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In a spirit of transparency and disclosure, I wish to ensure that you are able to access the information that you require, and as such, by following the following URL, [http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md\\_ugrad/accreditation.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md_ugrad/accreditation.htm), the full survey report is available on the Faculty of Medicine website. I would encourage you to take pride in this report and recognize that accreditation is a process of continuous quality improvement that allows us to provide the highest quality educational program to our future physicians.

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I thank you for your continued commitment to the Faculty of Medicine and the continued success of our MD Undergraduate Program.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin C.E. Stuart, MD, FRCSC

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## **2. Faculty Development Program – Fall 2008 Calendar**

Please visit the link below:

[http://www.med.ubc.ca/faculty\\_staff/faculty\\_development/program/calendar\\_of\\_events.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/faculty_staff/faculty_development/program/calendar_of_events.htm)

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## **3. Depression Consensus Conference Invitation**

Join **the Honourable Michael Kirby** (Chair, Mental Health Commission of Canada) and **Dr. Glenda MacQueen** (new Head, U of C Department of Psychiatry), as they and a distinguished jury hear evidence from a panel of leading experts chaired by the U of C's **Dr. Scott Patten**, and develop practical recommendations on how to improve prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of depression in adults.

**The Consensus Development Conference on Depression in Adults: How to Improve Prevention, Diagnosis, and Treatment\*** October 15-17, 2008 at The Westin Calgary also features:

- CBC Radio host Shelagh Rogers
- Dr. Eldon Smith (Chair, Canadian Heart Health Strategy) on the impact of depression on other diseases;
- National and international experts on depression in the workplace; appropriate use of medication; alternative treatments; overcoming stigma; and practical measures to improve mental health services

**To register, go to [www.buksa.com](http://www.buksa.com) or email [consensus@buksa.com](mailto:consensus@buksa.com).**

**Please note: The Early Bird Deadline has been extended until September 19, 2008!**

\*Part of the Institute of Health Economics Consensus Development Conference program ([www.ihe.ca](http://www.ihe.ca))

**A Consensus Development Conference on  
Depression in Adults:  
How to Improve Prevention, Diagnosis, and  
Treatment**

**October 15 – 17, 2008, The Westin Calgary,  
Calgary, AB**

With support from the A  
Depression Initiative

BUKSA Conference Management and Program Development  
Suite 307, 10328 - 81 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T6E 1X2  
Telephone (780) 436-0983 Ext. 227 Email: [consensus@buksa.com](mailto:consensus@buksa.com)  
[www.buksa.com](http://www.buksa.com)

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#### **4. TI Review**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY, PHARMACOLOGY &  
THERAPEUTICS**

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: 20 August 2008

TO: All Department Heads

FROM: Dr. C. Brian Warriner  
Professor and Head

RE: Review of the Therapeutics Initiatives  
Thursday and Friday, October 30 & 31, 2008

A review of the Therapeutics Initiatives under the Department of Anaesthesiology, Pharmacology & Therapeutics, University of British Columbia will be conducted on Thursday and Friday, October 30 and 31, 2008. Dr. Bas Mari, Professor and Head of the Department of Orthopaedics UBC Faculty of Medicine, will serve as Chair of this Committee and the external reviewers will be Dr. David Henry, President and CEO of the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences; Dr. Lisa Dolovich, Scientist, Centre for Evaluation of Medicines at St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton; and Professor Jean Gray, Professor with the Department of Pharmacology at Dalhousie University.

Kindly distribute this notice to your faculty members and staff. As well, I encourage you and others to provide copies of this memorandum to any external partners who you feel would have an interest in the review.

You are welcome to prepare a written submission on issues that you wish to have brought forward to the Review Committee. Forward your submission (marked confidential) to the attention of Katharine Garcia, c/o UBC Dept. of Anesthesiology, Rm. 3200 JPPN 910 West 10th Avenue Vancouver BC V5Z 1M9. All responses will be treated as strictly confidential.

