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2009/10 Enrolment Audit

The 2009/10 Enrolment Audit has now been completed with the College achieving 92% of the Ministry profile, up 4% from the prior year. The net increase in performance is a result of several factors as follows:

Further stabilization/increased course offerings in the open enrolment areas of the College (Business, Criminology, Developmental Education, English as a Second Language, Arts and Science.

- Increased enrolments and /or lower attrition in several program areas – Dispensing Optician, Office Administration, Integrated Human Service Programs, Therapeutic Recreation, Music, Theatre and Print Futures.
- New funded FTE – the College received new Ministry funding for 32 FTE to offer a Psychiatric Nursing on-line degree completion program. 16 FTE were produced in the current year with the expectation numbers will increase in 2010/11 as the program is fully implemented.
- An increase in activity of 231 FTE (1,261 FTE in 2009/10 compared to 1,030 in 2008/09) in Continuing/Contract Education in the Business, Human Service, Sports and The Training Group areas.

International enrolments (which do not count toward the Ministry target) increased to 804 FTE (compared to 708 in the prior year). This is a combination of 605 FTE for international students studying in regular credit programs at our David Lam and Royal Avenue campuses and 199 FTE generated from classes taught by Douglas College instructors at our partner institutions in China.

We are pleased to see that our enrolments are stabilizing and confident that the directions outlined in our new “draft” Strategic Plan combined with the ongoing work of the Strategic Enrolment Management Committee will result in further performance increases over the upcoming years.

Excellence & Innovation Celebrated

From the study of biological control of greenhouse pests to an assessment of why aboriginal hunting camps can't be moved, all was celebrated at the 5th annual Celebration of Teaching, Learning, Scholarly Activity and Program Innovation. The May 27th event attracted over 100 employees, students, Board members, and external visitors for an up close and personal look at the learning environment at Douglas College.

Twenty-four displays showcased a wide range of exciting educational activities provided by faculty or through support services, including scholarly activity projects completed by faculty and staff. Visitors got to experience a healing stone massage, learn about the latest research on ice-age mammals in the Canadian Plains and the San Juans-Vancouver Island region, discover what the Practice Firm and the Self Employment Program are all about, and hear about the SoTL Research Project that investigated student

engagement at Douglas College. Four teams were presented with Program Innovation Awards in recognition of their innovative program development work. For a complete list of displays and award recipients, please visit the Celebration of Teaching & Learning page at <http://www.douglas.bc.ca/about/governance-and-policies/vpac/celebration-of-teaching-and-learning/2010.html>.

Summer Graduation Ceremonies

Another two successful days of graduation ceremonies played out on June 2nd and 3rd. In all, we had a total of 1,073 graduates receiving 94 different credentials over 6 ceremonies. Approximately 36,657 other Douglas College graduates have crossed our stage over the past 39 years. Of note in this latest round, the Post-Degree Diploma in Marketing Management program graduated its first student, Valedictorian Julia Collin.

Distinguished Alumnus, Dr. John Bertram, gave a stirring speech as he recounted how Douglas College helped him to discover his passion. After dropping out of high school in 1972 and spending several years working in a variety of jobs he realized he was not getting any long-term satisfaction. He heard about Douglas College through ads on the radio and, as he tells the story, “the counsellor planned the next two years of my life.” When he signed his registration form, he still remembers thinking, “this is going to change my life.” And it did. He worked through the deficits in his high school course work at Douglas College and discovered a passion for biology.

In 1979 John transferred to the Zoology program at UBC where he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1981. He became interested in the area of Biomechanics and completed a Master of Science in 1984 at UBC. That year he was accepted to the PhD program at the University of Chicago. John excelled at the University of Chicago, receiving the prestigious William Rainey Harper Pre-doctoral fellowship graduating with his PhD in 1988. John did post-doctoral training at Dalhousie University and at Harvard. He has held faculty positions at Ithaca College, Florida State University and Cornell and is currently a Professor of Biology in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He teaches in various programs including Biology, health sciences and engineering, while coordinating the anatomy teaching program for the Medical School.

Thanks to Christine Kerr and all the dedicated members of our Graduation Committee, as well as our many volunteers who helped to make the Summer 2010 graduation ceremonies another memorable event.

Ministry Visit

On July 12th, Douglas College will be host to Deputy Minister Philip Steenkamp and Assistant Deputy Minister Mark Zacharias at our New Westminster Campus for an informal visit, lunch and tour.

Student Leadership Program

Over the past four years, Douglas College has been developing a student leadership program for College students. This year about 62 student leaders from all areas of the College attended the first annual Campus Life Student Leadership Retreat. Student ambassadors and students selected by Campus Life travelled to Zajac Ranch at Stave Lake to take in workshops, guest lecturers, a series of experiential learning activities that, as one student put it, “[gave] me skills and confidence that I will use for the rest of my life.” Sessions focused on teamwork, self-assessments and values, trust, communication, reflective leadership, conflict resolution and problem solving. Campus Life Leaders teamed up with the Student Ambassador group to develop plans to impact campus life at Douglas College next year. Congratulations to the Centre for Campus Life and the Office for New Students for an outstanding student leadership event.