



## 2018/19 VIUFA President Report

Thank you again for allowing me to act as the President of VIUFA. While the work is both challenging and interesting, the opportunity to work with the dedicated members of the Executive is easily the greatest reward. When you get a chance, please make sure to thank the members of VIUFA's Executive, who work tirelessly for the Membership. I especially want to acknowledge our staff, Laura and Neil, who give VIUFA so much of themselves; we'd be lost without them.

It has been an eventful year. After a period of relative quiet, things seem to be a lot busier in the office. This stems in part from the challenges the University faces as it works through the wholesale turnover of its administration.

Following are the highlights of my activities:

### Here at VIU

**The rollout of Article 7.4 (Faculty Self-Directed Formative Evaluation)** has taken a lot of time and attention. At present, suggested teaching tools are posted on the Provost's website; Ross MacKay and I are working to develop suggested tools for both the Service and the Research, Scholarly Activity components of the Article.

Developing a meaningful summative **evaluation instrument** for both non-regular faculty and faculty on probation in the Sciences. Last year, Laura Suski completed an upgrade to the course evaluation instrument for "straightforward lecture-style" courses. Colleen and I are now working with Ross MacKay and Brenda McKay to adapt the instrument for courses involving labs.

**Bargaining.** This is a very large and complex task. It takes up a great deal of discussion and meeting time among the Executive. I can't imagine how much of Laura's time and attention it consumes.

**The Presidential search.** After almost eight months of conducting a search, I believe the University will have a President who brings a holistic view of what a university is and should be. I am confident VIUFA will be able to engage with her in rich dialogue as we, VIUFA, and the University look to the future. My thanks to Dana McFarland and Gara Pruesse for sitting on the Search Committee and bringing their valuable contributions to it.

### As VIUFA's representative at FPSE's Presidents' Council

The Federation of Post-Secondary Educators (FPSE) is becoming more politically astute and effective. As a voice for post-secondary education in BC, FPSE is taking the issues that concern our sector to Victoria. We are resourced well enough to now develop and sustain our communications campaigns. We are also lucky to have a more sympathetic government in power, which, perhaps not surprisingly, makes the opposition more willing to hear from us too.

As FPSE evolves, I've contributed significantly in the following areas:

**The Scope Document.** The Scope Document is a working title FPSE have given to develop a communication plan to highlight our funding concerns in the sector in BC. The intention is to develop a series of talking points to bring to potential allies who we have not engaged with before. These potential allies would include municipal governments, employer groups and First Nations, among others.

I am a member of the **FPSE AGM Resolutions Sub-Committee**. As a committee, we have worked to rewrite policy and procedure governing how AGM resolutions are brought to the floor and discussed. As FPSE approaches its 50<sup>th</sup> year, there is growing desire to see the organization update its processes to be more efficient, while remaining transparent. These updates will be a major step in this direction.

The above is respectfully submitted. I am always available for your questions and to hear your thoughts. I am running for the position of President again; I hope I have your support. Thank you.

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