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### **Message from the Acting Director**

It is my pleasure to present the second Annual Report of the Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies Initiative at the University of Saskatchewan. Having been in existence for just a little over 16 months, this report represents the first “full year” of our existence. The fundamental purpose of this Initiative is to bring the concept of a forensic centre to a reality at the University of Saskatchewan. In the process of doing so, it has brought together forensic and justice-related expertise from across the campus and has begun to demonstrate the potential that exists for the University of Saskatchewan to be a leader in research and teaching in the field of forensic behavioural science and justice studies. The report that follows summarizes the activities of the Forensic Centre Initiative over the past twelve months. In particular, would like to draw your attention to the following items:

1. The Environmental Scan and Needs Assessment of the forensic mental health and corrections environment in Saskatchewan, initiated in February, 2010 and led by the Forensic Interdisciplinary Research Saskatchewan Team (FIRST) has progressed through the data collection phase with over 200 service providers, agencies and government departments/ministries having been invited to provide information on services to residents, rehabilitation, community support for offenders/patients, as well as critical gaps and impediments to services. A final report will be released in 2011/12.
2. Two kinds of awards, a Research Assistantship (GTF-like scholarship) and a Research Award (grant-like award), was created for graduate students with research interests in the forensic behavioural sciences and justice. A total of ten students from various Colleges and programs were supported in the last year through these two types of awards.
3. A Faculty Research Grant program for University of Saskatchewan faculty was established with four such awards granted in this past year.
4. An Environmental Scan of Canadian and International Aboriginal Corrections Programs and Services was completed for the Correctional Service Canada Evaluation Branch, pursuant to a separate five-year Memorandum of Understanding in place with that branch of CSC.
5. A number of special events and guest speakers were hosted through partnerships with various individuals and entities. They included the planning Committee of the 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Violence & Aggression Symposium, the College of Law, the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan, and the Education Committee of the Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Association,
6. A ten-year Memorandum of Understanding was signed in October, 2010, with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing in support of enhanced research, education and training in the areas of the forensic behavioural sciences, justice and corrections, and the joint development of a post-graduate-

degree specialization certificate for professionals working in the field of corrections in underway.

7. The Forensic Initiative office, located in Arts 110B, was upgraded, courtesy of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing. It provides improved work space for the Acting Director, Coordinator, four shared workstations for students, and a common meeting area.
8. The draft document, "Proposal to Establish a Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science and Justice Studies," continued through the administrative approval process (i.e., Subcommittee on Centres, the Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning, and the Planning & Priorities of University Council) with favourable reviews and minor revisions at each stage.

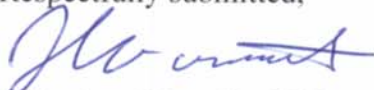
I am delighted with the progress that has been made in the past year would like to thank a number of key individuals who have facilitated and/or contributed directly to the Initiative. In particular, thank you to Joanne Dillon, (former) Dean of Arts and Science, as well as newly appointed Dean Peter Stoicheff, Vice-Dean Harley Dickinson, Division of Social Sciences, and Dirk DeBoer who served as Acting Vice-Dean until July, 2010, Laura Zink, (former) Research and Partnerships Coordinator for the Division of Social Sciences, Beth Bilson, Acting Dean, and Martin Phillipson, Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies, both from the College of Law, Lou Qualtiere, Associate Dean Research, College of Medicine, and Lorna Butler, Dean, and Phil Woods, Associate Dean, Research, Innovation & Global Initiatives, from the College of Nursing, for their generous financial and strategic support of the Centre Initiative. Additionally, I thank Karen Chad, Vice-President of Research, University of Saskatchewan, for her continued enthusiasm for and sponsorship of the Centre proposal.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank the members of the Steering Committee that has been established under the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of Saskatchewan and the Correctional Service Canada-Prairie Region, who continue to donate their valuable time and energy to our efforts. This includes Colleen Dell (College of Arts and Science (Sociology) and School of Public Health), Arlene Kent-Wilkinson (College of Nursing), Mansfield Mela (College of Medicine, Division of Forensic Psychiatry), Glen Luther (College of Law) and Terry Nicholaichuk (CSC-Regional Psychiatric Centre).

On the eve of what we expect will be the achievement of formal "Centre" status at the University of Saskatchewan and the continued development of exciting collaborations and partnerships with proponents both on and off campus, we look forward to more great things in the coming year.

Thank your for your continued interest and support.

