



Weekly Bulletin for Department & Program Heads

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Richard Pope, professor emeritus of anthropology

We regret to report the death of Richard Pope, professor emeritus of anthropology, at his home on Gabriola Island. A brief tribute to Professors Pope and Kelly will be made tomorrow at the meeting of Executive of Council.

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Carrie Bourassa

Our colleague *Carrie Bourassa*, assistant professor of Indian health studies at First Nations University of Canada, successfully defended her PhD dissertation last week. The Faculty congratulates her on this achievement.

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New book from Andy Stubbs (ENGL)

Congratulations to *Dr Andy Stubbs* on the publication of the edited volume *Rhetoric, Uncertainty, and the University as Text: How Students Construct the Academy*, recently published by CPRC.

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Dean's Research Awards

Please remind members of your departments of the upcoming deadline for the Dean's Research Awards (31 January). Applications should be submitted via the on-line form on the Dean's Office website. Please direct anyone with questions to get in touch with Lynn.

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Budget submission

A final word of thanks to all for your input into the lengthy process of developing the budget submission for the 2008-09 fiscal year. We are still awaiting the enrolment projections, but the final version of our submission will go in later today. Copies will be mailed to Heads and BAC members.

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Furniture: office chairs and workstations (a.k.a. desks)

Several office chairs (seating facilitation devices?) are now making the rounds of the Faculty for all members to test. We'll gather the results of these consultations and use them to decide which chair to purchase. If faculty members in your department do not wish to have ha replacement chair, please ask them to note this on the sheet in the department office.

The process will soon start regarding the tender and purchase of new desks for faculty members. We will buy a standard model that has some (limited) flexibility to be customized according to size and layout of office.



Monitors

Aging, bulky CRT monitors in faculty and staff offices will be replaced with 19-inch energy efficient flat panel monitors. This replacement process should be completed by the end of this fiscal year or shortly thereafter.



Important recruitment dates: reminder

Candidate interviews and campus visits are well under way and will continue into early February. Our target dates are:

- ***Friday 8 February or earlier:*** Committee chairs recommend preferred candidate to Dean and (with prior permission from candidates) conduct telephone reference checks
- ***11-13 February:*** Dean discusses candidates with Vice-President (Academic)
- ***By 13 February:*** Committee chairs prepare Recruitment Report and forward it to Dean's Office
- ***13-15 February:*** Dean contacts candidates and negotiates offers of employment
- ***18-22 February:*** Dean's Office prepares final paperwork for Human Resources and President's Advisory Group on Faculty Appointments.



“Academic travel causes global warming ...”

... or so reads the headline in the 25 January issue of the *Chronicle*. An excerpt:

Ian Roberts and Fiona Godlee published an editorial in the British Medical Journal on the "carbon footprint of medical conferences." They determined that flights destined for the annual conferences of the European Respiratory Society and the American Thoracic Society put more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere than do 110,000 Chadians or 11,000 Indians in an entire year. The problem does not end with medical researchers. Scholars of all stripes travel to meet, greet, and, in one of our more ironic roles, preach the gospel of sustainability.

<http://chronicle.com/temp/reprint.php?id=6x0s0m2hd8xgdrs8vqtqsh2xgfh7brwj> will take you to the full text of the article, which is by Mark Pedelty.

