As the academic year winds down and our faculty, staff and students anticipate a much needed break, we are also in the process of developing a new five year Academic Plan for 2013-2018. To some degree, these Plans are seen as routine reflections on the status quo because although universities are intended to be at the heart of innovation, ironically, they are also very conservative institutions. Our governing policies and economic environment make significant change difficult and as a result we tend to manage change incrementally, and within fairly static boundaries. In this context, the bold, and at the time controversial, step to create the Faculty of Health Sciences is in retrospect, even more remarkable.

The SFU leadership at the time intended for FHS to be something unique not just in BC but on the North American academic landscape generally. We were not intended to be just an extension of existing paradigms and approaches in health science education and research. We were intended to fulfill some of the most lofty but difficult-to-achieve aspirations in the health sector:

- We were to serve as a counterpoint to the biomedical model, where disease prevention, health promotion and population health are underrepresented yet seen as essential to solving the most pressing health policy issues of the day.
- We were to help fill the public health capacity gap in Canada, identified as a national issue in the wake of the SARS epidemic.
- We were to bring a social justice and broad “determinants of health” approach to public health research and training, with an integrated interdisciplinary approach to understanding how the social and the biological combine to produce health and illness.
- We were to develop a “life course” perspective on health, widely understood by leading scholars worldwide to provide an exciting new lens for understanding how early life biological and social experiences shape lifelong health and disease consequences.

These were the ideals that motivated the “risky” decision to allocate scarce resources to a start-up Faculty in an environment where many felt these resources might be better used in support of the many excellent programs already well known at SFU. Although there is much still to be done, This Newsletter in its previous editions confirms the remarkable progress we have made towards these goals. Our task now is to craft an Academic Plan for the next five years that will ensure that we continue to aspire to be the very best at implementing these ideals over the next five years. This new Plan does not need to be a radical departure from the Plans that have brought us this far but it must motivate us to inspire our students to absorb and act upon these ideals and principles, ensure our research continues to impact on the inequalities and disparities in the health and health systems of local and global populations, and engages us seamlessly with the professional and public communities we serve and to which we are accountable. To do less would betray the courage demonstrated by the founding leaders at SFU who imagined a Faculty with such a unique vision and mission.
People News

FHS welcomes the following:

- Dr. Nicole Catherine and Dr. Kate Keetch have joined the Children’s Health Policy Centre, as Scientific Evaluation Director and Research Coordinator respectively, for the BC Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) Scientific Evaluation project.
- Samantha Diamond, program assistant/secretary (Feb-November 2012)
- Dr. Malcolm King, Professor and Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute for Aboriginal People’s Health (effective September 1, 2012)
- Dr. Philip Mwimanzi, Ph.D. as a post-doctoral fellow in the Brumme research group (Dr. Mwimanzi completed his Ph.D. at the University of Kumamoto, Kumamoto Japan, in 2011).
- Linda van Vliet, secretary in the Dean’s Office.
- Dr. David Whitehurst, Assistant Professor, Health Economics and cross appointed with Fraser Health Authority. Dr. Whitehurst will be based at both SFU Burnaby and at FHA (effective June1, 2012).
- Tanya Willar (Somers Research Group, RA) on the CIHR grant collaboration with Dr. Alain Lesage from Fernand-Seguin Research Center Louis-H. Lafontaine Hospital in Montreal.

FHS bids the following, “Good Luck and Au Revoir”:

- Anna Du Bois has taken a fundraising position with the non-profit organization, Hope Air (effective June 15, 2012)
- Dr. Lorraine Halinka Malcoe has accepted a position at the new Zilber School of Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will be establishing a new Center for Health and Race Equity. She will maintain an adjunct faculty position in FHS and continue as Co-Leader of the Violence, Mental Health and Substance Use research theme group of the SFU/FHS Centre for the Study of Gender, Social Inequities and Mental Health. (effective September 1, 2012).
- Dr. Takako Niikura has accepted a position as an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Science and Technology, Sophia University (Tokyo, Japan), as of April 1, 2012.
- Leslie Techy will be leaving FHS for a half-time job share opportunity in the Faculty of Applied Science (effective June 15, 2012)
- Jasper Stoodley has accepted an 18th month temporary assignment into the Central IT Services Department (effective May 14, 2012).
- Bernd Mueller (Somers Research Group) who has been working as an RA on the MHCC At Home Project and is now heading to Nova Scotia.

Kudos (Awards & Recognition)

Faculty and Staff:

- Ryan Allen has received tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.
- Tim Beischlag has received tenure.
• **Anna Du Bois** was awarded the 2012 FHS Staff Award.

• **Sheila Falconer** was appointed interim Undergraduate Advisor & Scheduler (February-November 2012).