Respectfully submitted,



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Acting Director, Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative  
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The following section headings follow the categories of support listed in the Memorandum of Agreement, signed November 2009, between the University of Saskatchewan and the Correctional Service Canada.

**1. Development of a Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies**

The Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative at the University of Saskatchewan continued under the leadership of Dr. Stephen Wormith, Dept. of Psychology, as Acting Director throughout the 2010-11 year.

The Steering Committee for oversight of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the University of Saskatchewan and the Correctional Service Canada, Prairie Region, met 4 times during the 2010-11 year. The Steering Committee provided advice and guidance as needed related to the activities outlined in the MOA and the distribution of funds provided for in the agreement.

A Letter of Intent, for the proposed establishment of a Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies, was submitted to the University of Saskatchewan Subcommittee on Centres in March, 2010. Following this submission, a series of consultation meetings with a wide variety of University stakeholders was held between March and August, 2010. These meetings included representatives of the main participating Colleges (Arts and Science, Medicine, Nursing, Law, Edwards School of Business), the Native Law Centre of Canada, the School of Public Health and the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, as well as representatives of Information Technology Services, Facilities Management Division, University Library, the Office of Integrated Planning and Assessment, and the Office of the Vice-President Research. Based on the input and feedback received during these consultation meetings, a proposal to create the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies was prepared and finalized over the months of July and August, 2010 for submission to and review by the Subcommittee on Centres in September, 2010.

Subsequent to review by the Subcommittee on Centres and updates to the proposal based on the Committee's input and feedback, the Centre proposal was reviewed by the Directors of the Office of Integrated Planning and Assessment in January, 2011, the Provost's Committee on Integrated Planning (PCIP) and its Advisory Committee in February, 2011 and the Planning & Priorities Committee of University Council in March, 2011. During this process, feedback was universally positive, although a number of minor suggestions were made to improve the proposal document. These included description of the historical events and relationships that led to the initiative to establish a Centre, clarification of the budget and sources of funding for the Centre, and of the role and expectations of Centre members, and relevance of the Centre and its vision and mission to the areas of focus identified for the Third Integrated Plan. Pending a formal response from the Planning & Priorities Committee in April, it is anticipated that the proposal will undergo review by University Council in April or May, 2011, marking the final step on its journey through the University's formal approval process for the establishment of new Centres.

Established in February 2010, in office space contributed by the College of Arts & Science, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative continues to operate out of its location in Arts 110B on the University of Saskatchewan campus. Between April and August, 2010, the Initiative office provided a work space for Colleen Dell, Research Chair in Substance Abuse, and Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and the School of Public Health, and for her research assistant, who were displaced from the Department of Sociology offices due to a roof repair. This sharing of space provided further opportunity for interaction among contributing disciplines, researchers and students of the Forensic Behavioral Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative. In February and March, 2011, with funding support from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, the office received a technical upgrade and new furnishings, and now provides a total of 4 shared work areas for ongoing use by faculty and/or student members of the Initiative, as well as dedicated workspaces for the Acting Director and Coordinator, and a common meeting area.

## 2. Building Research & Training Capacity

### 2.1. Support for Graduate Students

Graduate student funding support continued for a second year with two types of awards, Research Assistantships and Research Awards, available on a competitive basis to students whose research interests concern the law, crime, justice, and/or corrections from a social science, health science, legal, management or multi-disciplinary perspective.

Review teams were established consisting of University faculty and a representative from the Regional Psychiatric Centre research department affiliated with the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative. Applications were reviewed in April, 2010, and in February and March, 2011 resulting in the awarding of one Research Award and five Research Assistantships in Year 2 of the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative. A summary of the student awards granted to date by the Initiative, with funding support from the Correctional Service Canada is as follows:

**Table 1: Research Awards**

Recipient Name	Year	Amount	Program/Dept	Research Area	Status
Nicola Chopin	2010-11	\$3,043	M.A. candidate, Applied Social Psychology	Community notification of sexual offender release	Complete; thesis submitted
Catherine Stewart	2009-10	\$4,380	Ph.D. candidate, Clinical Psychology	Risk assessment in federal female offenders	Complete; thesis in preparation



Recipient Name	Year	Amount	Program/Dept	Research Area	Status
Karen Parhar	2009-10	\$3,706	Ph.D. candidate, Applied Social Psychology	Housing and homelessness of federal offenders released in Saskatchewan	Completed; copy of report to be made available on Initiative website
Anna Flaminio	2009-10	\$5,000	LL.M. candidate, College of Law	Early release of federal Aboriginal offenders	Research ongoing; anticipated thesis completion December 2011

