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1. Panel Discussion on Funding and Support of Research IT at UBC

> During Celebrate Research Week, UBC Information Technology is hosting
> an informal Panel Discussion on Funding and Support of Research IT at
> UBC on Thursday afternoon, March 13th from 1:30 to 3:30pm at the
Peter
> WallInstitute
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> http://www.maps.ubc.ca/PROD/index_detail.php?show=y,n,n,n,n,y&bldg2Search=n&locat1=344&locat2
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> Participants include: Dr. Richard Spencer (Acting UBC CIO); Dr. John
> Hepburn (UBC Vice President, Research); Dr. Alison Buchan (Sr.
> Associate Dean, Research, UBC Faculty of Medicine); Dr. Martin Kirk,
> (Director, UBC Research Services).
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> The University of British Columbia is recognized world-wide for the
> quality of its researchers and the benefits their research provides
to
> society. UBC researchers rely on information technology to carry out
> and disseminate their work, every day.
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> What are the IT issues confronting researchers? How can we ensure the
> effective use of information technology to enable researchers to
> achieve their goals? This panel will explore the challenges facing
> researchers in obtaining the necessary resources for their technology
> needs, and discussion will cover areas such as funding, support,
> reliability and access to critical services like storage and disaster
> recovery.
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> Researchers at UBC -- and those who have an interest in research-
> related information technology requirements -- are welcome to attend
> this event on March 13th, beginning with an informal reception
(coffee
> and
> tea) at
> the Peter Wall Institute on Crescent Road from 1:30pm to 2:00,
> immediately followed by the Panel Discussion with audience
> participation in the same facility from 2:00pm to 3:30.
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> In order to accommodate all of our guests, pre-registration is
> required. There is no charge to attend this event. Admission is
free.
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> (Please note, the UBC e-Learning Open House will immediately follow
> this event at the Sage Restaurant, beginning at 3:30pm)
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> Link to event home page: www.e-strategy.ubc.ca
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> Link to event registration form: <https://www.regonline.com/176430>
> <<https://www.regonline.com/176430>>

2. Understanding Financial Risks and Internal Controls Course

Financial Services is pleased to invite you to attend a seminar on identifying financial risks and developing compensating internal controls:

Understanding Financial Risks & Internal Controls - Thursday, March 20th (9am – 12pm)

The training is designed in a case study format and is very interactive. The seminar will be of interest to all unit heads and financial officers, as it will provide the tools necessary to manage financial risks of the unit and also support the 2007/08 Financial Statement Program.

For more information, please visit the following link:

<http://www.finance.ubc.ca/Training/FinancialRisksandInternalControls.cfm>

If you would like to register, please provide me with the following information:

- Name
- Department Name
- E-mail Address
- Course Date

Please feel free to invite any other staff members who would benefit from this course to register.

The training will be offered every 2 months after March so please check our training schedule for more specific dates and times:

http://www.finance.ubc.ca/financecertification/Finance_Training_Schedule_2008.cfm

3. Drug Policy: Public Health or Criminal Justice Issue?

Please visit the below link for further information:

<http://cstudies.ubc.ca/forum/>

4. Please join us for a tour of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre

Dear Colleague,

The second and final phase of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre is nearly complete. On Monday, February 25, the entire Learning Centre - with its innovative spaces and services to support research and learning - will be open for users at UBC and beyond.

We would like to offer you and your faculty members a sneak preview of the Learning Centre before the February 25 opening. Faculty tours will be conducted from Monday, February 11 through Friday, February 22 at the following times:

9:50 a.m., Monday to Friday

10:50 a.m., Monday to Friday

12:50 p.m., Monday to Friday

1:50 p.m., Monday to Friday

2:50 p.m., Monday to Friday

We would be grateful if you could forward this invitation to your respective faculty members and instructors.

There is no need to RSVP. Tour attendees should assemble inside the current entrance to the Learning Centre 5 minutes before the tour begins.

Thank you, and on behalf of all of us at the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, welcome!

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5. UBC Point Grey campus incident (on Jan 30/08)

MESSAGE 1: (from Lisa Castle, AVP, UBC Human Resources)

Attention: Deans, Directors, Department Heads, and Administrators
CC: HR Advisory Services, Faculty Relations
Date: January 31, 2008 @ 2:50 pm

The following email is being sent on behalf of Lisa Castle, AVP, Human Resources. Please forward and distribute this message to your faculty and staff immediately.

In follow-up to the police incident that occurred yesterday, we would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and assistance as we worked with members of the Emergency Operations Centre and the RCMP to respond to a significant threat. We recognize that the uncertainty of the event created anxiety and fear, disruption of lives, and family concerns, especially for those secured within the Bio Sciences Building.

Although the parties made informed decisions with the available information, there is always room to improve our decision making as well as processes. This unfortunate event has given us that opportunity. We would like to hear from those of you with comments or suggestions that will help to inform future responses. We therefore invite you to send your thoughts to communications@hr.ubc.ca.