• **Craig Janes** was awarded the Medal of Honor by the Minister of Health of the government of Mongolia (the highest honor for a non-citizen) for his work to strengthen health impact assessment of mining activities in Mongolia.

• **Scott Lear** has been promoted to the rank of Professor.

• **Kelley Lee** for winning 1st Place in the SFU sponsored, “Kill A Watt: My Big Energy Saving Idea” Contest. [http://www.sfu.ca/sac/kill-a-watt.html](http://www.sfu.ca/sac/kill-a-watt.html). See the light, teak a byte competition

• **Brad Mladenovic** for spearheading FHS’ successful Open House programs and activities and for passing his PhD comprehensive exams in the Faculty of Education, April 2012.

• **Masa Niikura** has received tenure.

• **Tim Takaro** has been promoted to the rank of Professor.

• **Nienke van Houten** (FHS), Kathleen Fitzpatrick (BISC), and Cindy Xin from TLC. “Transforming Biology Education at SFU”. This instructional team from SFU has been selected to attend the Pacific Northwest offering of the National Academies Summer Institute at Evergreen College in Olympia Washington in July. Participants are trained in pedagogical methods that actively engage students in the ways that scientists think. After completion of the program, participants will be named a National Academies Education Fellow for 2012-2013 and are expected to offer training opportunities for faculty, students and staff at their home institutions. For more information, see: [http://www.academiessummerinstitute.org/](http://www.academiessummerinstitute.org/).

**Student/Trainee Awards:**

• **Lupin Battersby** (FHS PhD student; supervisors: M. Morrow, C. Waddell and E. Balka) was awarded a CIHR doctoral award

• **Alexis Palmer** (FHS PhD student; supervisors: C. Miller, R. Hogg, A. Kaida) has been awarded a CIHR Doctoral Research Award and ranked in the top 2% in the competition.

• **Surita Parashar** was awarded the Canadian Association for HIV Research New Investigator Award.

• **Glenys Webster** (FHS PDF; supervisors: S. Venners and B. Lanphear) for being selected a 2012 Science Communication Fellow, with Virginia-based NGO, Environmental Health Sciences. The Fellows were selected through a competitive process by a selection committee of seven prominent scientists. Fellows will spend the next year polishing their communication skills and learning effective ways to inform journalists and the public about new research findings in environmental health and green chemistry.

• In November 2011, FHS students **Lyndsey Belvedere (BSc)**, **Christine Lukac (BSc)** and **Martyna Purchla (BA)** received a $1000 grant from the Ashoka Youth Venture Challenge to start Better Alternatives for Girls' Survival (BAGS), a social enterprise dedicated to providing economic opportunity to female survivors of human trafficking in Kolkata, India, through designing and re-selling products stitched by women working at the non-profit organization Destiny Reflection. They have designed custom SFU products, and are currently in the process of marketing and selling them. Proceeds from the sales of these textiles will be returned to Destiny Reflection to provide them with the funds they need to hire more women and grow their business.

• **Thanya Al-Saadoon** (CGSM trainee, FHS mentor: L. H. Malcoe,) and the Cowichan Women Against Violence Society have been awarded funding for “Inviting Voice/Creating Space for Cowichan Valley Women” (research to

- Lynnette Lyzwinsliki, received the FHS Award for Highest Academic Achievement—BA.
- Sarah St. John received the Dean’s Convocation Medal in Health Sciences and the FHS Award for Highest Academic Achievement—BSc.
- Katherine Drasic received the FHS Award for Citizenship and Exemplary Academic Performance.
- Addy Musuku received the FHS Award for Outstanding Service to the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- Lindsay Belvedere received the FHS Award for Outstanding Community Service.
- Anna Carollsfeld received the FHS Award for Extraordinary Achievement.
- Stefanie Rezansoff received the Dean of Graduate Studies Convocation Medal for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Teaching and Programs Update

Undergraduate Program:
The following changes went to SFU Senate Committee for Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) and were recently approved in Senate. The new June 2012 calendar should include them:

Internal transfer criteria:
Students can apply for internal transfer into the Faculty of Health Sciences with a minimum CGPA of 2.5 and after completion of one of the following 200-level HSCI courses with a minimum grade of C:- HSCI 211-3, HSCI 212-3, HSCI 214-3, HSCI 215-3, or HSCI 216-3.

Breadth-science designation for HSCI100:
Starting in the Fall 2012, HSCI 100-3 will be offered as a B-Science course towards fulfilling W,Q,B requirements.

HSCI 438 is changed to HSCI 338 Animal Virology:
By changing HSCI 438 to HSCI 338, and altering the pre-requisite to MBB 222 and co-requisite BISC 303, students will be able to take Animal Virology in their third year, providing more flexibility and course availability in their fourth year.

