

Kaffeeklatsch Notes

March 11, 2021

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Melinda Bahr, Northwest Campus along with students, the Readiness Group and the CTLT

Participants: 37

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Our campus experience in the regions is enhanced with more faculty based here too: any takers, who might like to move out from PG? 😊

Regional campuses can also provide support, base stations for research too: office, interview room, computer/wifi access for community-based and field research.



Regional Kaffeeklatsch - March 11th, 2021...



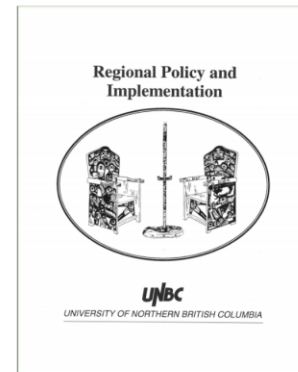
...how is it March already!?

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What is UNBC regional?

- Vision 'in the north and for the north...'
- 'equivalent but not identical'
- Different shapes over the years...
 - **Currently: 3 satellite campuses, 15+ staff and faculty, in-community programs, and community connections across northern BC**
- Close relationships with UNBC service areas in PG (Registrar, Student Affairs, Deans, CTLT, etc.) and local stakeholder groups (Colleges, municipalities, industry, community organizations, etc.)



Original Regional direction document, 1992

Takes a 'village' to support the regional students

What we do

- Campus Programs
 - Community programs + experiential learning
 - Student services and campus life
 - Community engagement
 - Connection to PG campus and other UNBC depts., including academic units
 - Regional NUGSS
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- Largely professional programs (NURS, SOCW, etc.), some Continuing Studies programs, experiential learning capitalizing on the Northern Experience & Geography
 - Working to increase the profile of UNBC in the regional communities they serve & connect with community stakeholders outside of PG
 - Opportunity to collaborate with the new Deans to see how we can innovate and serve the Northern Communities

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UNBC South Central Team



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- Adding EDUC program to South Central in Fall 2021!!!

UNBC Peace River Liaison



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- Rae Marceau is a recent faculty hire in Nursing who will be based out of the Fort St. John campus



Where is UNBC regional going?

- Greater inter-campus connectivity
- Indigenous student access and success, on campus and in-community
- Increased accessibility for learners
- Closer relationships with colleges
- Partnerships with new Deans & diversified programs
- Higher profile in local communities



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- Starting to work with the main campus in a different way than has been done in the past
- COVID has pushed us into the online learning environment than has been done in the past – silver lining – able to deliver to more folks in the regions with a flexible schedule
- Increasing access to Indigenous students
- Coast Mountain College, CNC & Northern Lights College – partnerships with feeder colleges

Discussion

1. How can you engage with the regions?
2. Do the regions affect me as a Prince George community member?
3. Are regional students sequestered to their local campus, or can they access other campuses in other locations?
4. Can faculty teach at other campuses?
5. What does Student Life look like on regional campuses? What services are available?
6. Do other universities have regional campuses, mandates, or structures?

- It has been a perception in the past that the regional students were getting a 2nd class university experience (video conference courses) but, this year, it was appreciated that some of our

regional students could access PG-based courses that they previously did not have access to – hoping this can continue

- Using Collaborate and online conferencing this year has enabled Faculty to participate in Department meetings more fully – rather than just being a voice on a polycom
- Faculty have increased their skills in multiple online delivery methodologies (lecture captures, Blackboard Learn, Collaborate, etc). And have gotten a lot more comfortable teaching online.
- Actively thinking about how we can keep some of these things in the coming Fall – keeping doors open for students and Faculty.
- Learning Commons and online tutoring have been good for students
- Melinda & Eric (Regional Campuses) have an open door policy – all are welcome to ask questions or make suggestions to Regional for how they can communicate better about what's available (eg. they have a couple of experiential courses coming up this summer)
- We have many mature students even in the PG area that benefit from this diversity of service and offering
- Engaging students requires ensuring that campus clubs and PG campus activities are also offered in the regional campuses
- I wonder if having more space on the website dedicated to the regions, campus life on the regions, what's happening etc. can allow for more integration of what is happening. It still feels like the majority of the Website is focused solely on PG.

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Blackboard/Kaltura Media streaming stats – Jan – March 5th 2021



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