



TEACHING & LEARNING CENTRE

Teaching and Learning at UFV is lead by Wendy Burton, Director, Teaching and Learning, who reports to Dr. Karen Evans, Associate Vice President, Teaching and Development.

Wendy leads the crew of six plus auxiliary staff at **Instructional Media Services (IMS)** and manages **UFV Online**. IMS provides instructional media support “up to the classroom door” for all faculty and students at UFV. Skilled media technicians offer guidance and support with video, film, digital media, animation, graphic design, and sound reproduction. IMS also supports video and audio conferencing, and provides technical assistance with fully online and supplemental courses at UFV. Our online course activity takes place on Blackboard, myUFV, and “the Q drive.” Teaching and Learning at UFV offers workshops in “Teaching Matters”; Scholarship of Teaching and Learning; Instructional Skills Workshops; and curriculum re/design, including internationalizing, indigenizing, and diversifying the curriculum.

Blackboard Workshops: We are offering eight workshops in the April-August period. We offer introductory and advanced workshops, workshops on assessing online learning; communicating online; developing (and re-developing) online courses; and multi-media strategies for the online environment.

IMS and UFV Online is supporting the proposed Master of Social Work online courses, and developing templates for Graduate Studies online courses.

Instructional Skills Workshops: We are offering workshops in April, June and August 2010. We have ten active facilitators at UFV. These workshops are offered as a professional courtesy to faculty and staff at UFV and surrounding aboriginal communities. Facilitators also accept contract work, especially with International Education. We have most recently worked in Chandigarh, India, and Juba, Southern Sudan.

The initial **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grants** have been awarded to two projects, out of 14 proposed, funded by the office of AVP Teaching and Development, and one project funded by the office of AVP Research and Graduate Studies.

Teaching and Learning at UFV is involved with the university-wide day to discuss racism – “Is there an R in Teaching?” - May 4, 2010, Abbotsford Campus

Teaching and Learning Strategic Plan is underway, guided by the Teaching and Learning Advisory Council.

Teaching Matters workshops April-August: 24/7? Managing communication with students outside of class; Mind-Mapping the Critical Incident; Appreciative Inquiry in the classroom; Assessing Adult Learning; Making the first class count; Using Learning Outcomes Intelligently; and Course Re/Design Workshop.

Plans underway: Becoming a “teaching university”; developing Scholarship of Teaching and Learning initiatives; highlighting Teaching Excellence Award recipients; putting forward a 3M Teaching Fellow nominee ...

For more information about any of these initiatives, please send an email to wendy.burton@ufv.ca