In addition to your written comments, group meetings of department members will be arranged with the Review Committee. However, if you require an individual meeting, please contact Katharine Garcia at 604-875-5855 or [Katharine.garcia@vch.ca](mailto:Katharine.garcia@vch.ca) by September 30, 2008. Short meetings will be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be restricted to durations of 10-15 minute per person due to time constraints.

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## **5. Donor Memorial Service – sent on behalf of the 2nd Year Medical Students**

Every year the Medical students hold a memorial service to commemorate the individuals who graciously donated their bodies to help further the education of health care professionals at the University. This memorial service, done on behalf of the UBC Faculty of Medicine, is an opportunity for students and faculty to show their gratitude and respect to those who support our education and training.

As faculty and staff of the UBC Faculty of Medicine, we would like to extend this invitation to you and your family. The service will be held at the Mount Pleasant Funeral Home on Saturday, September 27th at 1pm. The service will last approximately half an hour and will be followed by a reception. The address is 305 East 11th Avenue in Vancouver.

If you would like to attend, please call Shirley Yee at the UBC Faculty of Medicine Office of Student Affairs at (604) 875-4111 Ext.61979 with your name and number of guests who will be accompanying you.

We hope that you are able to attend this service.

Sincerely,

UBC Medicine Class of 2011

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## **6. UBC's First Celebrate Learning Week**

Please join us September 27 - October 5, as UBC Celebrates Learning!

Throughout the nine days, there will be special speakers, panel discussions, demonstrations and other events highlighting learning opportunities at UBC. A special lecture by Dr. Carl Wieman, Nobel Laureate in Physics who champions innovation in the teaching of Science, a Climate Change Symposium and the 2008 UBC Learning Conference are some of the highlights of the week. Other highlights include The Day of the Longboat races, Opera Teas in the Garden, and an open play rehearsal. All of these events will showcase learning at UBC in its many forms.

Please explore the events on the web site and join us. We extend our invitation to you to organize and put on your own event. If you do organize an event, please submit an event form so it can be advertised on the site -- look for "How to Participate" at the following web site.

To learn more about Celebrate Learning, view the schedule of activities and to get information on how you can enter an event, please go to <http://celebratelearning.ubc.ca>.

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## **7. UBC HR – Two more TRA Info Sessions to go**

Please remind/encourage your TRA staff to attend the remaining two of the three information sessions on the revised TRA Handbook. The two remaining sessions are:

- Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2:30 pm to 4 pm @ Michael Smith Lam, Rm 102
- Tuesday, Sept. 23, 9 am to 10:30 am @ Child & Family Research Institute, Rm 2108.

No RSVP required.

Reference the online memo sent on Aug. 25/08 at

[http://hr.ubc.ca/files/pdf/memos/HR\\_Memo\\_TRA\\_Handbook\\_and\\_Forum.pdf](http://hr.ubc.ca/files/pdf/memos/HR_Memo_TRA_Handbook_and_Forum.pdf).

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## **8. Celebrate Learning Week Open House**

Staff and faculty are invited to the inaugural Celebrate Learning Week Open House:

**Celebrate Learning Week: Open House**  
**Navigating Your Learning Path**

Wednesday, October 1, 2008

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Arbutus Room, Ponderosa Centre

**RSVP BY SEPT 26/08** at [http://www.hr.ubc.ca/prog\\_initiatives/celebrate/index.html](http://www.hr.ubc.ca/prog_initiatives/celebrate/index.html).

*Hosted by the Office of the Provost and the Department of Human Resources*

*Sponsored by UBC Food Services and Land and Building Services*

With the theme of *Navigating Your Learning Path*, this free event will provide staff and faculty with an opportunity to explore the many learning opportunities available from various on-campus providers – all under the same roof. Plan your personal and professional development, have your questions answered by representatives and subject experts while you enjoy light snacks and a chance to win door prizes. In the spirit of learning and development, we will announce the successful applicants to UBC's Leave for Change program, SUAC (Senior University Administrators Course) and UMC (University Management Course) 2008, UBC Coaching Internship program.

To RSVP and for more information on this event, visit [http://www.hr.ubc.ca/prog\\_initiatives/celebrate/index.html](http://www.hr.ubc.ca/prog_initiatives/celebrate/index.html).