The following presentations of findings related to the above-referenced research awards have been made or are pending:

- Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, November 2010 (Steve Wormith for Karen Parhar);
- 2<sup>nd</sup> North American Correctional and Criminal Justice Psychology Conference, June 2011 (Catherine Stewart)
- Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative, special presentations:
  - June, 2011 (Nicola Chopin)
  - September, 2011 (Anna Flaminio)

**Table 2: Research Assistantships**

Recipient Name	Amount	Academic Year	Program/Dept	Research Area
Carolyn Camman <sup>a</sup>	\$6,000	2011-12	M.A. candidate, Applied Social Psychology	Public attitudes toward sex offenders and impact on reintegration
Terri Cordwell	\$6,000	2011-12	M.A. candidate, Clinical Psychology	Children's and adult's memories for testimony; Predicting and preventing recidivism
Christina Jones <sup>a</sup>	\$6,000	2011-12	Ph.D. candidate, Clinical Psychology	Desistance from crime and the understanding of desistance by the public and corrections' workers

Recipient Name	Amount	Academic Year	Program/Dept	Research Area
Kayla Truswell	\$12,000	2011-12	M.A. candidate, Clinical Psychology	Criminal behaviour and mentally disordered offenders; Risk assessment in sex offenders and mentally disordered offenders
Storm Lee Sanders	\$18,000	2011 (Jan-Dec)	Ph.D. candidate, Interdisciplinary Studies <sup>b</sup>	Factors of socialization and resilience among Indigenous offender populations in Saskatchewan.
Myles Ferguson	\$18,000	2010-11	Ph.D. candidate, Applied Social Psychology	Effectiveness of domestic violence programs as they pertain to Aboriginal, and in particular, Métis offenders.

<sup>a</sup>Also funded in 2010-11

<sup>b</sup>Disciplines represented on the student's advisory committee include Nursing, Law, and Psychology, Psychiatry and Sociology.

## **2.2. Needs Assessment and Environmental Scan of the Forensic Mental Health Services and Programming for Offenders in Saskatchewan**

Progress towards completion of a Needs Assessment/Environmental Scan of Forensic Mental Health Needs/Services in Saskatchewan continued during 2010-11 under the direction of the Forensic Interdisciplinary Research Saskatchewan Team (FIRST)<sup>1</sup>. The ethics application was submitted in June, 2010 and approval granted in August. Data collection commenced in September, 2010 and was completed by the end of February, 2011, with the exception of federal and provincial corrections departments whose responses are pending internal approval to participate. A total of 50 phone interviews were conducted with family members of offenders and over 200 letters sent to various government departments, policing organizations, community agencies, and non-governmental organizations, inviting them to participate in

<sup>1</sup> Forensic Interdisciplinary Research in Saskatchewan Team (FIRST) is a group of faculty and community researchers representing the disciplines of nursing, psychiatry, sociology, law and psychology. The aim of FIRST is to develop research in the area of service delivery for forensic populations, forensic mental health services, and current issues of concern.

an on-line survey related to the provision of services and the mental health needs of offenders in Saskatchewan. Data analysis will be completed in April/May 2011, with an executive summary of the findings available in May, 2011 for presentation at the Spring Conference of the Saskatchewan Association of Provincial Court Judges, to be held May 25-26, 2011 in Saskatoon. Input from provincial and federal corrections will be collected and analyzed when available, for inclusion in the final report. In addition to a technical report, it is anticipated that the findings of the Needs Assessment and Environmental Scan will form the basis of one or more publications to be submitted to peer-reviewed journals and/or research grant proposals to be submitted to provincial or national funding bodies.

### **2.3. Research Development Grants**

The first two calls for research development grants offered by the Forensic Behavioural Sciences Initiative with funding support from the Correctional Service Canada occurred during 2010-11. A total of 4 research grants were awarded to the following faculty members for their research in the areas of criminal justice and corrections as examined from a social science, health science, legal, management or multidisciplinary perspective:

**Table 3: Faculty Research Grants<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Recipient Name</b>	<b>College/Department</b>	<b>Research Project/Title</b>
Mark Olver	Arts and Science/ Psychology	A Meta-analysis of Cultural and Ethnic Differences on the Level of Service Inventory and its Variants: Implications for Risk, Need and Responsivity
Mansfield Mela	Medicine/ Psychiatry	Psychiatric Diagnostic Assessment and Treatment of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in a Forensic Outpatient Clinic Population <sup>b</sup>
Mark Olver	Arts and Science/ Psychology	An Examination of the Long-Term Predictive Accuracy and Evaluation of Therapeutic Change by the VRS-SO and Stable 2007 in a Treated

		Sex Offender sample
Glen Luther	Law	Therapeutic Justice and Problem-Solving Courts: an idea whose time has come to Saskatchewan

<sup>a</sup>Detail of amounts provided in Appendix A.

