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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE of the FRASER VALLEY

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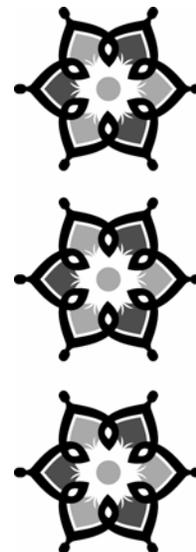
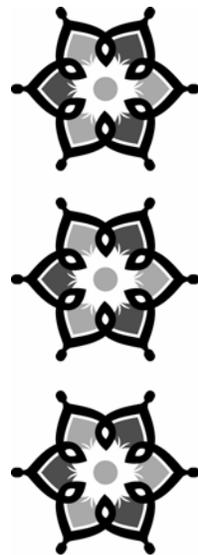


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Goals

To grow to become a national repository and a site for valuable, social, cultural and economic study and research.

To act as a catalyst for transforming UCFV into a place that reflects the diversity in our region.

To serve as a hub of information for people who want to do business with India and who want to understand the relationships and opportunities between the two countries.

The Centre strives to enhance the economic viability of BC with regions in India.

Target Audience

Fraser Valley region, Lower Mainland, BC, national and international businesses, individuals, students, educators/scholars/researchers, community members, governments, NGOs, community organizations and agencies, institutes of higher learning.

Key Messages

- Developing a resource for UCFV and the community
- Learning, teaching and research focus
- Canada-India business hub

Strategies

- To establish the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada India Business and Economic Development
- To develop, maintain and build a program plan that is responsive to current trends, future projections and historical implications.
- To build a strong internal (UCFV) and external (community) response for studies, research and resource capacity



Communication Activities



Indo-Canadian Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC)

This committee consists of broad representation from many sectors within the community and from within UCFV. Members have applied to be a part of this committee to the Dean of Research. Members will sit on this committee on a rotational basis. The committee will assist in developing the mission statement for the CICS and will be the vehicle used to disseminate the annual report for the CICS.



Terms of Reference: Appendix A

Endowment Fundraising Committee

This committee consists of membership from the Chair Endowment fundraising committee initiated in 2004. This committee provides support to the endowment fundraising five year plan. Committee members liaise with the Dean of Research and the Director for Development.

Curriculum Advisory Committee

This committee consists of faculty who give advice and direction to the ongoing development of the academic Canada India Studies Program (CISP) at UCFV.

Membership: Appendix B

Ad-Hoc Advisory Committees

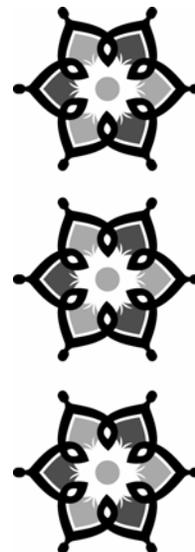
These committees to be struck to deal with specific plans, issues or events, upon advice from the Director, e.g. Summer Institute in Canada India Studies Program, Heritage History project.

Newsletter – CICS Report

Develop and disseminate news and views from the Centre through a CICS Report newsletter to stakeholders, supporters, media, and interested parties. The newsletter assists in maintaining a strong link of communication between the community and the Centre. The newsletter is current and archived on the website.

Annual Report

The CICS will publish an Annual Report as a reporting and communication strategy for the work of the Centre. This report will be presented by the ICCAC in Feb 2008, 2009, and 2010 to stakeholders, supporters and interested parties.



Website

The CICS website is a communication tool used to provide up-to-date and current information on the activities and plans of the CICS. Create links with other centres and Institutes, government and non-governmental organizations that compliment, link with or reflect the mandate of the CICS. Maintain a responsive website and create awareness through its interactive format for the numerous groups that relate to the CICS by way of newsletters, events calendar, photos, messages, programs and courses.

Research Publications and Consultation Reports

The CICS will assist in publishing and disseminating research undertaken by members of the LRTG and/or other CICS stakeholders. Consultations undertaken by the CICS under its own initiative or by request of stakeholders will be available for public consumption.

Media Response

The CICS will develop a media strategy that is pro-active, current, and responsive to issues. A media strategy that keeps that media abreast of CICS activities and programs will be developed and maintained in order to raise and maintain profile of the CICS.



Student and Faculty Engagement



Learning, Research and Teaching Group (LRTG)

Develop and strengthen the area of study, research and learning with Canada/India/Diasporas linkages through the work of the Learning, Research and Teaching Group. Faculty at UCFV and other national/international scholars' work on research areas that would benefit the work of the CICS will be supported by the CICS. In collaboration with the Shastri Indo Canadian Institute and other funding bodies, the CICS would strengthen UCFV's research capacity with a focus on Canada/India partnerships through scholarship and academic research.



