

## President's Report to the Board

January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014

From November 22<sup>nd</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup> AVP International Stuart McIlmoyle and I participated in the Premier's Trade Mission to Asia, and we were able to expand and consolidate partnerships with universities in China and to network with major players in the government's LNG strategy. KPU was one of only a handful of post-secondary institutions on the mission, and we managed to get some good time to share our interest in international education and our plans for KPU Tech with senior government officials, those involved in investing in BC, and with energy sector representatives.

The itinerary included the following events and visits

November 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Arrive in Beijing, fly to Chengdu
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Southwest University for Nationalities (SWUN) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ethnography Museum (Wuhou Campus)</li><li>• Hangkonggang Campus</li></ul>
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon in Chongqing
November 26 <sup>th</sup>	Beijing University of Chinese Medicine (BUCM) Friends of BC Reception
November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Briefing with Ambassador Saint-Jacques LNG Investment Luncheon MOU Signings with <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SWUN</li><li>• Taiyuan University of Technology</li></ul>
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	Visit with City Government (Zhengzhou) Visit to High School in Xinxiang Visit to University in Xinxiang
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of BC Reception (Shanghai)
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	BC Natural Resources Luncheon (Tokyo) Meeting with Toyo University Friends of BC Reception
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to Vancouver

After the trip I have also had meetings with key officials of the Resource Training Organization which is at the forefront of developing the LNG skilled workforce strategy.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, AVED Minister Amrik Virk held his first official visit to KPU Surrey as part of his tour of all BC institutions, and he was able to meet with students and faculty, and attended the Pat Dooley Memorial high school basketball tournament.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, I met with the 5 school district superintendents, and we advanced the idea of a KPU-based and jointly funded “Quint Coordinator” to develop pathways from schools to KPU.

In December 11<sup>th</sup> I had the privilege to attend the Inside Out Sociology course “graduation ceremony” at Mission Institute, offered by KPU faculty members Wade Deisman and Jane Miller, where KPU students studied alongside inmates, with weekly visits to the prison. The result was a rich and powerful learning experience for all involved, and the Regional Director of Corrections Canada along with the Mission Institute warden were on hand to recognize the students. This is the first time this kind of integrated instruction has occurred in Canada.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> I attended the BC Business Council Board Meeting in Vancouver, which included a presentation from WorkSafeBC.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the United Way Loaned representative luncheon in Vancouver, and enjoyed the celebration of the work of the employees on the campaign and the tremendous support provided by the KFA and BCGEU.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, KPU Langley campus principal Jane Fee presented to the City of Langley Council on Vision 2018.

The President’s Diversity and Equity Committee concluded its work for 2013 on December 18<sup>th</sup>, and new policy on Diversity and Equity will be posted for public consultation shortly. Key to the future of PDEC’s work will be the appointment of Director of Diversity, which has been submitted for budget consideration.

After a welcome 2 week break, I attended the CEO network meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup>, with a special presentation of identifying and supporting those who aspire to leadership roles.

On January 25 and 26<sup>th</sup> I will attend the regular Board meeting of the Council for Experiential and Adult Learning. CAEL is emerging as one of the leading organizations in the discussion about the future of higher learning in North America, and it gives me the opportunity to spend valuable time with some of the leaders in this discussion.

This month we welcome Dr. Lori McElroy as our Executive Director of Institutional Analysis and Planning. Kathleen Bigsby will work on a resource Allocation Plan between and her retirement in June.

A “policy summit” was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>, including administrators and governance leaders, to develop a master list of policies and to assign sponsors and identify the approval processes. This important and long overdue task will support the work of several governance committees and help KPU catch up on some important policy work.