

# The Update

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### by Sharon Josephson

#### Collective Agreement Review Committee (CARC) Report

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Your campus stewards:

- the team may provide the student or employee causing concern with resources such as counselling services or tutoring support as/if needed
- security escorts may be arranged for the faculty member reporting the concern as/if necessary

We would encourage faculty to advise the OCFA of the situation so that we may monitor it and ensure that your needs are taken care of. The review team will not otherwise bring it to our attention.

An appeals process is built in to the system so that new information can be brought to light at any time by those individuals involved in a case.

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# 2nd Vice-President's Report

## by Nolan Fretz

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• Funding will only be approved for expenditures which occur in the fiscal year <u>following</u> the start of the employee's contract. The employee does not need to be on active contract at the time of the approved PD activity, but they do need to make their application while on contract. For example, an employee who acquires right of accrual

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#### International Women's Day 2012

#### by Norah Bowman-Broz

The Okanagan College Women's Resource Centre organized a successful International Women's Day (IWD) Event. We celebrated IWD on March 9th at the Laurel Packinghouse with more than 150 people in attendance. A panel of BC women from First Nations, union, and municipal and provincial political leadership spoke on the topic of "Women In/And Politics." Some of the students who came spoke with the panelists about leadership and union activism in their communities. People of all ages and genders shared in the celebration.

The Gert Beadle Award was presented to Sharon Shepherd, Kelowna's former mayor. Alya Ramadan from the CBC moderated the event. Local and student musicians performed during the day's event. It was festive, powerful, and inclusive. We look forward to another great