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## **9. NCAA Division II Membership Consultation**

Notice of UBC Vancouver's NCAA Division II Consultation (Fall 2008)

The Provost and Vice President, Academic, and the Vice President, students, have convened a review committee to advise them and the President on the possibility of UBC Vancouver applying for membership in the NCAA Division II, a division of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

UBC is inviting the campus community and other stakeholders to participate in an upcoming consultation regarding UBC Vancouver's consideration of membership. As part of this consultation, you are invited to attend one or more of the following open houses:

**- September 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Liu Centre, Multi-purpose Room, 6476 North West Marine Drive

**- October 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Ponderosa Centre, Arbutus Room, 2071 West Mall

**- October 15, 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

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Please check <http://www.students.ubc.ca/ncaa> for potential changes to this schedule.

You can also provide feedback and learn more by:

1. Accessing the online consultation discussion guide and feedback form:  
<http://www.students.ubc.ca/ncaa/guide.cfm>

2. Writing to [ncaainfo@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:ncaainfo@interchange.ubc.ca) or to the UBC Alumni Association, 6251 Cecil Green Park Rd., Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1

3. Calling 604.822.6979

4. Faxing 604.822.8928

View the web-based version of this message at:

[http://www.alumni.ubc.ca/eBlast/events/ncaa\\_consultation\\_web.html](http://www.alumni.ubc.ca/eBlast/events/ncaa_consultation_web.html)

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## **10. University VC and DHCC LT Closure - June to August 2009**

Please be advised that the videoconference rooms at the 3 University sites and the lecture theatre in the Diamond Health Care Centre will be unavailable for use from June to August 2009 due to the scheduled equipment and systems upgrade initiated under the capital renewal project. Please see below for more details.

### **University VC Capital Renewal Project 2009**

#### **Technology Enabled Learning**

August 29, 2008

Re: University VC-enabled room closures for summer 2009

The videoconference equipment at the three university sites is approaching the end of its reliable life. To mitigate the risk of failure, the TEL (Technology Enabled Learning) group is sponsoring a capital renewal initiative to replace and in some cases renew the equipment and systems at the university locations. The university lecture theatre renewals will also require modifications in the lecture theatre at the Diamond Health Care Centre (DHCC) which is heavily used for Year 2 teaching.

To enable this work with the least impact on curriculum delivery, all university videoconference equipped rooms as well as the DHCC lecture theater will be unavailable at some time during the summer months of 2009. TEL recognizes the inconvenience this will have on groups that rely on these rooms and systems for their ongoing business and request your patience and cooperation during this time.

Alternate arrangements should be considered for meetings during the summer of 2009. Please see the list of videoconference room available:  
[http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/tel/Booking\\_a\\_Videoconference\\_Event/Videoconference\\_Facilities.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/tel/Booking_a_Videoconference_Event/Videoconference_Facilities.htm)

All university videoconference equipped rooms and the DHCC lecture theatre have been blocked off in the inter-site room booking tool Resource Scheduler from June to August 2009. As the project team firms-up plans, these bookings will be adjusted to reflect actual dates required; however, as the work is quite extensive, it is not expected many dates will be released for use outside these time frames.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local Technology Operations Manager:

- University of Victoria: Tara Howarth – email: [tara@uvic.ca](mailto:tara@uvic.ca), ph: 250-472-5517
- University of Northern BC: Mike Easton – email: [measton@unbc.ca](mailto:measton@unbc.ca), ph: 250-960-5684
- University of BC: Anthony Knezevic – e-mail: [anthony.knezevic@ubc.ca](mailto:anthony.knezevic@ubc.ca) ph: 604-827-4323

Thank you on behalf of the University VC Capital Renewal Project 2009 Team

Leslie Joyce, Project Manager: 604-594-8374

Teresa Marshall, Program Manager: 604-377-6088

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

## MEMORANDUM



Date: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
To: All faculty, staff and students  
From: Dean Gavin Stuart  
Re: Accreditation Memo

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**Dean's Office**

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*[Electronically delivered]*

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