Develop and strengthen partnerships with universities and colleges in India and other Diaspora countries with a goal of participation in collaborative and cooperative research projects.

Canada India Studies Program

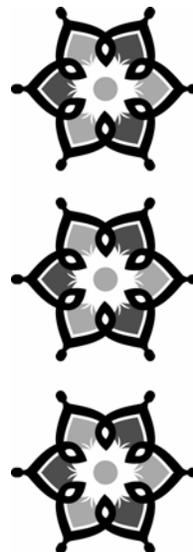
Create a Certificate in Canada India Studies program (CISP) and work towards the development of a Minor in CISP with a goal to have a Major body of study in the future. Conduct a field-study program in India and other Diaspora countries in collaboration with universities every two years. Develop a Summer Institute of Learning and Teaching with a focus on Canada India Studies at UCFV.

Under the CISP, support the development of courses with a focus on Canada India Studies and support departments and faculty in planning and implementation processes.

Under the auspices of the LRTG, support and promote research capacity within UCFV and with visiting scholars by advancing Canada India linkages. Assist with funding support and connecting with community groups, organizations and scholars.

Student-focused Activities

The CICS will provide support to student activities that support Canada/India/Diasporas studies and research. Students interested in undertaking research, participating in study tours, presenting papers at conferences, creating internal UCFV activities etc will be supported and profiled. Support student scholarship in Canada India Studies program.



Stakeholder Relationships

Research Agenda

Build a comprehensive research agenda and capacity with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and community organizations. Implement ways and means to conduct urgent social, cultural, anthropological and economic research under the CICS mandate. Build partnerships and collaborative models with agencies (government and non-government), universities and colleges to assist any initiatives that strengthen ties between the two countries in designed areas of research. Support research by providing venues for presentation both at UCFV and abroad through workshops, conferences, colloquiums and forums. Actively support UCFV research journals.

Community Inclusive Activities and Programs

Develop and implement programs and activities with Canada India themes that engage members of the community. Provide access to the CICS and UCFV for community members in a meaningful way. Develop protocols for engagement in a timely manner.

Government

Develop a good working relationship with pertinent Ministries and departments within the three levels of government. Design and implement a timetable for proposed activities and programs to avail Government funding and support. Conduct continuous and on-going research on programming support from Government in collaboration with the LRTG.

Community Networks

Attend and garner membership on institutional and community networks, committees, and groups that reflect interests of the CICS locally, nationally, and internationally.

Visiting Scholars

Develop and implement a timetable for visiting scholar opportunities at UCFV and vice-versa for scholars from UCFV to visit other institutions. Support UCFV-wide partnerships with national and international universities to facilitate scholarly exchanges.

Sister Institutes and Centres

Create linkages with sister institutes and centres locally, nationally and internationally by seeking membership and supporting initiatives. Present at and attend forums, colloquiums, and conferences when possible to raise the profile of the CICS at sister institutes and centres.



Resources



Library

Develop and build resources at UCFV for the benefit of student and faculty study and research. Provide on-going support for specific initiatives internally at UCFV and with partner universities in India and other Diaspora countries.



Funding

Actively seek out funding sources and develop proposals for programs that fit the mandate of the CICS and its initiatives. Support other funding proposals from within UCFV and other partner organizations that also reflect CICS interests.

Community Capacity Building

Support initiatives in the community that build greater ties with CICS and Canada/India/Diasporas. Support community initiatives in film, multi-media, art, education, archives, history, heritage, language and culture that help in community capacity building. Create opportunities for open dialogue and discussion with the community on topical matters. Strive to remain current, relevant and pro-active to community issues and trends.

Administration

Manage the budget for the Centre and actively pursue funding opportunities to enhance the work of the CICS. Liaise with internal UCFV systems and provide supervision for administrative support. Manage activities/programs of the CICS, liaise with the public and engage the community.

Research Chair

Develop a working relationship and terms of reference with the Chair. Assist with promotional activities and other activities as needed. Assist with continuous growth of the Chair endowment.

Professional Development

CICS staff and volunteers to attend and take part in professional development areas that are related to the CICS mandate.

Evaluation

- Annual report for dissemination
- Learning/Research/Training Group roundtable
- Community dialogue and information exchange
- Publications/research
- Growth in Canada India Studies program





2007 Program Details



Following is an outline of program activities under consideration for implementation during the 2007 timeframe.



