MESSAGE FROM DR. KIRK ANDERSON, DEAN
Hi Everyone,

As I continue to celebrate the newness of my second term as Dean, and the feeling of having been around for a while now, I find I am doing a lot of reflection about the future.

We have moved forward on a lot of fronts, especially in undergraduate programs. We have started significant discussions around the future of our graduate program which can lead to exciting reconfigurations of our offerings to students and our specializations.

There has been increasing interest in the creation of research chairs and at least two groups working on ideas related to STEM Education and Aboriginal Education, and the possibility of looking at another proposal on early learning.

We continue to welcome new faculty (Alireza, Christine, and Kimberly) and staff (Lisa). We also have two active searches: one in Counseling and one in Leadership. A third search in Literacy and Language is awaiting approval from the Provost’s office. All in all, a significant shaping of our faculty and staff to move forward for greater engagement in our undergraduate programs and, indeed renewal of our graduate offerings with even more emphasis on research.

We will build and celebrate more successes but will likely face more challenges. We are stronger together and will do well. So, thanks for an interesting and successful fall!

Respects,

Kirk

Faculty Council Minutes, Fall 2016:

Associate Dean’s Report – Undergraduate:
The undergraduate office has been busy working on revising the two primary/elementary programs, developing a new primary/elementary post-degree bachelor of education, and looking at development of a new STEAM program (science, technology, engineering, arts and math).

- The office was also focused on international work, hosting visitors from Norway and continuing to look at Harlow revival.
- Dr. Heather McLeod resigned as associate dean in December.

Associate Dean’s Report – Graduate:
Dr. Rhonda Joy highlighted the faculty’s successful meet and greet event for MEd and PhD students in late September, which drew over 30 new and returning students. It was a great opportunity for conversation.

Ms. Lisa Charlong Norris was hired as the new grants facilitation officer. She will work with faculty members to help them put together successful grant applications.

The graduate office worked with representatives in the student life office to explore potential internship
opportunities for students in the post-secondary program.

The graduate office has asked faculty members to redesign some of their more outdated graduate courses with an eye on making them appealing to students.

**Dean’s Report:**

**Program development:**

**Undergraduate and Graduate:** Dr. Anderson said work on revision/development of programs such as Native and Northern and STEM degrees was ongoing and urged all faculty not to get bogged down as they move forward. He also mentioned that approval to develop a new STEAM (science, technology, education, arts and math) program would come to faculty council.

- Dr. Anderson met with the director of the Labrador Institute, Dr. Ashlee Consolo and discussed the intake of a second cohort of students for the IBED program, and a new doctoral program at the Labrador Institute.

**Hiring:** Dr. Anderson welcomed Leslie Redmond as one of the faculty’s newest hires. Ms. Redmond is a Memorial graduate and heads up French Education programming in the faculty. He also welcomed Ms. Lisa Charlong Norris as the faculty’s new grant’s facilitation coordinator.

**International partnerships:** Dr. Anderson highlighted the faculty’s continuing focus on development of international partnerships, including with Education students in Belize, the revival of the Harlow Campus, and meetings with representations from the University of the Arctic.

**Research Chairs:** Dr. Anderson expects that a call for a Tier II Research Chair will give the faculty an opportunity to submit a proposal for a Chair in Aboriginal Education.

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**Faculty News and Events:**

**Welcome for new graduate students!**

In late September 2016, the folks in our Graduate Programs office held a special welcome Meet and Greet for new and returning graduate students! It was well-attended and a great way to begin the new academic year!
IBED students make artful presentation

Dr. Sylvia Moore and 14 students from Memorial University’s Inuit Bachelor of Education (IBED) program in Goose Bay, Labrador arrived with two very large pieces of original art. Created as part of their IBED program, the works of art were presented to Nunatsiavut’s minister of Education and Dr. Kirk Anderson of Memorial’s Faculty of Education during the biennial Inuit Studies Conference in early October.

Last year, as students were just beginning the first year of the IBED program, they discussed the Inuit values in class and Dr. Moore challenged them to reflect on how they could be expressed and represented in everyday life.

Students were asked to work in small groups, each choosing one value to represent visually through art. Ultimately they came up with a unique four-foot-long textile hanging.

From woodchips to microchips –
Sessions bring out the inner builder

Early this fall, the Faculty of Education’s technology education program offered a series of makerspace sessions that brought out the inner builder!

With support from a Memorial public engagement grant, Prof. David Gill and Dr. Gerald Galway offered the sessions in partnership with the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association (NLTA), the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Eastern School District and the College of the North Atlantic.

"We like the idea of getting people to spend time with us on campus where they can get reacquainted with the university and the college communities," said Dr. Galway about these hands-on sessions. "With this project our intention is to create greater access to Memorial for students and the public."

The sessions were also an excellent field experience for students in the Technology Education program, who hosted and ran the sessions following their first teaching internships.
Dr. Karen Goodnough wins President’s Award for Outstanding Research

Congratulations to our Dr. Karen Goodnough who was recently honoured with a President's Award for Outstanding Research!

MUN President Dr. Gary Kachanoski presented faculty and staff with awards for excellence in teaching, research and public engagement during a reception and ceremony in late December to celebrate the President’s Awards.

Dr. Goodnough heads up the STEM project which focuses on the teaching and learning of science, technology, education and mathematics.

“This is a great university and a wonderful place to work because of the talented people who work across all of our campuses and locations. I appreciate your passion, dedication and all that you do for our university,” Dr. Kachanoski told the group.

Dr. Linda Coles, recipient of the Dean’s Award for Excellence (non-tenured)

Ms. Tina Hunt, recipient of the Dean's Staff Award for Service Excellence

Dr. Greg Harris, and Dr. Patricia Canning, recipients of the Dean’s Awards for Excellence in Research

Dr. Heather McLeod, recipient of the Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Liza-Ann Tucker, recipient of the Dean's Staff Award for Service Excellence

Dr. Gabrielle Young, recipient of the Dean's Award in Engagement and Community Service

Celebrating excellence!
Annual Dean’s Awards recognize faculty and staff

Drs. Kirk Anderson and Rhonda Joy presented awards to faculty and staff at this second annual event, pointing out that celebrating and recognizing achievement is in keeping with the faculty's strategic plan, Strength Through Collaboration, developed last year to help guide work over the next five years.
Celebrating the Season: Faculty embraces the spirit of giving back!

Fall Convocation 2016 events

Read about new education graduate Sarah Murphy (above) at http://www.mun.ca/educ/news.php?id=8082

To see photos from the NLTA’s 2016 ceremony for new teachers check out our Facebook post at https://www.facebook.com/pg/MUN-Faculty-of-Education190728607604792/photos/?tab=album

Faculty gives back!

Kudos to the wonderful women in our main office for leading us in the spirit of giving this past December! Together we raised food for the Campus Food Bank, pet care items for the SPCA, personal care items and warms woolens for seniors, children and those in need. Way to go everyone!

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