



## President's Report to the Board

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014

This is turning out to be a very busy and productive Fall for KPU, with dozens of events, both large and small, and all sorts of achievements by faculty, staff, administrators and students. The Board Report, which is attached to this agenda, gives details of activities from across the University and a number of on-going and emerging issues and challenges round out the very high level of engagement by many employees.

The installation of Chancellor Melville was a great day in the history of KPU and I was very pleased to see so many faculty, staff and administrators who were able to attend. Arvinder Bubber also received his well-deserved honorary degree. The convocations on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were equally impressive, again with a large turn-out of faculty to support the graduates.

The 2015/16 budget development process is well under way, with numerous consultations led by VP Gordon Lee and his staff, and presentations by every department and faculty now complete. A draft budget will be ready in November, allowing for further consultation with SSCUB and other key committees and stakeholders. The bottom line may not be exciting, but the process has been very open and valuable.

The Employee Code of Conduct prompted much engagement on the policy blog, and a number of consultations with the unions and at open forums have been very helpful, along with the input of Senate and Board committees. We are on schedule to have an approved Code posted to our Web site by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

The United Way campaign was very successful, and once again, employees at KPU were active and generous in supporting the many charities which will benefit from our initiative.

The process to recruit a new Executive Director of the KPU Foundation is well along, and we hope to make an announcement shortly.

I have been out and about having meetings with some key partners, including Mayor Watts and the Innovation Boulevard group; Gary Herman, the new head at the Industry Training Authority (ITA); and our great friend Chip Wilson.

If you have not been to the Surrey Guildford Mall, it is worth going to see the prominent KPU advertisements which are emblazoned across large walls and elevators etc.

On October 6<sup>th</sup> I had the pleasure of visiting with Geoff Dean's Academic and Career Preparation (ACP) class in Surrey, and was able to speak with a number of students about their experience at KPU and their plans for the future.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we officially welcomed the Borealis String Quartet as quartet in residence at KPU, with a reception and performance in Surrey Main.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I attended the presidents' meeting of the BC Association of Institutes and Universities (BCAIU), with Deputy Minister Sandra Carroll present. Discussion focused on the Employee Code of Conduct expectation and on the impact of the Skills for Jobs Blueprint.

Later that day, along with others from across KPU and the community, I enjoyed the Royal Society of Canada's (RSC) Romanowski Lecture given by eco-toxicologist Dr. John Giesy. This was hosted by the Faculty of Science and Horticulture, with an introduction by our own Daniel Bernstein, who will be inducted into the RSC' College for new Scholars in Quebec City on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

On October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> I attended the annual general meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

On November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> I attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Skills and Post-Secondary Education Summit, hosted by the Conference Board of Canada.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> I was pleased to join many colleagues, students, donor and parents at the annual scholarship and awards event, this year held in Richmond.