<sup>b</sup>The Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative partnered with the College of Medicine and the Department of Psychiatry to provide full funding support, totaling \$60,000, to support this research.

#### **2.4. Administrative/Research Support**

Funding from the Correctional Service Canada continued to support a portion of salary and benefits for a half-time Coordinator dedicated to the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative throughout 2010-11. This position supported the development and facilitated University review of the Centre proposal, the development of graduate student funding and faculty research grant awards programs, as well as the review, awarding and financial administration of awards, financial and human resource administration for the forensic mental health needs assessment, and research support for an environmental scan conducted for the Correctional Service Canada of Canadian and international Aboriginal corrections programs and services. Renewed for a one-year term in January, 2011, this position will continue to support the ongoing general operation, activities and financial management of the Initiative in the coming year.

#### **2.5. Supporting and Encouraging Academic & Public Dialogue**

##### **2.5.1. Violence and Aggression Symposium**

Each year, the University of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with the Regional Psychiatric Centre, hosts either the Violence and Aggression Symposium or the International Custody and Care Conference. These alternating conferences bring together researchers and professionals working in the criminal justice, health, and mental health fields, and provide opportunities to explore current theories, research and practice related to violence, aggression and services to offenders.

The 13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Violence and Aggression, with support from the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative, was held June 20-22, 2010 in Saskatoon. Plenary speakers included Paul Gendreau (Professor Emeritus, University of New Brunswick and Officer to the Order of Canada), Steve Wong (Professor, Institute of Mental Health, Nottingham, UK), John Livesly (Professor Emeritus and former Head, Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia), and Graham Stewart (Co-author of “Flawed Compass: A Human Rights Analysis of the Roadmap to Strengthening Public Safety” and former Executive Director, John Howard Society of Canada). The Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative formally sponsored Dr Wong’s presentation by covering his travel costs to attend the conference from the U.K.

**2.5.2. Meta Analysis Workshop: Dr. Min Yang, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nottingham, UK**

The Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative also sponsored a post-Symposium Workshop on the University of Saskatchewan campus on June 28, 2010 featuring Dr. Min Yang, Professor of Medical Statistics, School of Community Health Sciences, University of Nottingham, UK. Entitled, “An introduction to multi-level models in meta analysis” the workshop demonstrated the use of the software package MLwiN to analyze large and complex data in medical and health research and risk assessment studies in forensic psychology.

**2.5.3. Memorandum of Understanding with Saskatchewan Corrections, Public Safety and Policing**

On October 29, 2010, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative celebrated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Corrections, Public Safety and Policing. Spanning a ten year period from 2010-11 to 2019-20, the MOU provides an annual allocation of funds to the University of Saskatchewan and the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative, as well as a framework for the parties to work

together towards enhanced research, education and training in the areas of forensic behavioural sciences, justice and corrections, in the interest of advancing and promoting community safety. One area of collaboration in the short term is the joint development of a specialized post graduate degree training program for professionals working in the area of criminal justice and corrections. The signing event was attended by University President Peter MacKinnon, University Secretary, Lea Pennock, and Government of Saskatchewan Minister, Honorable D.F. (Yogi) Huyghebaert as primary signatories, as well as Ministers Rob Norris (Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration) and Don Morgan, Q.C. (Justice and Attorney General), and numerous other university, government, and community representatives.

#### **2.5.4. Environmental Scan of Aboriginal Corrections Programs and Services**

Between August, 2010 and March, 2011, with the assistance of two graduate student research assistants who received scholarship funding from the Initiative in the 2010-11 year, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative completed its first project for the Correctional Service Canada, Evaluation Branch. The project consisted of an environmental scan of non-CSC Aboriginal corrections programs and services across Canada and within international jurisdictions, for the purposes of gathering information on emerging trends and priorities, initiatives and service delivery models as they compared with CSC's own program and service offerings in this area.

