collins.

5. The APR process was also discussed in the letter above. Our official response was sent to the Provost, but the official report stands and will be available online for public viewing.

6. We have 10 faculty vacancies to fill in 2014/2015. Sarah Pickett and Gerald Galway will fill two of those positions effective Sept. 1, 2015. The other eight positions are either in the interview or the search committee phase and will be hired by January 2016. There are also two senior staff positions being filled: a budget officer to replace Ms. Dianne Peterson and a senior administration officer to replace Ms. Bernadette Power. The faculty-staffing plan was sent out to all faculty members on May 7. All are invited to a meeting on Friday, May 15 from 12:30 to 2:30 pm in the McCann Centre to have a collegial consultation on several positions.

7. MUN does not have a Canada Research Chair in social justice and we would like to see a Tier 1 CRC in this position.

Faculty News and Events

1. Teaching and Learning Framework St. John’s Campus Funding Competition – open until June 1, 2015

Applications to the Teaching and Learning Framework (TLF) St. John’s Campus Funding Competition for 2015 are now being accepted through an online application system available at https://teachingandlearningmun.fluidreview.com/.

Guidelines outlining application requirements and other details on the competition can be found at http://blog.delts.mun.ca/teachingandlearning/tlf-fund/.

2. Memorial University Libraries is facing a budget deficit for the 2015-2016 fiscal year and is currently considering the cancellation of several journal packages from major publishers. In order to minimize the impact of these potential cancellations the library is considering “buying back” from these publishers heavily used and/or core individual journal titles for teaching and research. We are asking that all faculty and instructors complete the Journal Retention Survey. A link to the survey and the full list of individual journal titles in the four packages, along with more fulsome details about the Collections review can be found here: http://www.library.mun.ca/news/JournalRetentionSurvey.html

3. Please stay tuned to Face Forward at www.mun.ca/faceforward. Face Forward is an online publication and a thematic periodical, regularly sharing topical events and stories representing the people and work happening at Memorial University. Thank you to everyone who submitted story ideas for the theme of Student Success for Face Forward. We sent in some great submissions and three Faculty of Education stories will be included for that theme starting the last week of May.
Getting to Know You

This section of the newsletter is meant to celebrate our faculty and staff and share our stories and accomplishments with each other.

1. Congratulations to Cecile Badenhorst on her early promotion to Associate Professor!

2. Congratulations to Greg Harris on his early promotion to Full Professor!

3. On Friday, April 24, 2015, Canadian Parents for French held its Annual Awards Ceremony at Government House. Heather Kenny and Scott Tobin, recent graduates of the Faculty of Education, were presented with the CPF French Teacher Graduate of the Year Award! Clearly, it was not possible to give just one award this year, with the excellence shown by Scott and Heather in their studies and currently in the first year of their careers as French teachers. (Scott and Heather and pictured on page 2 of this newsletter).

4. Congratulations to Nadeem Saqlain (pictured on the left) who was recently awarded the Aldrich Conference Presentation Award in the Teaching and Learning Category!

The topic of his presentation was “K-12 Online Distance Education in Newfoundland and Labrador.”

5. Congratulations to Margo Kondratieva (pictured below) for receiving the MUNSU Excellence in Teaching Award! Only three of these awards are given annually and they are meant to recognize outstanding dedication to students and to the pursuit of teaching. Recipients of this award have a record of being open, of listening to students, and, most importantly, of supporting students and assisting in their academic lives. Students nominate and select recipients of this award.

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

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