



2017/18 VIUFA Vice President Report

It has been my pleasure to serve the membership in the role of Vice President. The VP role is largely responsible for communications. A major communication project this year has been the launch of our new website viufa.ca, designed by Affinity Bridge. The site also ties in with our Twitter and Facebook accounts, which I regularly update.

One common request from faculty is the chance to interact with others from outside their areas. To this end, I organized a professional development sharing event and BBQ in August 2017 attended by ~30 members.

Other activities undertaken in the VP role include:

- Assisting the Chief Bargainer to negotiate the CUPE staff contract (VIUFA office employees)
- Representing VIUFA on the hiring committees for Interim VP Academic, and Interim Associate VP Academic
- Representing VIUFA on the VIU Research, Scholarly Activity, & Curriculum Development Committee
- Initiating the Non-Regular Professional Development Fund and assisting the new committee in disbursing funds
- Collaborating with a community group to plan and implement the 2018 Women's March
- Writing a review of VIUFA's membership in FPSE, and meeting with the President of FPSE to discuss our findings
- Adjudicating the VIUFA Community Engagement Awards, two \$1000 awards for students

I wish to acknowledge that this year has seen VIUFA working on a parade of especially challenging files. The Chief Steward, Chief Bargainer, and our Staff Rep deserve particular thanks. They do some of the most important work of the Association and frequently labour in the shadows, unable to discuss much of what they do. In addition to complex collective agreement issues, they take on a particularly heavy and largely unrecognized burden of emotional labour in supporting individuals going through highly stressful events.

I also want to recognize the change in VIUFA Office Managers. Thanks to Judy Benner for her excellent work, and welcome to Laura Buechler.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. If you have questions, concerns, or ideas to share, please don't hesitate to contact me at vp@viufa.ca.

Respectfully Submitted,
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