#### **2.5.5. Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation Grant Application**

During August and September, 2010, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative participated, along with members of the Forensic Interdisciplinary Research: Saskatchewan Team (FIRST), in the preparation and submission of an application for a Phase One Health Research Group grant from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation (SHRF). Led by Drs. Stephen Wormith (Psychology) and Mansfield Mela (Psychiatry) in

collaboration with faculty members from Nursing, Law, and the Regional Psychiatric Centre, the application proposed to explore the need for and feasibility of a comprehensive therapeutic court/diversion program in Saskatchewan. While the application was not selected for funding by SHRF, members of the Initiative and of FIRST remain committed to this area of research and to building a sustainable and fundable research agenda focused on the screening, identification, diversion, treatment and reintegration of mentally disordered offenders.

**2.5.6. Guest Presentation: Dr. Lihui Zhang, Assistant Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy**

On March 4, 2011, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative, together with the Regional Psychiatric Centre, hosted a presentation by Lihui Zhang, Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Regina. Dr. Zhang teaches Economics for Public Policy Analysis, and is one of few economists in Canada engaged in research that evaluates why young people turn to violence and crime.

**2.5.7. Visit and Tour of Regional Psychiatric Centre**

On March 15, 2010, the Regional Psychiatric Centre (RPC) hosted a visit and tour for a number of representatives from the University of Saskatchewan Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Medicine, Nursing and Law. The visit was an opportunity for key University administrators to learn more about the RPC, the formal affiliation agreement between CSC/RPC and the University, and about opportunities for research and research collaboration with CSC and the RPC.

**2.5.8. Guest Presentation: Judge Cliff Toth, Associate Chief Judge, Saskatchewan Provincial Court**

Lastly, on March 17, 2010, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative, in partnership with the College of Law, hosted a lecture by and discussion with Saskatchewan Associate Chief Judge, Cliff Toth,

presiding Judge over the Regina Drug Court, and Chair of the Therapeutic Courts Association of Canada. The talk was an opportunity for faculty and students from a variety of disciplines to learn about the structure and function of the drug court, its challenges and successes, and to engage in dialogue about the potential to create therapeutic courts elsewhere in Saskatchewan.

### **3. Summary of 2010-11 Expenditures**

A summary of Year 2 expenditures related to the MOA is provided in Appendix A.

### **4. Plans for 2011-12**

Building on the activities described above, the following events, activities and initiatives are planned for 2011-12<sup>2</sup>:

#### ***4.1. Centre Designation and Establishment of Centre Governance***

With the pending receipt of Centre designation following University Council approval anticipated in April or May, 2011, the Centre will establish its first Advisory Board, to be comprised of university and government/community stakeholders and chaired by the University's Vice-President Research or designate. In addition, a Centre Executive Committee is to be elected from and by the Centre's membership. It is anticipated that the Centre will hold its first general meeting in 2011 for this purpose.

#### ***4.2. Law and Order Forum***

In partnership with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saskatchewan, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative will host a community forum on the University of Saskatchewan campus on April 27, 2011. The forum will feature speakers Howard Sapers, Correctional Investigator of Canada, Justin

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<sup>2</sup> The activities and contributions of individual Centre members noted herein, are not exhaustive of all Centre member activities, but rather illustrative of how the Centres' activities and partnerships have facilitated a number of faculty members and award recipients to further their scholarly endeavours and contribute to ongoing research and knowledge translation within the forensic behavioural sciences and justice.



Piche, Ph.D. Candidate, Carleton University, and Kim Pate, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies. The event will consider the social and financial impact of recent and proposed criminal justice legislation in Canada, raise awareness about the causes and consequences of crime, and seek community input and solutions. Targeted at a wide variety of stakeholders, including community and government representatives, University faculty, students, and the public, the event promises to create new and strengthen existing partnerships, as well as to promote continued community capacity building towards addressing the complex social, health and justice-related issues pertaining to offenders, victims and society at large.

#### **4.3. Needs Assessment Report and Presentations**

As noted in Section 1.2 (2) of this report, the Needs Assessment and Environmental Scan of the Mental Health and Correctional Environment in Saskatchewan, is nearing completion and preliminary results (excluding input from federal and provincial Corrections departments) will be available in May, 2011. A full technical report will be prepared and available pending receipt and analysis of data from the remaining government departments. Results of the Needs Assessment will also be presented by FIRST and Forensic Initiative members, Arlene Kent-Wilkinson, College of Nursing and Lee Sanders, Research Assistant to FIRST, at the 2011 Spring Conference of the Saskatchewan Association of Provincial Court Judges, as well as by Arlene Kent-Wilkinson at the Eighth Greek Legal and Medical Conference: New Horizons in Law, Medicine and Science, in Rhodes, Greece, in September, 2011.

