**News**

**Making Strides in Complex Indian Market**
A successful mission to India in December led to the signing of proposals with two of that country’s biggest schools. In the areas of tourism management and computing science, the proposals would enable students at I.K. Guraj Punjab Technical University and Chandigarh University to do the first half of their program in India before moving to TRU’s Kamloops campus.

**DQAB Site Visit**
The Ministry of Advanced Education’s Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) conducted a site visit on campus in early December to assess and give feedback on TRU’s proposed Master of Science in Economic Sustainable Management. It’s an important step in the authorization process towards adding another graduate program at TRU.

**Athletic Scholarship Donors Meet Athletes**
TRU Athletics and Recreation hosted a meet-and-greet on Jan. 22 for athletics scholarship donors to meet the recipient athletes. Attendees stayed to watch WolfPack women’s and men’s basketball games.

**Legal professionals in Kamloops for Block Week**
Mediators, judges and lawyers from around western Canada participated in a series of Faculty of Law courses in dispute resolution from Jan. 4 to 8. Mandatory for all law students, the 5th annual “Block Week” included classroom and hands-on sessions at the new Centrepoint BC mediation facility and the Kamloops Courthouse.

**9th Annual PHP Conference**
Undergraduate arts students from TRU and other institutions showcased their research at TRU’s Philosophy, History and Politics Undergraduate Conference Jan. 14 to 16. The conference was organized by a committee of 11 students with faculty advisor Wilson Bell, History.

**Research Grant to Investigate Student Learning in Law**
Law professor Katie Sykes has been awarded a grant of up to $7,000 from the Law Foundation of BC for her project, “Teaching the Future of Law in the Canadian Law School”, which will investigate student learning in a non-traditional course at TRU, Lawyering in the 21st Century.
Achievements

Cindy James, Assessment Centre Coordinator, was invited to join the governing council of the National College Testing Association (NCTA) in the US as a result of her exemplary service as a member. She is the first non-American to fill a role on that body.

Rajiv Jhangiani, Psychology (OL), was awarded an OER Research Fellowship by the Open Education Group at Brigham Young University.

Donald Lawrence, Lea Bucknell and Ernie Kroeger, Visual Arts, and other contributing artists have an exhibit at the Kamloops Art Gallery representing works created at the Midnight Sun Camera Obscura Festival held in Dawson City, Yukon in the summer of 2015, led and organized by Lawrence. Midnight Sun Camera Obscura runs Jan. 16 to Mar. 19.

Brian MacKay, AVP IT Services and Chief Information Officer, was appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of BCNET, a not-for-profit, shared IT services organization for higher education and research in BC.

Rubi Romero, a chemical engineering professor from Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México and a TRU Visiting Scholar in Physical Sciences, received an award from the National Science Research Council of Mexico to support her sabbatical at TRU for a joint research project currently underway with Sharon Brewer, Chemistry.

Camilla Sears, Sociology, was invited to be one of three guest editors for a special issue of the journal Celebrity Studies, on the topic of feminism and global celebrity culture.
Publications

PRESENTATIONS

Margaret Hall, Law

Vanessa Hope, Law student

Larry Iles and Shawn Read, Career Education

Rajiv Jhangiani, Psychology


Kelly Melnyk, Law student

Brad Morse, Dean of Law

Jasica Munday and Daveen Panasar, Bachelor of Science students (with session moderation by Elizabeth Templeton, Supplemental Learning Coordinator)

JOURNALS

Naowarat (Ann) Cheeptham, Biological Sciences

Michelle Harrison and Melissa Jakubec, Instructional Design

Rajiv Jhangiani, Psychology

Lorne Neudorf, Law

CHAPTERS

Jan Duerden, English and Modern Languages

Susan Duncan, Nursing

Alana Hoare, Academic Planning and Jim Hu, ESL
Rajiv Jhangiani, Psychology

BOOKS

Alejandro Campos Garcia, Sociology

Margaret Hall, Law

Rajiv Jhangiani, Psychology


Upcoming Events

Jan. 28
Career Mentoring: Pan-campus 411
Students and alumni have an opportunity to network with over 40 mentors from various disciplines.

Jan. 28
Privacy and Information Security Conference
Participants will learn best practices, trends and forecasts in the fields of privacy and information security.

Feb. 1-5
TRU Safety Awareness Week
Displays in Student Street and two lunch-and-learns will highlight workplace and campus safety.

Feb. 11
Environmental Sciences Seminar: Dr. Troy Ocheltree
Dr. Troy Ocheltree (Colorado State) presents “How Cellular-level Responses to Drought Impact Community Dynamics and Distributions Of Herbaceous Plants”.

Feb. 15
Teaching Practices Colloquium
TRU faculty present best practices on the theme, Building Connections, Strengthening Relationships.

Feb. 16
Networking 411 for Tourism Students
Current tourism students interact with alumni and others working in a variety of areas within the tourism sector.
Feb. 23
Business Kickstart Series: Kevin Jardine
Learn more about the man behind the Sport Mart success story and how since selling the chain in 2001, he has become a significant figure in the consumer sector.

Feb. 25
Networking 411 for Finance Students
Current finance students interact with alumni and others working in a variety of areas within the financial sector.

Feb. 25
Science Seminar: Dr. Alexandre Brolo
Dr. Brolo (UVic) discusses using spectroscopy to investigate processes at surfaces and non-structures.

Feb. 25
Environmental Science Seminar: Dr. Xing-Fang Li
Dr. Li (U of Alberta) presents “Drinking Water Safety: Analytical Challenges and Opportunities”.

Feb. 25-27, Mar. 3-5
Live Theatre: The Love of the Nightingale
Actors Workshop Theatre students present an adaptation of Ovid's ancient legend of King Tereus, Philomena, and her sister Procne. Directed by Wesley Eccleston.

Mar. 3
TRU Job Fair
The annual Job Fair brings dozens of organizations from a range of industries looking to network with students.

Mar. 3
Environmental Science Presentations
Short research presentations by students in the Master of Science in Environmental Science program. Part of the Environmental Science Seminar Series.

Mar. 3-4
Long Night Against Procrastination
The overnight study event at the main Library offers students study sessions, tutoring and wellness activities, midnight pizza and a Survivor’s Breakfast, 8pm – 8am.

Mar. 4
Skills Canada Cariboo Regional Finals
Trades students in high school and post-secondary compete to enter the provincial championship.

Mar. 5
Popsicle Stick Bridge Contest
The 13th annual event at the School of Trades and Technology tests the bridge-making skills of elementary school students up to engineering professionals.

Mar. 10
Environmental Science Seminar
Drs. Matt Reudink, Mark Paetkau and David Hill present “Smart Bird Feeders and the New Tweet”.

Mar. 11-12
Model UN Conference
The TRUSU Model UN Club presents a networking and learning experience.

The Actors Workshop Theatre presentation of The Love of the Nightingale runs Feb. 25-27 and Mar. 3-5 at 7:30pm in the Black Box Theatre. Tickets $14.