Dean’s Corner

The Faculty marks its tenth anniversary this year and we anticipate a celebratory series of events beginning in September.

It has been a remarkable ten years, where a Faculty built itself from scratch, with all of the degree programs, curriculum, courses, policies, business practices etc., emerging over the years from the exceptionally hard work of committed and dedicated faculty and staff. To say the least, this is not normal.

Usually when you join a new university in a new position, you enter a unit where most of this “context” is well established, routine and predictably supportive. The “service” job is mostly refinement and renewal.

And it is this refinement and renewal phase of Faculty development that we are on the verge of entering. It began with the very successful renewal of our CEPH accreditation, which although not official, exceeded expectations and confirmed that we have established world class undergraduate and graduate programs. It will continue with the anniversary celebrations where we welcome back alumni and departed friends and colleagues.

And it will be energized by a process of re-imagining our mission, goals and curriculum at all levels as we move into the fall semester. Finally we will enjoy the enthusiasm and passion that new faculty and staff will bring to help us realize the vision we set for ourselves ten short years ago.

- John O’Neil

Research Update

FHS is pleased to announce that 11 faculty members have been awarded grants totalling over $2,002,753.

New Publications

FHS Faculty and their trainees have reported 43 new works published within the last six months.

New Presentations

FHS Faculty and their trainees have presented at over 51 different conferences and events within the last six months.

In the Media

Our media relations activities have yielded over 90 interviews with Faculty and their trainees over the last six months.
Kudos (Awards & Recognition)

Zabrina Brumme was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure (as of September 1).

Susan Erikson completed a six-month post as a Senior Fellow at a European think tank, the Centre for Global Cooperation Research in Duisburg, Germany. She worked in the Global Governance Revisited unit.

Robert Hogg was elected to Fellowship in the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) for 2015.

Kelley Lee (with co-author T. Pang) was awarded 2015 prize by Royal Society for Public Health for Most Downloaded Issue for their article, “WHO: Retirement or reinvention?” which was included in Public Health, Special Issue: WHO past, present and future, 2014; 128(2).

Marina Morrow was promoted to Professor (as of September 1).

Julian Somers was appointed Special Advisor to VPR on Community Engaged Research and co-leader of bid for SFU to host CUEXpo 2017.

Tim Takaro was selected as the faculty awardee for the 2015 SFU President’s Award for Leadership in Sustainability by the Leadership in Sustainability Awards Committee.
Student Awards

- **Dr. Glenys Webster** [supervisor: B. Lanphear] was awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship.

- **Stefanie Rezansoff** (PhD student, Somers Research Group) has recently received the following awards:
  - the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire War Memorial Doctoral Scholarship ($15,000.00)
  - a Drug Safety and Effectiveness Cross-Training (DESCT) Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) PhD Strategic Training Fellowship (April 2015 – March 2016)
  - She was also ranked as the top applicant for a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute Community Support Travel Award – (to present at the World Congress on Public Health in Kolkata, India – February, 2015) $2,500.

- **Sophie Patterson** [supervisor: A. Kaida] was awarded a New Investigator Award in Social Sciences at the 24th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV / AIDS Research in Toronto in May for an oral presentation: Application of the Supreme Court of Canada’s legal criteria for HIV non-disclosure within a cohort of HIV-positive illicit drug users in Vancouver.

- **Lindsay Galway**, (PhD student, supervisor: T. Takaro) was awarded the prestigious Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA) Dr. John Hastings Student Award for her work entitled, “An evaluation of the flipped classroom model in a master’s level environmental and occupational health course.

- **Natalie Kinloch** [FHS BSc] and Aniqa Shahid [MSc student] [supervisor: Z. Brumme] were each awarded full scholarships to present their research at the 24th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS research April 30-May 3, 2015 in Toronto. These awards, valued at ~$2500, were jointly funded by the Canadian HIV Vaccine Initiative (CHVI) and the CHVI Research and Development Alliance Coordinating Office (ACO).

- **Caitlin Pugh** [supervisor M. Winters] - VPR Undergraduate Student Research Award, Summer 2015 and Caitlin Pugh – Canada Graduate Scholarship- Master’s Programs (CIHR), starting Sept 2015.
Teaching and Education Programs Update

The Faculty of Health Sciences has partnered with the Faculties of Business and Applied Sciences to develop the “Bridges to Surrey” Initiative. This project brings together SFU faculty members and students with community partners in the Surrey region. The goal is to expand opportunities in Surrey and to provide opportunities for student engagement and research collaborations with institutional partners in the region.

The program has contracted several faculty from community partners to work with SFU Faculty to develop curriculum that will bring together students from various faculties to work on real world health care issues. Social innovation and entrepreneurship are the pillars of the Bridges to Surrey initiative and it’s these principles that will guide the student projects that will provide some new ideas to solve challenging health related issues. New faculty working on this project include:

- Professor Andrew Webb
- Associate Professor Victoria Lee
- Assistant Professor Julie Kim
- Assistant Professor Tun Myint
- Assistant Professor Maryan Sadeghi
- Lecturer Paola Ardiles

Graduate Programs

FHS’ application to the CIHR James Rossiter award has been approved and we will receive $30,196 to help us fund 2015-16 practicum cohort.

Undergraduate Programs

Approved program changes include modifications to the BA program. To improve flexibility in B.A. degree completion, B.A. majors are no longer required to take one of the senior seminar courses (HSCI 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486). B.A. students must still complete other lower and upper division requirements and an additional upper division units including at least 12 HSCI units. Similarly, the PQHS concentration in the B.Sc. major has removed the requirement to complete either ENGL 199W or PHIL 120W, included ECON 102 as a lower division selective course, and moved HSCI 484 from a required course to a selective course in the upper division.

Two successful CityStudio partner courses (HSCI 472: Health and the Built Environment and HSCI 424: Strategic Applications of GIS in Public Health) which cumulated a HUBBUB event where students presented their work (videos, infographics, maps) to staff, stakeholders, and other CityStudio students on April 10, 2015.