

2011 Update re Student Engagement Activities

Sub-Goal # 1- World Citizenship

- The *Global Health* course is offered in two sections and enrolment has almost doubled since 2010.
- Four of the faculty have enrolled in the Interculturalizing the Curriculum workshop and are integrating their learning in the courses in which they teach
- A new course “Environmental Change: Challenges For Health” is designed to engage students in reflection about how global crises related to the environment affect their local experience
- Two nursing students from the University of Stavanger in Norway studied at TRU; four students from TRU will attend a Norwegian university next fall
- In addition to the international clinical practica experiences that are provided for students in Lesthoto and Samoa, a cohort of students will be going to Nicaragua this summer
- The project “Pig It Forward”, a community development project that arose in the work of nursing students and faculty with a community in Lesthoto has been heralded in a number of government publications as an exemplary project that highlights how students working with international communities can make a positive difference
- Two nursing students from the University of Samoa are expected to attend the School of Nursing in the fall of 2011

Sub-Goal # 2 – Student Research

- A number of undergraduate students have worked on research projects with faculty as research assistants
- Four students co-wrote with faculty and presented the findings of a research project at a scholarly conference
- Four students presented both a poster and a paper at the TRU Undergraduate Research Conference
- One student has received the *Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CHIR) Bursary* to work with faculty conducting research
- A contest was held offering students an opportunity to engage in research with the Dean; over 100 students applied

Sub-Goal # 3 – Interactive Environment between Students, Faculty, and Alumni and Community

- Students represented TRU School of Nursing as speakers in an appreciation event for the assistance provided by staff of Interior Health and in a recognition event honoring donors to the school
- Students are invited to a Breakfast with the Dean every month to share their opinions, perspectives and ideas

- A Disaster Simulation exercise was conducted in Salmon Arm. There were 60 TRU nursing and theater students involved as victims. The students participated in this exercise with the military, 1st responders, and community volunteers.
- “Brain Day” – Year 2 students are working with the Kamloops Brain Injury Association to do educational sessions with school age children on brain injury prevention initiatives

Sub-Goal # 4 – Healthy Lifestyle Promotion (Social, Cultural, Emotional, and Intellectual)

- Third year students worked with the clients and staff of New Life Mission in Kamloops, BC to develop a health street fair that addressed their real-life health needs (i.e., needs that those living in poverty and with mental health and/or addiction issues identified as significant). The street fair involved several invited health practitioners and more than 150 people attended.

Sub-Goal # 5 – Involvement in University Governance

Sub-Goal # 6 – Use and Application of Technology

- Year 2 nursing students and respiratory therapy students worked together using a simulation scenario (i.e., interprofessional collaboration) facilitated by a respiratory therapy faculty member
- Third year course content was webcasted to the students who were located in a clinical practicum across the province and were unable to attend the face to face sessions because of geographic challenges