Learning, Research, and Teaching

Initiate and implement a Learning, Research and Teaching group on Canada India Studies at UCFV to develop teaching, research and learning opportunities with Universities in India

Scholarship

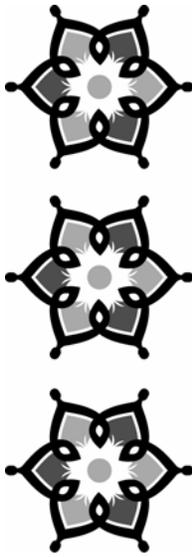
Facilitate exchange scholarship with scholars from India and other Diaspora countries

Studies Program

- Develop Canada India Studies Certificate at UCFV
- Develop and implement India study tour for students and faculty

Research and consultation program

- Ministry of Children and Family Development – child-protection consultation
- Fraser Valley youth consultation
- Indo Canadian Centennial History project – the first 100 years
- National Historic Heritage Site – Abbotsford Sikh Temple web development
- Case Management for Settlement Workers – developing training modules
- Community and sector consultations on trends, projections and issues
- *Alphabetically Abbotsford* publication – chapter on the first Sikh temple in BC
- Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, Calgary, Alberta - research roundtable consultation
- Canadian Diabetes Association – support for learning resources
- Roundtable on Approaches to Multicultural Diversity in Canada: Policy Research Initiative for Canadian heritage
- Centre for Health and Environment Research – UBC; support for Chemical Hazard Prevention and Education for Farm Workers project
- UCFV Research Review: South Asian studies – transnational issues
- CIDA Stand Alone Public Engagement Fund (SAPEF) – Creating a Child-friendly World: Risk and Harm Reduction - UCFV International Education dept. forums



Events, programs, and activities

- Ehsaas – South Asian film festival
- Visiting scholar's public forums
- South Asian literary writers and readers festival
- Colloquium on South Asian studies
- Asian heritage month celebrations and awareness
- Speaking engagements and presentations

Fundraising

Assist in building the endowment program for CICS



Committees



UCFV Research Advisory Council

The Council provides the Dean of Research and Industry Liaison with advice and recommendations with respect to policies, programs and other initiatives related to research, creative and other scholarly activities at UCFV.



Racism Discussion Group – Promoting Intercultural Relations

UCFV-wide group that meets to inform and make aware issues of racism while promoting intercultural relations.

Indo Canadian Community Advisory Committee

The ICCAC advises and responds to the work of the Centre and the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada India Business and Economic Development.

MCFD Steering Committee for Child Protection Consultations

Community Steering Committee that guides, informs and supports the Child Protection consultations.

History Centennial Project Advisory Committee

Community and academic committee that guides the Centennial Project.

Canada India Studies Course Development Curriculum Committee

This committee reviews new course proposals and makes recommendations to the Program Advisory Committee.

Institute for International Cooperation and Community Development

The intent of the institute is to promote and facilitate research on sustainable human and community development.

Fraser Region Transformation Reference Group, Ministry of Children and Family Development

This group is committed to the MCFD stated principles and values that guide decision making and reflect respect for ethnic and cultural diversity, transparency, accountability and integrity.

School District #34, Abbotsford Community Circle

Stakeholder group that advises the Superintendent of Schools on current community trends, issues and developments.

City of Abbotsford Social Development Advisory Committee

The purpose of the ASDAC is to provide advices to Council on social issues, and to help guide the City's social planning function.

Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies – UBC

Health disparities, structural violence and social suffering research development.





APPENDIX A

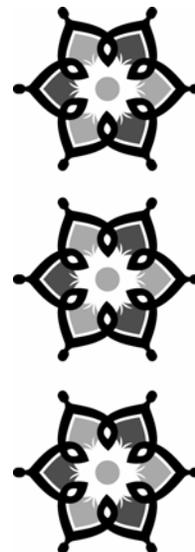


Terms of Reference UCFV Indo Canadian Community Advisory Committee



The UCFV President will appoint an Indo-Canadian Community Advisory Committee (ICCAC). The role of the ICCAC is to provide general advice to the University on the ongoing activities of the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies, the Canada-India studies program, and the work of the BC Regional Innovation Chair on Canada-India Business and Economic Development.

1. The ICCAC shall consist of persons appointed by the President of UCFV.
2. Membership on the ICCAC will consist of the Dean of Research and Industry Liaison, the Director of the Centre, the B.C. Regional Innovation Chair, one faculty member, one student involved in the activities of the Centre and up to twelve members of the community.
3. The President of UCFV will solicit nominations for community membership on the ICCAC. Nominations may be made by members of UCFV or the community.
4. To ensure continuity, individual appointments to the ICCAC shall normally be for a one-year or two-year renewable term.
5. The ICCAC will meet at least twice each year.
6. Resignations from the ICCAC shall be made in writing to the President of UCFV.



APPENDIX B

India Canada Studies Program Curriculum Advisory Committee

Chair: **Eric Davis**
Dean of Arts and Applied Arts

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Director, School of Social Work and Human Services

Jim Andersen
Department Head: English

Teresa Arroliga Piper
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David Milobar
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Madeleine Hardin
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