Registration News
The following is a brief synopsis of changes in the Registrar’s Office:

ESL Registration Change
ESL domestic students will now be able to register for courses similar to International ESL students.
This change comes about because of the change in tuition policy for ESL students. Domestic students, who now pay tuition fees, will be allowed to enrol full time in the ESL program at all levels at the same time as International ESL students.

Block Registration Update
Students enrolling for the Fall 2017 semester of BCIS, CIS (year one Kelowna) and NTEN will now be block registered into their courses.

Consent to Release Information Reminder
Have you ever wondered why we need to have an ROI (Release of Information consent) to release information on file for a student, or been questioned by someone wanting to know why you can’t release information to them?
The College is bound by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Therefore, we cannot release any information to anyone that is not given consent by a student. The purpose of the Act is to prevent the “unauthorized collection, use or disclosure of personal information by public bodies.”
Parents are able to act on behalf of a minor if the minor is incapable of acting for themselves as specified within the Act. However, the College has no way of knowing when a student is not able to act for themselves. Therefore, we need to have an ROI on file.
If you are interested in learning more, you can view the act at the following link.
To find out if a student has an ROI on file for a particular person who is asking for information about that student, login to myOkanagan > OC Express - Administrative Functions > Students > Consent Check.

Wondering what these furry creatures are up to? Check out page 4 for all the details!

Okanagan College Registrar’s Office
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April 2017

Education Council News
Below is a brief update on items approved at Education Council in April. Please view the Items Approved or Minutes for details.

Program Revision
Legal Administrative Assistant - Litigation
Admission requirements will be clarified to make them clear for admissions staff and students.
Proposal date of implementation is March 2017.

Business Administration Diploma - Marketing Option
BUAD 336 will be removed because it has been determined that this course is not appropriate for second year students.
Proposal date of implementation is September 2017.

Bachelor of Business Administration - Marketing Specialty
New courses have been added and others have been revised.
Proposal date of implementation is September 2017.

Bachelor of Business Administration - Human Resource Management Specialty
A full review of the program has been done and it has been determined that BUAD 201 does not need to be a required course. It will be moved to the list of electives.
Proposal date of implementation is September 2017.

Animation Diploma
Current communication courses are being replaced with new courses specific to animation.
Proposal date of implementation is September 2017.

New Courses
- CMNS 101 - Communication Fundamentals
- CMNS 201 - Career Communication and Strategy
- COSC 436 - Data Warehousing
- COSC 437 - Data Mining
- MODL 295 - Special Topics I
- MODL 296 - Language for Specific Topics

Course Revision
- BUAD 128 - Computer Applications I
- BUAD 262 - Organizational Behaviour
- BUAD 111 - Financial Accounting I
- BUAD 113 - Canadian Business
- BUAD 121 - Financial Accounting II
- BUAD 195 - Financial Management
- BUAD 209 - Business Law
- BUAD 263 - Intermediate Accounting
- BUAD 264 - Management Accounting
- BUAD 273 - Intermediate Accounting II
- BUAD 208 - Canadian Income Tax I
- BUAD 340 - Strategic Management I
- BUAD 363 - Audit Planning
- BUAD 365 - Cost Accounting
- BUAD 369 - Canadian Income Tax II
- BUAD 462 - Advanced Financial Accounting
- BUAD 463 - Internal Control and Auditing
- BUAD 466 - Advanced Managerial Accounting
- BUAD 176 - Professional Selling
- BUAD 264 - Management Accounting
- BUAD 266 - Advertising and Sales Promotion
- BUAD 333 - Internet Marketing
- BUAD 335 - Electronic Commerce
- BUAD 336 - Services Marketing
- STAT 121 - Elementary Statistics
- STAT 124 - Business Statistics
- MECH 131 - Drafting I
- MECH 142 - Drafting II
- MECH 237 - Computer Applications I
- MECH 247 - Computer Applications II
- MECH 257 - Solid Modelling Applications
- SOST 070 - Social Studies 070
- ESLE 020 - Listening and Speaking Level 2
- ESLW 021 - Writing Improvement
- ESLR 022 - Reading Improvement
- ESLD 020 - Directed Studies

The next regular Education Council meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2017.
Details of EdCo approvals can be found at: www.okanagan.bc.ca/edco.

Please note that all new programs and all program changes require Board approval.

Staff Update
The Registrar's Office will say goodbye in April to Melanie Wasilenkoff, Recruitment and Events Coordinator, Penticton, as she has accepted a position in the School of Business in Kelowna.
Melanie joined the College in her current position in June 2015 just two days after graduating from OC’s BBA program. We’re sad to see her go but happy she will remain an OC employee.