Incidents like these sometimes require the support of counseling professionals. We have arranged for Interlock, our Employee and Family Assistance providers to be available **Friday, Feb. 1/08 from 8:45 am to 10 am at Wesbrook Building, Rm. 201** for a counseling debrief for faculty and staff from the Bio Sciences building.

Faculty and staff may also wish to access individual counseling services through Interlock and can do so by calling 1-800-663-9099 or visiting <http://www.interlock-eap.com/>.

Students who require support may contact Student Counselling Services at Brock Hall (Main Floor).

MESSAGE 2: (from Stephen Toope, UBC President & Vice Chancellor)

Date: January 31, 2008 @ 8:52pm

To: All UBC Vancouver Faculty, Staff and Students,

I would like to personally extend my thanks to you for your cooperation yesterday related to the police incident at the Biosciences building. The incident ended without mishap and the campus is now back to normal operations. I was particularly pleased by the excellent communication and collaboration between UBC and the RCMP that helped to successfully resolve the situation.

The RCMP and the University had safety as a prime concern yesterday and UBC worked hard to ensure that messaging got out as fast as possible, especially to those with the most urgent need to know. The incident was confined to a specific building and the lockdown of the building was communicated by e-mail to occupants who were able to tell others in the building. We posted information on the website as the incident unfolded, with updates as new information became available to keep the entire campus community informed.

We have recently purchased a mass communication system that will allow us the ability to communicate widely with our students, faculty and staff through either a text message or voicemail. Our next step is to test the system over the coming weeks to confirm its reliability.

Currently 38 per cent of our students have provided their cell phone numbers to participate in this system and we encourage all students to participate. Staff and faculty office numbers will also be included on the system.

We want to make sure that we have current student cell phone / emergency contact information in the Student Service Centre. Students can check that contact information is accurate and complete at www.students.ubc.ca/ssc . Click "Address Change" and follow the instructions.

Our Emergency Planning Steering Committee is conducting a review of the incident and our reaction to it, as well as debriefing with the RCMP. The committee would welcome your comments and observations as they review and refine our emergency response and these can be sent to patricia.stevens@ubc.ca .

Thank you again for maintaining a calm presence in face of the unfolding incident yesterday.

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6. Resident Awareness Day - February 28, 2008

RESIDENT AWARENESS DAY Thursday, February 28, 2008

Resident Awareness Day (RAD) is a national initiative intended to raise awareness of Resident physicians and what it is they do.

Did you know?

- There are currently 877 Residents in communities across British Columbia and across the entire range of medical specialties.
- Residents are medical doctors who have had at least 6 to 8 years of post-secondary education (3 or 4 years of medical school after a 3 or 4 year bachelor's degree).
- Residency consists of an additional 2 to 5 or more years of training after obtaining an MD before certification in family medicine or another specialty.
- There are Residents in teaching centres and rural clinics, seeing outpatients, helping to manage hospital wards, the ER, and the operating rooms, teaching medical students and junior Residents and performing research.
- Residents regularly take overnight call at hospitals on top of daytime duties, which can require a workday of 28 hours or more (8am until noon the next day)!
- PAR-BC, the professional association of resident physicians, represents the interests of residents across BC.

Residents are *the future face of medicine*. Our goal is to educate the public about Residents' role in the health care system. Watch for RAD activity on **Feb 28**.

Stuart Lax, MD
Director of Communications, PAR-BC

7. Faculty wide Food Drive - Competition in Psychiatry

The Department of Psychiatry has joined forces with other Departments/Centres/Programs in the Faculty of Medicine (including those in the distributed sites) in a Food Drive campaign to benefit the local food bank by providing assistance at a time when regular appeal campaigns in the community are not as frequent.

Donations can either be a non-perishable food item or financial donations are also accepted.

The competition.....

Two Prizes will be awarded in the Department of Psychiatry
- one prize will be given to the unit/division or other group for donating the most food (by weight)
- one prize will be given to the unit/division or other group for donating the most money

The end date for the food drive and competition is Feb. 29.

Please contact Colleen Tinline (ctinline@interchange.ubc.ca) for more information about this food drive, a collection box for your area or making a financial contribution.

Thank-you for your involvement in this project!

8. Invitation to Diabetes Forum - March 8, 2008

The UBC Faculty of Medicine and The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre invite you to this free and interactive public forum and webcast.

Date: Saturday, March 8, 2008

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Location: Victoria Learning Theatre (Room 182), The Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC [[map](#)]

It is predicted that one in three children in North America will develop diabetes, and about 250 million people already suffer from this disease.

Join leading researchers and CBC News Science and Environment Reporter Eve Savory at a free and interactive public forum and live webcast to discuss the link between genetics and lifestyle risk factors in diabetes, and to explore prevention and management. Learn about the latest in diabetes research and have your questions answered by our experts.

To register, contact infobc@diabetes.ca or 604-732-1331 ext 229

For more information, visit www.med.ubc.ca/diabetesforum.htm

If you are not able to attend this event, please tune into the live webcast at: www.ikebarberlearningcentre.ubc.ca/webcasts/diabetes_forum_2008.html