#### **4.4. Mental Health Courts presentation**

The Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative has partnered with the organizing committee for the Saskatchewan Provincial Court Judges Association May, 2011 Conference, to host Judge Ginger Lerner-Wren of Broward County Florida who will share her experience and insights related to the founding of the first mental health court in Florida. While in Saskatoon, Judge Lerner-Wren will make a presentation, both at the Judges' conference, as well as

at the University of Saskatchewan to all interested faculty, students and community partners of the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative.

Two members of the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative, Glen Luther, College of Law, and Mansfield Mela, Head of Forensic Psychiatry, College of Medicine, who are also on the organizing committee for the May 2011 Judges' Conference, were instrumental in establishing this collaboration. Glen is actively involved in research in the area of therapeutic courts and has been invited to make a presentation on this topic at the National Education Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Provincial Courts Judges in September, 2011.

#### ***4.5. Custody & Caring Conference***

The College of Nursing, University of Saskatchewan, in collaboration with the Regional Psychiatric Centre and Regional Headquarters (Prairies) of the Correctional Service Canada will host the 12<sup>th</sup> biennial International Custody and Caring Conference from October 5-7, 2011. The conference will take place in Regina for the first time in its 20 year history, and will feature a number of notable speakers representing the disciplines of nursing, medicine and psychology.

#### ***4.6. Graduate Student Funding and Research Development Grants***

The Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative will continue to offer programs of funding for graduate students across multiple disciplines who are studying and conducting research in the forensic behavioural sciences and justice, and to offer research development grants to faculty as a means of continuing to build criminal justice research capacity and strength and fostering new and renewed interdisciplinary collaboration in this area.

#### ***4.7. Research Fellowship***

During the 2011-12 year, the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative will recruit a post-doctoral research fellow to be based within the Centre

for a two-year term in order to lead and participate in a program of research encompassing one or more of the areas of law and justice systems, corrections, personnel and inmates, crime prevention, and issues of community health as they relate to the offender population both in custody and in the community. This Fellowship is made possible through funding support from Saskatchewan Corrections, Public Safety and Policing, and its commitment to support enhanced research, education and training in the areas of forensic behavioural sciences, justice and corrections.

#### **4.8. SSHRC funding proposal**

The new program architecture of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) features the theme “Connection” as one of its pillars for research funding. One of the key objectives of the Connection program is to “facilitate the multidirectional flow of knowledge among researchers and between the campus and the larger community, in order to enhance intellectual, cultural, social, and economic influence, benefit and impact.” (SSHRC, 2010). Given the emerging partnerships between the Forensic Behavioural Sciences and Justice Studies Initiative and various government and community-based partners, one of the goals of the Initiative is to submit an application for funding under the Connection program to further support its collaborative research and knowledge mobilization in the area of criminal justice.

## APPENDIX A: Year 2 (2010-11) Summary of Revenues and Expenditures

Development of Centre for Forensic Behavioral Sciences & Justice Studies				
Title	2010-11 Budgeted	2010-11 Actual	O/S Commitments	2010-11 Variance
<b>Revenue</b>				
Government of Canada	120,000.00			
Government of Canada 2009-10 residual	2,202.40			
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>122,202.40</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Admin/Management Support - salary & benefits <sup>1</sup>	27,000.00	38,737.51	0.00	-11,737.51
Research Awards	3,000.00	896.76	0.00	2,103.24
Chopin	3,043.00	896.76	0.00	2,146.24
Research Assistantships	45,000.00	3,000.00	45,000.00	-3,000.00
Sanders	18,000.00	3,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Camman	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
Jones	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
Cordwell	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00
Truswell	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00
Research Development Grants	40,000.00	22,000.00	16,000.00	2,000.00
Olver	15,000.00	7,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Mela	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
Luther	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00
Office Supplies	0.00	610.71	0.00	-610.71
Centre Operations - non-salary	0.00	1,319.43	0.00	-1319.43
Conference Support	5,000.00	4,221.24	237.79	540.97
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>120,000.00</b>	<b>70,785.65</b>	<b>61,237.79</b>	<b>-12,023.44</b>
<b>Total Revenues Less Expenses</b>				<b>-9,821.04</b>

**Notes**

<sup>1</sup> shortfall to be covered through a combination of University and external revenue-generating activities of the Initiative.