Did You Know?
Okanagan College has over 50 years of experience training trades people. Learn more about all the trades programs here.
Smart Start

The Kelowna campus fall orientation team is busy planning Smart Start, a series of sessions designed to provide incoming students with a smooth transition from high school or work life to college. This new pre-orientation conference will run August 30 and 31, 2017. This will help connect new students with the Okanagan College community and set them up for a successful first year.

The committee is looking for volunteers who may be interested in running a session. Current scheduled sessions include: learning about services on campus, transitioning from high school to college, transferring from OC to another institution, financial aid, time management skills and self-defense tactics. If you have a great idea for a session, we’d love to hear about it!

To learn more about this event, visit okanagan.bc.ca/smartstart. Questions, comments, ideas, etc. should be directed to Carlyn Young, Kelowna campus orientation coordinator, at cyoung@okanagan.bc.ca. And if you know of any incoming students, please encourage them to register online beginning in May.

April 2017

10  Last day of regularly scheduled classes - academic
12-26 Final Exams
14  Good Friday (College closed)
19  Deadline to pay Summer fees
17  Easter Monday (College closed)
28  Day of Mourning event

May 2017

1  Last day to submit final grades
2  Experience OC - Penticton
4  Experience OC - Vernon
22  Victoria Day (College closed)
26  Last day to submit a grade appeal to the Registrar’s Office

Okanagan College students will head off for summer break this month following final exams.
Recruitment News

Below is a brief update on what OC's recruiters are up to this month:

**Penticton:**

Penticton recruiter Melanie Wasilenkoff will be attending a number of events in April to promote the Sustainable Construction Management Technology Diploma and the new Animation Diploma. These events include the Energy: Our Present, Our Future Symposium at Penticton Secondary on April 21 and TeenFest in Kamloops on April 22.

Melanie has been promoting the Office Assistant Certificate program that will be offered in Penticton starting September 2017 in local high schools and employment services. Last month, Melanie attended the South Okanagan Job and Career Fair at the SenPokChin School in Oliver.

Students at the Penticton campus celebrated the end of the semester at It's a Wrap on Wednesday, April 5. Over 250 students attended the summer-themed event where they were treated to wraps made by the College Grounds, fun activities and the chance to win great prizes including an iPad. Three Penticton Vees players helped out with the event and organized a Shoot to Win game where 13 students won tickets to the Western Canada Cup starting in Penticton on April 29.

Penticton's annual Experience OC event will take place on campus May 2, after which Mel will move to her new position at the Kelowna campus in the Okanagan School of Business (see page 2).

**Kelowna:**

Kelowna recruiter, Steph Bodden, has been busy promoting the new Animation Diploma. On March 25 she attended the Kelowna Fan Expo where she received a lot of positive feedback about the program and had a number of visitors try their drawing skills on the Wacom Cintiq tablet that she brought along. Earlier this month, she also attended Teen Fest in Kelowna to create more awareness and interest around the program.

Steph is also looking into promotion opportunities for the revamped Trades Technology Teacher Education program starting this fall.

Throughout the month of April she will be hosting a number of group tours, including the YMCA Jump Start group and a group of baseball players from Medicine Hat.

The Annual Downtown Kelowna Block Party is scheduled for Saturday, Jul. 22 and she will need volunteers to help out at this event. Volunteers will be at the OC booth providing the public with program information, giving away swag and popcorn! It’s a fun, full day event that brings in a lot of traffic (15,000 people last year!) If you are available to help out for two hours on July 22 please contact Steph at sbodden@okanagan.bc.ca or ext. 4469.

**Vernon**

Vernon Campus is hosting their 13th annual Experience OC on Thursday, May 4. Grade 10 students from all five Vernon high schools, Armstrong, Lumby and Enderby, will come to campus to sit in on a variety of college classes. The event will offer students the opportunity to register for three sessions each. There will be 28 different 40-minute sessions for the students to choose from, spanning the majority of OC’s programs. Tawnya Cameron, Vernon Recruitment and Events Coordinator, is expecting between 400-500 students this year!

**Salmon Arm**

Salmon Arm held another successful Stress Less Fair in April with 85 students participating in a variety of activities including: a book spine poetry contest, a giant jenga game, relaxation and acupuncture massages, an emotional management exercise presented by ASE students, and ear seeds done by an acupuncturist. Students also had a chance to visit with pet therapy dogs and representatives from Canadian Mental Health. Students also enjoyed healthy snacks!