FHS courses for the new SFU Certificate in Environmental Literacy
The following FHS course options satisfy requirements for the Certificate in Environmental Literacy. By taking these, you would satisfy the requirement of taking 9 credits from list A, B or C (these fall into list C).
- HSCI 216 Ecological Determinates of Human Growth, Development and Health
- HSCI 304 Perspectives on Environmental Health
- HSCI 309 Health and the Built Environment

Graduate Program:
In the past, students wishing to do a PhD in FHS had to wait until the spring admissions cycle to apply. The GSC voted recently to allow ‘rolling’ admissions for applicants to the PhD program. Therefore, like MSc students, PhD applicants will now be able to apply for graduate studies in FHS and be considered by the MSc/PhD committee three times per year, with the following deadlines: Feb 1 (Fall Semester), June 1 (Spring Semester), October 1 (Summer Semester). Entrance awards are only available to Fall Semester applicants.


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Competition. $30,000, (2012-2013).


**New FHS Publications**


4. **Brockman MA,** Chopera DR, Brumme CJ, Sela J, Markle T, Martin E, Carlson JM, Le AQ, McGovern R,


New FHS Publications (Cont.)

With Hypertension. **Can J Cardiol.** 2012 May;28(3):375-82.


33. Van Buynder PG (FHS adjunct) Gillian Frosst,d,e Jan L Van Buynder,d Francios-William Tremblay,d Alie Ross,d; Claire Jardine,d Bao Gang Feif. “Increased reactions to pediatric influenza vaccination following concomitant pneumococcal vaccination” in InfluenzaJournal.com (Published Online 12 April 2012.)


New FHS Publications (Cont.)


FHS in the News


2. Fischer, B quoted in “Prescription for disaster - Misuse use of legal drugs manifests in stealing, addiction, even death”, Winnipeg Free Press, 05/12/2012

3. Valerie Nicholson and facilitator Surita Parashar interviewed about 'The way I see it' (project) on Pivot Points Radio on CFRO 102.7 some time between 12 and 12:30.


6. Takaro T. interviewed on *GlobalTV* as a conference at SFU Vancouver marked the first anniversary of the Fukushima earthquake and the resulting nuclear power-station disaster in Japan. Radio Interviews with On the Coast (CBC).

7. Winters, M. Interviewed by the following on the development of Bike Score. CKNW (radio) May 15, 2012; CTV Victoria (Radio), May 15, 2012; News1130 (Radio), May 15, 2012


3. **Rahman MM**, Kopec JA, Anis AH, Cibere J, **Goldsmith CH**: The Risk of Developing Cardiovascular Diseases among Osteoarthritis Patients: A Prospective Study.


7. **Hogg R**; Jamal, R (Co-Pis); Baltzer Turge, R; Jones, J; Mcdougall, P; Silberberg, S; Stacey, Kr; Standeven, H; Cescon, A; Palmer, A; Parashar, S; Smye, VI.”The way I see it: a photographic exploration of housing and health” Photo exhibit which featured photo-presentations by people living with HIV who are passionate about housing research and advocacy. For further information visit: http://www.cfenet.ubc.ca/our-work/initiatives/lisa/%E2%80%9C-way-i-see-it%E2%80%9D


14. **Lee, K**. Invited Speaker, "What Role For The Business Sector In Tackling Non-Communicable Dis-
20. Malcoe LH and Morrow M (CGSM) organized and hosted a two day training workshop for the FHS, SIH students: Re-imagining Mental Health Praxis: Workshop on Decolonizing and Mad Studies Approaches, April 27th and April 28th, 2012.
28. Sarkar PL, Chen Y, Salvante KG, Zeng L, Nepomnaschy PA. Are first morning urinary free cortisol and circadian profiles for salivary free cortisol related? Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the


37. Tairyan, K and Tucker R (panel discussion) “Fostering well-being in the classroom: why does it matter and what can we do about it?”, SFU TLC symposium on May 16th and 17th, 2012. The goal of the discussion is to open a dialogue about practices that facilitate healthy universities, an initiative that is being promoted by the World Health Organization. For more information see: http://www.who.int/healthy_settings/types/universities/en/index.html


41. **Waddell, C.** (2012) *Children's mental health in Canada: Meeting the needs of the one and the many*, Presentation, Invitational Mental Health Forum, Institute for Human Development, Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Winnipeg, MB.


46. Sims-Gould J., **M Winters.** “Partnering up to understand the interaction between mobility, health and the built environment”. Healthy People, Healthy City. Vancouver, June 22, 2012.


