



FALL 2022

# FACULTY NEWS & VIEWS

*The Bow Valley College Faculty Association's Newsletter*



## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

*President, Penny Marcotte*

*Dear colleagues:*

*It's hard to believe the year is coming to a close, and another holiday season is nearly upon us.*

*At this time of year, I often find myself reflecting on - and marveling at - your collective accomplishments. Your capacity to innovate, collaborate, and elevate the standard for teaching and learning is remarkable.*

*Looking to 2023, I am giddy with anticipation. After months of negotiations, we will likely have a new Collective Agreement in effect very soon (fingers crossed!). Once ratified, our new agreement brings several advantages for the membership. For me, the most intriguing is the opportunity to shift our workplace culture to one built around flexibility, professionalism, and trust. It's time to advance our thinking on optimal working conditions for the exceptional work faculty do, and we look forward to learning your thoughts on this as we engage in discussions in the new year.*

*On behalf of the BVCFA, I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season full of memorable moments. Enjoy a restful break, and we look forward to seeing and hearing from you in the New Year!*

*Cheers, Penny*

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# New Collective Agreement

After a long haul, we have finally voted on a new Collective Agreement with Bow Valley College. After nearly a year in the making, the ball is now in the employer's court to ratify. We expect to have their vote by mid-December, when the next board meeting will take place.

Important details:

1. The vote to ratify saw 200 votes cast, with 88% voting yes.
2. The special meeting held to discuss the changes to the agreement can be found on our YouTube channel.





*Thank  
You*

To our Bargaining Team:  
VP Negotiations, Phil Flegel  
President, Penny Marcotte  
Labour Relations, Kim Smith  
& Consultant, Terry Sway

# who's who these days?

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**MEET** *the team*

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*President*

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*BOG Rep*

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*AC Council*

**KIM SMITH**  
*Labour Relations*

**LINDSAY FAIRBROTHER**  
*Office Manager*



# FROM PAC

CHARLOTTE BEAUBIER

The Professional Affairs committee would like to thank everyone that took the time to fill out the survey that was sent. As a result, we have a lot of great ideas for 2023.

## Survey results

- We had 78 responses with good representation from all the schools.
- 61.5% of the respondents would prefer to have online sessions and 38.5% prefer in person
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays were the most requested days to have presentations.
- Some of the topics that the respondents are interested in include:

- Sleep
- Selfcare
- Financial planning
- Retirement
- Nutrition
- Fitness
- Art/ Creativity
- Burnout
- Meditation



Of these topics, burnout and financial planning were the most popular with sleep and self-care also being fairly popular.

Also, if you are at all interested in joining the PAC committee feel free to send us a message at [PAC@BVCFA.com](mailto:PAC@BVCFA.com)



# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAM OFFERINGS IN DECEMBER

The Professional Learning Team has many PD offerings each month. Here's what's coming up.



## Unconference

December 2, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



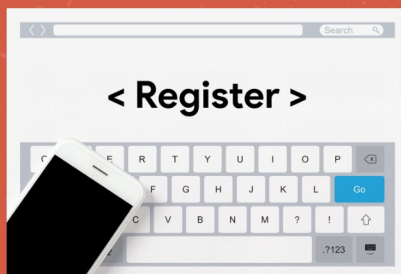
## UDL Pop-Up: Equitable Measures for Equal Outcomes in International Education

December 9, 10:00 am - 11:00 am



## Instructional Skills Workshop

December 15, 16, 19, 20 8:30 am - 4:00 pm



## Register Through Agresso

- Register at: <https://agresso.bowvalleycollege.ca>
- Enter your username and password
- On the Menu tab, click on the 'Course Catalogue' option
- Under the Signup column, click on the green tick button to select the course you would like to register for
- A confirmation message will indicate your successful registration



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# New FACULTY INFORMATION



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POP BY THE OFFICE  
N 306 FOR EVENTS IN  
THE FUTURE





Post-summer blues and cold winter weather got you down? Here are some events and fun things to discover in and around town this winter.

"WHAT GOOD IS THE WARMTH OF SUMMER, WITHOUT THE COLD OF WINTER TO GIVE IT SWEETNESS."  
- JOHN STEINBECK

1. **Winter Sleigh Ride -**
  - there are many Sleigh riding companies but here are a couple of options - Boundary Ranch, Banff Trail Riders or Brewster Adventures
2. **Check Out the Central Library**
  - If you haven't had a chance to check out the masterful architecture of this building yet, it is a must and it's just a short walk from BVC downtown campus
3. **Go for a Winter picnic -**
  - Edworthy Park, Bowness Park, or Fishcreek Park (many picnic sites in the city have firepits or cookout areas)
4. **Check out a local brewery, they're everywhere!**
  - This site has a list of some of the best-rated ones around C-Town
5. **Hang out at a game cafe or bar!**
  - Grab a drink, a snack, and a pal and play some board games at The Hex Cafe or if you rather arcade style check out Greta Arcade Bar
6. **Go Skating!**
  - Olympic Plaza, right in the heart of downtown. Skate rentals available
  - Bowness Park Lagoon. They have fire pits and skate rentals.
7. **Zoo lights**
  - Get your Hot Chocolate and stroll around all the lights and festivities. Pricing: General (16+): \$21.95, Child (3-15): \$14.95, under 3: Free



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Head over to Instagram for a chance to win a BVCFA Swag basket and a \$25 gift card!

WIN



# **BVC FACULTY ASSOCIATION'S**

## **2022 GENERAL MEETING**

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**December 6, 2022 at 7PM**

**VIA ZOOM webinar**

\*Link to be sent out  
via email, 1 week prior

**Register & attend for a chance to  
win 1 of 4 virtual door prizes  
(\$100 Keg GC, \$75 Amazon GC, \$25  
Starbucks GC & \$15 Tim Hoton's GC)**





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# Jingle & Mingle



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A  
**HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

**13 December 2022, 4 - 6 PM**  
**N231 - BVC (Downtown, North Campus)**

**EAT, DRINK, & MINGLE!**  
**\$2 BAR, 1 FREE DRINK TICKET UPON ENTRY**

✦ **PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING WARM WINTER WEAR** ✦  
**FOR STUDENTS IN NEED - DONATION BIN AT ENTRY**

**ATTEND FOR A CHANCE TO WIN**  
**1 OF 4 DOOR PRIZES**  
**(\$100 BAY GC, \$75 AMAZON GC, \$25**  
**STARBUCKS GC & \$15 TIM HORTON'S GC)**

