



## 2017/18 VIUFA President Report

My second year as your President has been a very full one with a great deal of complex work. In this role, I am often a “jack of all trades, while being a master of none”, so my sincere thanks goes out to my colleagues on the Executive and our staff for their dedication in looking after the Membership this year.

There have been any number of committees and meetings I have attended, representing the Membership’s interests; from the People Plan and the Transportation Task Force, to Project Aurora and the Payroll Adjustment. However, I will focus on three lower-profile aspects of my work in the past year:

### [Judy’s retirement from VIUFA](#)

We were, of course, happy for Judy when she announced her intention to retire. Judy brought a lot of discipline and organization to the running of the office; losing her would be a test of VIUFA’s resiliency. I am pleased to say we had an exceptionally strong response of excellent candidates who wanted to work for VIUFA. And I am amazed at how smooth the transition has been as Laura has taken over the role of being our Office Manager.

### [Adopting Article 7.4 of the Collective Agreement](#)

Article 7.4 of the Collective Agreement relates to the formal adoption of Self-Directed Formative Evaluation into our work. Working with the Administration on the adoption of Article 7.4 has been a comprehensive process. How our work at VIU is evaluated is important to us and fairly unique; therefore, discussions concerning the implementation of Article 7.4 were detailed and deliberate. Look for announcements and information sessions related to Article 7.4 during this PD period.

### [Fostering change within FPSE](#)

As your President, I represent VIUFA at the Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) and I think this is a critical time for the Federation. FPSE is growing into a something more than a Members’ advocacy group. With a more PSE-sympathetic government in power, the Federation is assuming a lobbyist’s role to directly influence provincial policy. I believe this is a positive step as FPSE begins to identify potential allies and appropriate messaging, all with the aim of shaping PSE’s future in BC. FPSE’s next step is to develop a position paper on funding PSE in BC. This paper will be a long-term project and delegates at the upcoming FPSE AGM will be asked to approve resources to begin the work on it.

It has been my great pleasure to be involved with VIUFA as President over the last two years. Every day, I get to have impromptu conversations with the Membership and to hear your concerns and questions, which I take back to the Executive. The reward for me is a chance to interact with so many committed colleagues. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Jaeger